# SAFEGUARDING EUROPE'S CULTIVATED PLANT DIVERSITY – PRM REFORM

**4TH MARCH**
**16:00 - 18:00**

**EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, SPAAK 4B1 (BRU)**

**PANEL DISCUSSION: POLICYMAKERS & PRACTITIONERS**

**DIVERSITY TASTING**

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# PRM REFORM – SAFEGUARDING EUROPE'S CULTIVATED PLANT DIVERSITY

**About the Event**
The new EU Plant Reproductive Material (PRM) Regulation will shape the future of seed diversity, farmers' rights, and market access for innovative and traditional varieties in Europe and beyond. As the trialogue begins, join us for an in-depth discussion with affected stakeholders and policymakers on how the PRM reform can strengthen a diverse seed market, support local producers, and foster resilience.

**Date:** 4 March 2026, 16:00 - 18:00
**Venue:** European Parliament, SPAAK 4B1 (BRU) + Livestream
**Hosted by:** Herbert DORFMANN (EPP), Martin HÄUSLING (Greens/EFA), Christophe CLERGEAU (S&D)
**Language:** English (+German Translation)

**Moderated by:** Hannes LORENZEN (ARC 2020)

**Programme:**

1. **Welcome** – Martin HÄUSLING (Greens/EFA Shadow Rapporteur)

2. **Presentation of European Parliament Position** – Herbert DORFMANN (EPP, Rapporteur)

3. **Introduction of Cyprus presidency** of the Council of the European Union – Alexandros GAVRIEL (Agriculture attaché, Permanent Representation of Cyprus)

4. **Input from practitioners** – How would the position of the European Parliament impact the preservation, development and cultivation of cultivated plant diversity?
   - Conservation and sustainable management of cultivated plant diversity – ARCHE NOAH (Magdalena PRIELER, Seed Policy Expert)
   - Access to market for non-DUS varieties and organic varieties – IFOAM Organics Europe and LiveSeeding (Riccardo BOCCI, Technical Director of Rete Semi Rurali, and Edwin NUIJTEN, Chair of the European Consortium of Organic Plant Breeding)
   - Farmers' Rights – European Coordination Via Campesina (Cloé MATHURIN, Policy Officer)
   - Administrative burden for small operators – Association for Crop and Livestock Diversity in Germany (Hans-Joachim BANNIER, Board Member and Managing Director Obst-Arboretum Olderdissen).

5. **Panel discussion:**
   - Sylvain GIRAUD (Head of Unit Plant Health, DG SANTE)
   - Christos CHRISTOU (Agricultural Officer, Cyprus)
   - Herbert DORFMANN (EPP/ Rapporteur)
   - Magdalena PRIELER (Seed Policy Expert, ARCHE NOAH)
   - Video message by Christophe CLERGEAU (S&D Shadow Rapporteur)

6. **Tasting Diversity**
   - Experience the richness of Europe's cultivated plant diversity through a tasting session, supported by Slow Food and ARC2020



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