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"The LS confirms that this proposed ECI does not fall manifestly outside the framework of the Commission's powers to submit a proposal for a legal act of the Union for the purpose of implementing the Treaties."



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**Subject:** FOR INFO: New request for registration of a proposed European citizens' initiative 'Grow

scientific progress: crops matter!

Dear Colleagues,

We would like to inform you that a new request for registration of a citizens' initiative has been received via the European Citizens' Initiative official register.

The proposed initiative is entitled 'Grow scientific progress: crops matter!'.

Please find attached and below details of the request for registration as provided by the organisers.

Following the legal analysis of admissibility of this initiative by the Legal Service, the registration request will be subject to a Decision to be adopted by the College of Commissioners.

The legal deadline for replying to the registration request is **25 July 2019**.

The registration of a proposed initiative by the Commission is a pre-condition for the start of the process of collection of statements of support from citizens.

The assessment of the Commission at the stage of registration is of a legal nature only, and does not prejudge the final legal and political conclusions of the Commission on this initiative and the action it will intend to take, if any, in the case organisers do manage to collect the required number of statements of support from citizens.

Kind regards,

**European Citizens' Initiative**



**European Commission**  
Secretariat-General  
Unit SG.A.1-Policy Priorities & Work Programme

**Initiative details**

<b>Title:</b>	Grow scientific progress: crops matter!
<b>Subject-matter:</b>	Directive 2001/18/EC is outdated. We as students of Life Sciences consider it important to revise the current exemption mechanism stipulated in the Directive, with regards to new plant breeding techniques (NPBTs).
<b>Main objectives:</b>	Specifically we demand for more legal clarity and further definitions. Our objective is to facilitate the authorization procedure for those products obtained through NPBTs, which carry only natural existing traits. The aim is to improve scientific progress in the European Union while protecting human and animal health and the environment.
<b>Provision(s) of the Treaties:</b>	Article 114 TFEU
<b>Annex:</b>	Annex - grow scientific progress crops matter!.pdf
<b>Draft legal act:</b>	Legal draft - grow scientific progress crops matter!.pdf
<b>Your website:</b>	<a href="http://www.growscientificprogress.org">www.growscientificprogress.org</a>
<b>Sources of support and funding:</b>	None
<b>Notification language:</b>	English