

Viewpoint: Ukrainian war fallout — German Green Party must get over rejection of GMOs and gene edited crops

In the face of the war against Ukraine, the leadership of the Bündnis 90/Die Grünen party has said goodbye to some dogma.

One thing she was to throw overboard: the rigorous rejection of new biotechnical processes.

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“New breeding technologies are not a panacea, but they can make a significant contribution to sustainable food security,” explained Prof. Martin Qaim just a few days ago.

The director of the Center for Development Research (ZEF) at the University of Bonn advocates an open debate on this. The EU Commission is also picking up the ball again and has just started a consultation on the subject.

So far there hasn't been that much openness in the front rows of Bündnis 90/Die Grünen, which, with Cem Özdemir and the three state secretaries, make up the leading quartet in the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

However, there are also voices in this party that think differently.... More accessibility would also be appropriate on this point. Not because new processes are the panacea, but because they are another tool for overcoming complex challenges.

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