

**Points of agreement from several organizations
on the “smarter rules for safer food” package presented at the occasion of the 8th
LLD Forum in Basel 19th-21st September**

1.) Farmers rights to produce and exchange their seeds¹!

-The scope of the new regulation on seed marketing must not harm the right of farmers and gardeners to exchange freely their own seeds!

-No mandatory registration as operator for the farmers and gardeners who produce or exchange their own seeds

2.) Marketing of diversity seed !

-The registration under “Officially Recognized description” should not be reserved to ancient varieties, but opened to the new ones which are not protected by IPR

-No marketing of patented seeds in niche or heterogeneous material

-Marketing of fruit, grape plants and other cuttings must be able to enter into niche and heterogeneous material

-We need a clear definition that avoids intentional pollution with patented material and bans the danger that big companies use these new categories to market their biotech and industrial products.

3.) No discrimination of organic varieties by standards for registration, certification and plant health!

-We need adapted and smarter rules for registration and marketing of “organic varieties”. This includes no mandatory VCU and to find out the “ecological value for cultivation”, taking into account the different soil, climates and fertilizer requirements within optional VCU.

4.) Transparency on all breeding methods and Intellectual Property Rights!

-Consumers and farmers who refuse the genetic modification technologies (also beyond the current EU legislation) and the seeds privatization by Intellectual Property Rights (patents and/or PVP) must keep the possibility to choose the food they eat and the plants they cultivate!

5.) 30 “Delegated Acts” to bypass the European parliament and the member states?

-The European Commission has to disclose its intentions and has to clarify the law before the vote in the European Parliament. The content of the delegated acts must be included in the text voted by the EP.

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□ In the whole Document, « seeds » includes seeds and seedlings.