

**Question for written answer P-003194/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 117
Peter van Dalen (ECR)

Subject: Cisgenesis

On 11 March, the European Parliament adopted a report on the future of Europe's horticulture sector – strategies for growth (2013/2100(INI)). Paragraph 31 includes the passage: 'Calls on the Commission to differentiate between cisgenic and transgenic plants and to create a different approvals process for cisgenic plants'.

1. How does the Commission intend to comply with this request by the European Parliament?
2. Within what timeframe does the Commission intend to comply with this request by the European Parliament?
3. Does the Commission endorse the conclusions reached in 2012 by the Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) in its 'Scientific opinion addressing the safety assessment of plants developed through cisgenesis and intragenesis', when it states that cisgenesis is just as safe as conventional plant breeding?
4. Does the Commission endorse the conclusions reached in 2012 by the Scientific Panel on Genetically Modified Organisms of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) in its 'Scientific opinion addressing the safety assessment of plants developed through cisgenesis and intragenesis', when it states that, if only genes from one and the same species are used for plant breeding, the result is not a GMO?