

Consumers' Cooperative view on NGTs

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Euro Coop represents

19 national co-ops across Europe Some 7,000 co-op enterprises

Some 94,000 points of sale Some 750,000 employees

Owned and governed by 30 million consumers-members

Total annual turnover of about 65 billion €

Euro Coop members are Europe's second strongest retail force



COOPs position on GMOs



COOPs support strong regulation on GE food and feed to provide the right to choice to consumers

Many COOPs invested in own GE free verification system

COOPs strongly committed on promoting organic food products even through own labelled organic food

Deregulating NGTs will jeopardize both the market of GMO free labelled products worth well over 10 billion€/yr as well as that of organic products worth €44,8 billions in EU in 2020



COOPs share the opinion of the ECJ and ask the Commission to fill in the legislative and technical gaps so to make it possible to detect and label NGTs and their products as for any other GMOs