

WRITTEN QUESTION P-6551/07
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to the Commission

Subject: Protection from GMOs of regions with unspoilt biodiversity and fragmented agrarian structures

Genetically modified crops are dangerous from an environmental and an economic point of view. They represent a threat to biodiversity. If a genetically modified organism (GMO) is introduced in a particular area, other, natural organisms may disappear. This will undoubtedly have a negative impact on the environment.

In some European Union Member States, legal provisions are in force with regard to genetically modified crops and buffer zones are being set up around organic crops. In the remaining Member States, discussions are currently being held on legislation to govern the coexistence of GM crops and organic farms.

In view of the above, what protective measures does the Commission intend to take, in particular in respect of those regions that have preserved their natural variety and have fragmented agricultural structures, making it impossible to install effective buffer zones, e.g. southern and eastern Poland, mountainous and lake regions?