



# Programme

## Finding the Balance

*Exploring solutions in the debate  
surrounding patents and plant  
breeders' rights*



**Wednesday 18 May 2016**

**EU**  
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## Provisional programme

9.00-9.30	Coffee and registration
9.30-9.35	Introduction by the chair
9.35-9.45	Opening speech Martijn van Dam, Dutch Minister for Agriculture
9.45-9.50	Video from the sector: Syngenta
9.50-10.15	Introduction to patents, plant breeders' rights and the Biotech Directive Prof. Dr. Axel Metzger LLM, Humboldt University Berlin
10.15-10.20	Video from the sector: Florist
10.20-10.40	Presentation of the outcome of the Expert Group Dr. Sven Bostyn LLM, Chair of the Expert Group on Biotechnological Inventions
10.40-10.45	Video from the sector: De Bolster
10.45-11.15	Coffee break



**11.15-12.15      Patentability of products obtained by EBPs Panel discussion**

EuropaBIO - Andreas Popp, Senior Vice President, BASF

European Seed Association - Szonja Csörgö, Director of  
Intellectual Property & Legal Affairs, European Seed

Association No Patents on Seeds!

- Christoph Then, Coordinator of No Patents on Seeds!

COPA-COGECA - Thor Kofoed, chairman of Copa-Cogeca

Working party on seeds

**12.15-12.30      Possible solutions**

Jean Bergevin, Head of Intellectual Property and Fight Against  
Counterfeiting Unit, European Commission

**12.30-13.00      Questions from the audience**

**13.00-14.15      Lunch break**

**14.15-14.40      Enhanced cooperation between European Patent Office and  
Community Plant Variety Office**

Conversation between Martin Ekvad, President of the CPVO,  
and Raimund Lutz,

Vice-President for Legal & International Affairs of the EPO

**14.40- 14.55      PINTO database**

Szonja Csörgö, Director of Intellectual Property & Legal  
Affairs, European Seed Association



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| <b>14.55-15.10</b>  | <b>International Licensing Platform Vegetable</b><br>Chris van Winden, Managing Director of ILP Vegetable   |
| <b>15.10-15.25</b>  | <b>Criteria for a compulsory licence under Swiss Law in case a plant variety infringes a prior patent</b><br>Dr. Pascal Fehlbaum, D.E.A., Attorney-at-law, Gros & Waltenspühl Avocats |
| <b>15.25-15.55</b>  | <b>Coffee break</b>   |
| <b>15.55-16.05</b>  | <b>View from the European Parliament</b><br>Jan Huitema, Member of the European Parliament  |
| <b>16.05-16.45</b>  | <b>Questions from the audience:</b>   |
| <b>16.45-17.10</b>  | <b>Concluding remarks</b><br>Elżbieta Bieńkowska, Commissioner for the Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs   |
| <b>17.10- 17.15</b> | <b>Closing of the day by the chair</b>  |
| <b>17.15-18.00</b>  | <b>Informal cocktail reception</b>  |



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1210 Brussels, Belgium

Chair: Bart Kiewiet