

Question for written answer E-000648/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: GMOs

In the current circumstances, the EU has reached a good compromise on GMOs in the last few days. I think it is a good solution that, on a sensitive issue such as the production of GMO crops, the Member States should be able to decide for themselves on the use of such crops for fodder. In this case it is important that the Member States should take precedence over companies in this way. Like a fair number of my colleagues, I too think that in this case it is still better for fragmentation of the internal market to take place than for the EU to appear as some kind of coercive power as regards GMO production and GMO-based fodder. However, it is no secret that the EU population knows little of GMOs, or perhaps is ill-informed, and in many cases concerns about their health are given as the main argument against the sale and production of such products in their countries.

I think it is important, given the differing mistaken beliefs which exist, that people should be made familiar with scientifically based studies.

For that reason, I have the following questions.

1. What form will background studies and research take in future?
2. Does the EU have plans for a comprehensive public information campaign?