

## UK: Chief horticulture scientist backs calls to lift GM crop restrictions

*The following is an edited excerpt.*

The UK's Agriculture & Horticulture Development Board (AHDB) chief scientist Professor Ian Crute has backed calls for the EU to relax current restrictions on developing and growing GM crops.

Crute was speaking at the launch of Planting the Future, a report by the European Academies Science Advisory Council, on which he is the UK representative. 'Agricultural innovation can capitalise on the rapid pace of advance in functional genomics research and it is unwise to exclude any technology for ideological reasons,' he said.

**Read the full story here: [Chief Scientist backs calls to lift GM crop restrictions](#)**