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[CIBE](#), the International Confederation of European Beet Growers, and [CEFS](#), the European Sugar Manufacturers Association, acknowledge the European Commission's proposal presented yesterday for a Regulation on plants obtained by certain NGTs.

"There is significant demand in the EU for plants obtained by NGTs, because of their potential to contribute to addressing current and future challenges in the agri-food system. As noted by several external studies, the current GMO regulatory framework is not appropriate at all", said Marie-Christine Ribera, Director General of CEFS.

"EU agriculture and especially EU sugar beet growers must be allowed to have access to plants obtained by these NGTs. A big proportion of crop improvement comes from breeding, so NGTs could contribute meaningfully to the development of more sustainable crop varieties (increased tolerance and/or resistance to biotic and/or abiotic stress, while productively and qualitatively performant) in a comparatively short time frame", added Elisabeth Lacoste, Director of CIBE.


It is essential to differentiate conventional-like NGTs plants from transgenic plants in terms of requirements for their approval. Both CIBE and CEFS will carry in-depth analysis and work further to make this proposal clear, robust, future-proof and fit for purpose.

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