

# Environmental monitoring of GM crops

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## DRAFT AGENDA

**09:15 – 9:45 Registration and Coffee**

**9:45 Opening speech by Commissioner John Dalli**

	<b><u>Session I. Monitoring of GMOs in the EU: regulatory framework and guidance</u></b> <u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Ladislav MIKO, DG SANCO
10:00	<b>Monitoring of GMOs in the EU: regulatory framework and ongoing activities</b> (Mr. Ladislav MIKO, DG SANCO)
10:10	<b>Update on EFSA's activities on the post-marketing environmental monitoring of GMOs</b> (Ms. Sylvie MESTDAGH, EFSA)
10:25	<b>Questions and Answers</b>
	<b><u>Session II. Monitoring of GMOs: experiences and results</u></b> <u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Paolo DE CASTRO, Chair of the AGRI Committee, European Parliament
	<b><u>Impulse statements:</u></b>
10:45	<b>Monitoring of GM crops in Brazil</b> (Ms. Juliana RIBEIRO ALEXANDRE, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply, Brazil)
11:00	<b>Monitoring of MON810 maize in the European Union: current experience and ways towards harmonized post market monitoring</b> (Mr. Jan VERHAERT, Monsanto)
11:15	<b>Experience on case-specific monitoring and general surveillance of GM crops in Member States</b> (Panel: Spain, Sweden, COPA-COGECA)
	<b><u>Discussion:</u></b>
11:45	<b>Reaction from Panel Members</b>
11:55	<b>Questions from audience and debate</b>
12:25	<b>Closing of the morning session</b> (Mr. Ladislav MIKO, DG SANCO)
12:30	<b><u>Lunch Buffet for all participants in Borschette (12:25 to 14:00)</u></b>

	<p><b><u>Session III. Existing environmental monitoring programs in the EU</u></b>  Moderator: DK Presidency</p> <p><b><u>Impulse statements:</u></b></p> <p>14:00 <b>The EEA role and tools to collect, process and analyse environmental monitoring data</b> (Mr. Stefan JENSEN, European Environment Agency)</p> <p>14:15 <b>Pest monitoring in the context of Plant Protection</b> (Mr. Frédéric VEY, Ministère de l'Agriculture, de l'Alimentation, de la Pêche, de la Ruralité et de l'Aménagement du territoire France)</p> <p>14:30 <b>Use of existing monitoring programs for the general surveillance of GM crops</b> (Ms. Boet GLANDORF, National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM), The Netherlands)</p> <p><b><u>Discussion:</u></b></p> <p>14:45 <b>Reaction from Panel Members</b>  14:55 <b>Questions from audience and debate</b></p>
	<p><b><u>Session IV. The potential use of existing programs for environmental monitoring of GM crops</u></b>  Moderator: Mr. Matthias GROOTE, Chair of the ENVI Committee, European Parliament</p> <p><b><u>Impulse statements:</u></b></p> <p>15:25 <b>To what extent can existing general monitoring be used in the context of “general surveillance”</b> (Mr. Franz BIGLER, Public Research and Regulation Initiative)</p> <p>15:40 <b>Views on the use of existing monitoring programs for the environmental monitoring of GM crops</b> (Panel: UK, Europabio, Greenpeace/ENSSER, Germany)</p> <p>16:20 <b>Next steps: what could the European Commission recommend to strengthen Member State monitoring?</b> (Ms. Sabine PELSSER, DG SANCO)</p> <p><b><u>Discussion:</u></b></p> <p>16:35 <b>Reaction from Panel Members</b>  16:45 <b>Questions from audience and debate</b></p>
17:15	<b>Closing statement</b> (Ms Paula TESTORI COGGI, Director General, DG SANCO)
17:30	<b>Cocktail</b>