

Viewpoint: Green lobby in full swing as activist NGOs flood European Commission with pre-fabricated, anti-biotechnology propaganda

Before legislative procedures, the EU regularly asks for the opinions of its citizens and stakeholders. In principle, anyone can participate in these consultations, including non-European citizens. A consultation on new plant breeding technologies [ended] October 22, 2021. The Greens/European Free Alliance (Greens/EFA) group in the European Parliament, as well as some anti-GMO NGOs, have hijacked this consultation by introducing thousands of pre-formulated comments.

As of [October 24], more than 65,000 comments [in the end: 70,894] have been submitted on the topic “[Legislation applicable to plants produced using certain new genomic techniques](#),” of which 44% came from Germany. By comparison, the consultation on “[Protection of the marine environment – review of EU rules](#),” ended on 21 October 2021 and received 120 comments, 15% of which are from Germany according to official statistics. How is it possible?

The Verts / ALE group and other organizations, including the Arbeitsgemeinschaft bäuerliche Landwirtschaft, the Aurelia Foundation, the [Gen-ethische Informationsdienst](#), [Demeter](#), [IFOAM](#), [Save our Seeds](#), [GM Watch](#), the association [Umweltinstitut München eV](#) and Slowfood, use the [Proca APP](#) application, a campaign tool that makes it easy to generate ready-to-use text modules and collect data.

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