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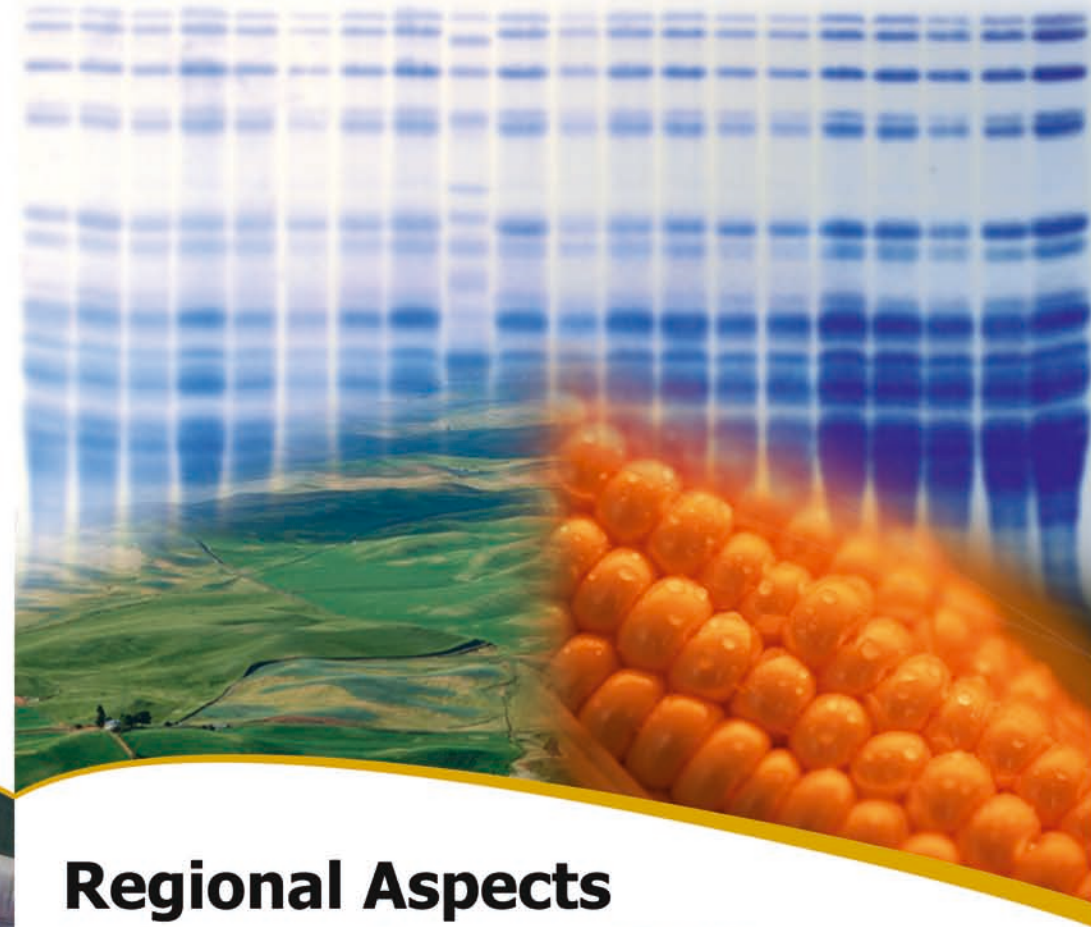
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Regional Aspects in Precautionary GMO Decision Making

March 26th - 27th, 2009



PROGRAMME - March 26th, 2009/1 - DAY 1

09:00 **Opening** - Mr. **A. STÖGER** & Mr. **N. BERLAKOVICH**,
Ministry of Health & Ministry of Environment,

1st Session: Regional Aspects – A Challenge for GMO Decision Making

09:20 Chairperson: Mr. **L. GIRSCH**, AGES

09:30 "Key-note presentation" - Mr. **F. LÖWENSTEIN**, President of the German
Association of Organic Farmers, Food Producers and Traders

10:10 "The role of precaution and regional aspects in the authorization of GMOs:
a legal perspective" - Mr. **G. BARANYAI**, Office of Parliamentary
Commissioner for Future Generations, Hungary

10:50 **Coffee break**

11:15 "Nature conservation in EU: seeking balance between EU-wide and regional
approaches" - Mr. **P. ROTH**, Director, Dept. of International Conservation of
Biodiversity, Ministry of Environment, Czech Republic

11:55 "Socio-economic aspects" - Ms. **N. VIK**,
NO, Directorate for Nature Management

12:35 **Lunch break**

2nd Session: Accounting for Regional Aspects – Experiences in Europe

14:00 Chairperson: Mr. **T. JAKL**, BMLFUW

14:10 "Considering regional characteristics in the GMO Decision Making"
Ms. **P. REY-GARCIA**, DG ENV

14:40 "Approaches to an ecological coexistence - Nature Protection Areas and GMO
cultivation" - Ms. **B. TAPPESE**R, German Federal Agency of Nature Conserv.

15:10 **Coffee break**

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15:30 "Authorisation of Plant Protection Products in the EC" - Mr. **R. WOMASTEK**,
AGES (Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety, Dept. for Plant Protection)

16:00 "Experiences with GMO Authorisations in EU MS" - Mr. **R. DEKKER**,
Dutch Ministry of Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment

16:30 **Panel discussion**
17:30 **End**

PROGRAMME - March 27th, 2009 - DAY 2

3rd Session: The way forward – Considering Regional Aspects in the Future

09:00 Chairperson: Ms. **E.-C. LANG**, BMG

09:10 "EU Council Conclusions on GMO Risk assessment" - Mr. **M. STRAUSS**,
Permanent Representation of France

09:40 "Update of guidance on Environmental Risk Assessment of GM plants -
goals and working strategy" - Ms. **E. WAIGMANN**, EFSA

10:10 **Coffee break**

10:30 "Cooperation between the EU Member States" - Mr. **A. HEISSENBERGER**,
Federal Environment Agency Austria

11:00 "Concepts of environmental risk assessment" - Ms. **A. HILBECK**,
EcoStrat Zurich

11:30 **Panel discussion**

12:30 "Conclusions of the organiser" - Mr. **H. GAUGITSCH**, Umweltbundesamt
12:45 **End**