

## COST Exploratory Workshop

# What role for GM technology in future competitiveness of European agri-food sector?

Wednesday 5 November 2008  
Room M1/Cultural and Congress Centre, Prešernova 10, SI-1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia

08.20 *Registration*

### Morning session

Chaired by: **Charles Spillane**, University College Cork, Ireland

09.00 **Albino Maggio** COST Office, Brussels  
**Introduction and opening remarks**

09.15 **Ann Depicker** Ghent University, Belgium  
**Making transgenic plants**

10.00 *Coffee Break*

10.30 **Cathie Martin** John Innes Center, UK  
**Genetic & metabolic engineering of plants for human nutrition & health in Europe**

11.00 **Bruno Mezzetti** Marche Polytechnic University, Italy  
**Biotechnology in horticultural crops**

12.00 **Discussion**

12.30 *Lunch*

### Afternoon session

Chaired by: **Marianna Schauzu**, Federal Institute of Risk Assessment, Germany

13.30 **Jaime Piçarra** Vice-chairman of FEFAC Industrial Compound feed committee  
**Impacts of EU-GM policy on feed and food industry**

14.00 **Piet van der Meer** Horizons sprl, Belgium  
**20 years after the first draft of the EU rules on GMOs**

14:30 *Coffee Break*

15.00 **Elisabeth Waigmann** European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) - Deputy Head of GMO-Unit  
**Functions of EFSA and its relationship with the scientific community**

15.30 **Mark Cantley** Former DG Research Adviser on Life Sciences and Biotechnology, Former Head of Biotechnology Unit in Science, Technology and Industry Directorate of the OECD.  
**Reflections on GM & agri-food in Europe: Do we know where we are going?**

### Final discussion

Co-chaired by: **Marc De Loose**, Institute for Agricultural and Fisheries Research, Belgium  
**Zdenek Opantry**, Charles University Prague, Czech republic  
**Peter Raspor**, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

16.30 **GMOs and agri-food sector competitiveness in Europe – A forward look**

17.30 *Closing of the Workshop*

