

## **Day 2: GMOs – Workshop 3**

### **GMO products in Europe: The Pro and Cons**

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1. Are there different consumer attitudes to GMO products over the years? If yes - can we identify the reasons?.
2. If any long-term implications could be properly addressed, including ethical aspects, should or could we accept new GMOs?
3. How should we be involved in the communication of information?
4. Is there such a thing as trust-worthy science? Do we trust the risk managers?
5. What would happen if new GMOs were introduced on the European market and in particular if they were cultivated. What needs to be done to assure the proper co-existence of GMO and non-GMO systems
6. What would a consumer consider a benefit coming from GMO derived food?

Consumer organisations are highlighting the importance of choice in respect of the introduction of GMO products. Industry and retailers have currently replaced GMO ingredients by its non-GMO counterparts, as a consequence of this policy GMO products are hardly available on the market.

7. Do we really know whether consumer would buy the products if they were of good quality or less expensive?
8. What will happen if in future more GMOs are approved for placing on the market?
9. Will non-GMO alternatives be available and uncontaminated?
10. Do we feel that enough precaution is in place to guarantee co-existence of GMO and non-GMO crops?
11. Knowing that we will have new GMOs in near future what needs to be done to ensure secure systems to avoid contamination?
12. Do we feel the new draft legislation has addressed all these questions?