

Hostility to GM putting EU in 'global slow lane'

The growing influence of green lobbyists and anti-capitalists on European policymaking is condemning the EU the 'global slow lane' when it comes to biotechnology, a member of Britain's Parliament has warned.

George Freeman, chairman of the All Party Group on Science and Technology in Agriculture, said 'growing hostility' to technologies like GM is already forcing some of the biggest biotechnology companies to abandon Europe as a market.

The UK and the rest of the EU are in danger of missing out on the 'major opportunity' presented by the revolution in the field of genomics to support farmers in boosting food production while also creating 'huge new inward investment and export opportunities', according to the Norfolk MP.

In a 'Fresh Start Project' report on the 'EU Impact on Life Sciences', Mr Freeman and think tank Open Europe's Pawel Swidlicki call for a rethink in how biotech and other strands of Life Sciences are regulated in the EU and say 'serious consideration' should be given to repatriating this responsibility to the UK.

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