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Subject: RE: Speaker invitation - webinar on the detection of gene-edited

crops

Dear ,

thank you for your kind email and the invitation to the planned webinar on the detection of gene-edited crops.

As briefly discussed on the phone, the focus of the webinar and the invited speakers seems very much method-oriented and rather technical. In view of the responsibilities at EU-level concerning analytical methods in the area of GMO's, I believe that the EURL/ENGL is much better placed to enter into discussion of method development and method validation than myself and other DG SANTE colleagues.

Therefore I sense that I won't be best placed to enter into the envisaged discussion on method development. In terms of legal requirements, we might be able to support the webinar, depending on the final date of course.

With kind regards, Sabine Jülicher

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Subject: Speaker invitation - webinar on the detection of gene-edited crops

Dear Ms Jülicher,

The Greens/EFA group is organising a public webinar about the detection of gene-edited crops in December. We would like to invite you as a speaker to this webinar.

Possible dates

We are looking to organise the webinar on either 3, 8 or 10 December – all from 16-17.30.

Background

The (lack of) detectability of gene-edited organisms is an important topic in the discussion about 'new genomic techniques'. Is it at all possible to detect and quantify gene-edited GMOs? What are the technical possibilities? What are the legal requirements under existing EU law?

In September, a coalition of scientists, NGOs and non-GM food retailers announced a **detection method for the first commercially available gene-edited crop** (Cibus SU Canola), an oilseed rape created using ODM and grown in Canada and the US).

Speakers

Besides yourself, we will also invite as speakers:

- the scientist who led the development of the detection method,
- a representative of the Austrian national reference laboratory on GMOs that validated the method, and
- members of the coalition that supported the development of the method.

The event will include a few short presentations and a Q&A session. We are open to discuss your precise role in it, and whether you would like to have a presentation has well.

The webinar will be hosted by MEPs Martin Häusling and Tilly Metz (in cc). We are asking MEPs from other political groups to co-host the event.

Many thanks for considering our request. We look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,

