

Day 2: GMOs – Workshop 2
Focusing on products in the pipeline

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1. The fight against the European corn borer is important. Is the use of genetic modification the only opportunity to achieve this aim?
2. Explain in more detail the use of marker genes to non-experts?
3. Often antibiotic marker genes are in the headlines as a consumer concern. Are these concerns real? Explain the differences within marker genes?

The scientific risk assessment acknowledges the safety of genetically enhanced Bt11 sweet maize, and reinforces the opinion of several other regulatory authorities worldwide.

4. If assessed under the proposed draft legislation on GMO food and feed, would it get approval given the new requirements, in particular the inclusion of ethics, long-term monitoring, and the public consideration of the dossier.

The food clearance-permit currently does not allow any cultivation of Bt11 sweet maize in the EU:

5. Lets assume the product would be allowed for cultivation very soon, are you convinced that we can assure that also in future we will have the co-existence of GMO and non-GMO crops, including organic crops?
6. What do you feel the applicant should contribute in the dossier to achieve co-existence?