

## Senior advisor on biotechnology to US Secretary of State says Europeans are “strongly against GM foods”

Jack Bobo, senior adviser on biotechnology to US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, recently delivered a talk at University College Dublin yesterday looking at the differences between the US and the European experience with genetically modified (GM) crops.

Bobo explained that while Europeans are reluctant to accept GM foods, they cannot afford to do so.

“Science is not the enemy here,” he said. He suggested that “sustainable intensification” was needed to boost yields and biotechnology could help in this goal. “Biotechnology is not the only answer, it is just one of many technologies that can be used to develop agriculture and food production.”

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