Time to accept that GM crops have their place, says European GM supporter

Martin Pollard, of the Welsh Centre for International Affairs, argues that it is time for Europe to accept GM crops, instead of being scared of them.

"Of all the articles of faith drawn up by environmentalists – many of which I share – it is surely their passionate opposition to genetically modified food that has achieved the most success in recent times. That is the case in the European Union, anyway, where regulations on labelling, traceability and control are tighter than anywhere else in the world. Approvals for new GM products are rare, with a lack of support among member states meaning that "MON 810" maize is the only GM food cultivated commercially in the EU. GM food remains *verboten* under organic farming standards. Wherever scientists dare to conduct trials of new modified crops –however well controlled – the activists gather."

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