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# Current status of the regulatory review process for the marketing of PRM in the EU

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# Why will there be a reform of the seed and plant reproductive material legislation?

- **Old rules** on plant reproductive material ('PRM') in the EU since the 1960s
- **Too many directives:** on the marketing of cereal seed, of vegetable seed, of seed potatoes...
- **Idea:** a single regulation will replace all directives

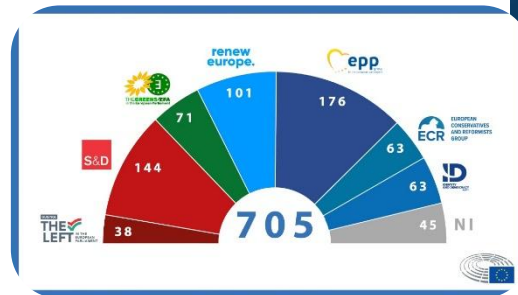


# What are the **intentions** with the new legislation?

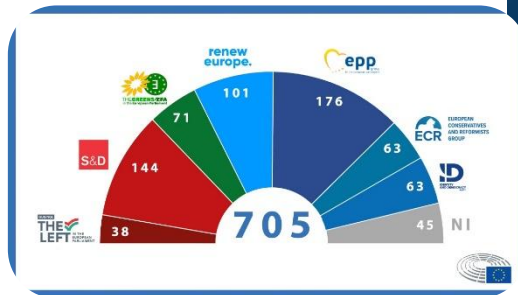
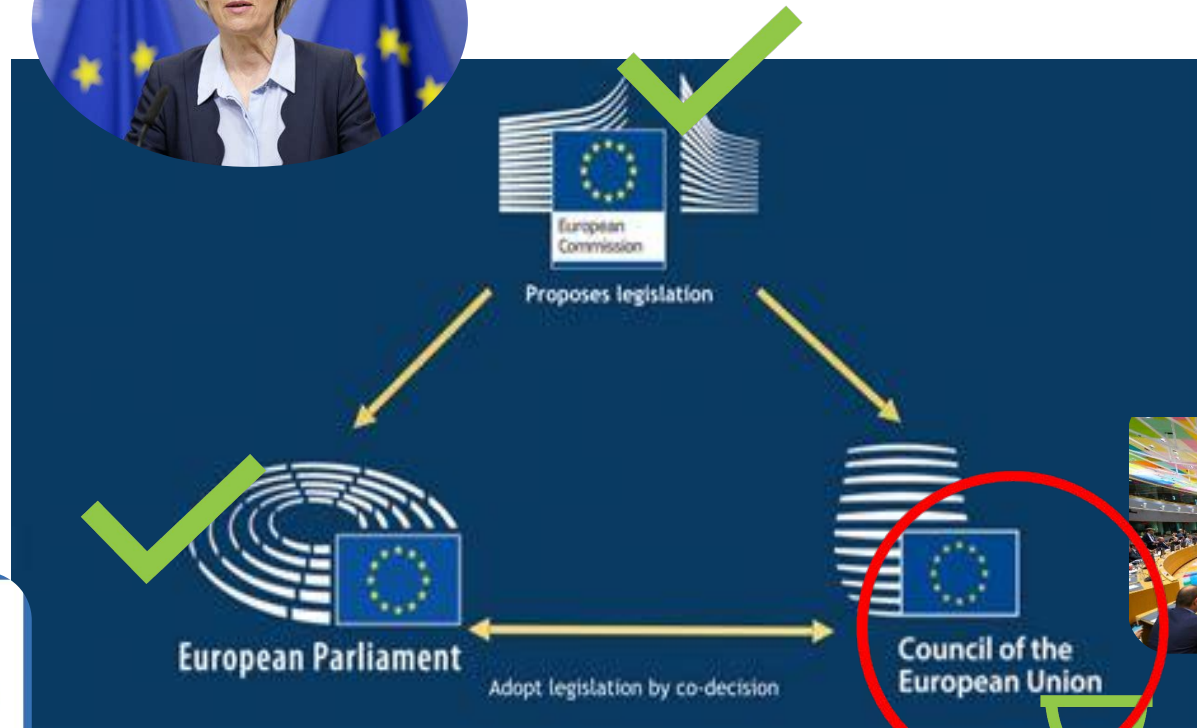


- high **quality PRM**
- **diversity** of choice
- adapted to current and future **climatic conditions**
- contribute to **food security**
- protection of **biodiversity**
- **Sustainability** characteristics

# Work in progress at the EU institutions



# a closer look at the work in the Council



# The Council of the **European Union**...



- ... is where the **Ministries** of every Member State meet and discuss
- For the PRM regulation, **Ministries of Agriculture**
- Ministries of Agriculture can be **influenced by national stakeholders**, such as variety registration and plant health authorities...
- ... and by **YOU**

# What's next? And what are some concerns that have been raised?

- We currently do not expect that the Council will agree on their position ('general approach') in the first half of 2025 (Polish presidency)
- We currently believe the Council will find a joint position in the second half of 2025 (Danish Presidency)
- Member States do not understand or do not support the concept of Organic Varieties (OV)/ Organic Heterogeneous Material (OHM) / conservation varieties / conservation activities more broadly.
- There are still no notification procedures or OHM in place in some Member States.
- Member States say that nobody uses the option to register Organic Varieties or notify OHM.
- Confusion about differences between Organic Varieties and PRM that has been multiplied under certified organic conditions, and varieties tested under organic conditions.
- Risk that provisions for OHM will be weakened.

# and **what can you do now?**

Speak about  
organic PRM

Speak about  
your  
conservation  
activities

If your OHM  
notification is not  
being handled,  
inform  
LIVESEEDING

Show that all  
actors and  
stakeholders in  
seeds are relevant

Notify  
OHM

Register  
Organic  
Varieties

Showcase  
who you  
are, what  
you do

# Co-decision: The Parliament will be back in the process



# You can **contact** Members of European Parliament (MEPs)

- Reach out to your **national MEPs**



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- Reach out to **rapporteur and shadow rapporteurs** who are dedicated to the **PRM** regulation proposal

Name	Role
<a href="#">DORFMANN Herbert</a>	Rapporteur
<a href="#">RODRIGUES André</a>	Shadow rapporteur

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# How is organic plant breeding related to the **Organic regulation** (EU)2018/848?



- ***Art. 4: Organic production shall pursue the following general objectives: (...) contributing to a high level of biodiversity, in particular by using diverse plant genetic material, such as organic heterogeneous material and organic varieties suitable for organic production;***
- ***Annex II 1.8.4: For the production of organic varieties suitable for organic production, the organic breeding activities shall be conducted under organic conditions and shall focus on enhancement of genetic diversity, reliance on natural reproductive ability, as well as agronomic performance, disease resistance and adaptation to diverse local soil and climate conditions.***

# What are **threats** related to the proposal for the new PRM regulation?

Amendment of Regulation (EU) 2018/848

Regulation (EU) 2018/848 is amended as follows:

(1) Article

(b) point (18) is replaced by the following:

‘(18) ‘organic heterogeneous material’ means heterogeneous material as defined in .

(3) The second paragraph of Point 1.8.4. of Part I of Annex II to Regulation (EU) 2018/848 is replaced by the following: “ All multiplication practices, except plant tissue cultures, cell cultures, germplasm, meristems, chimaeric clones, micro-propagated material, shall be carried out under certified organic management”.

- EU Commission’s proposal to open up the organic regulation (EU) 2018/848
- **Intention:**
  - Adjust **definitions** related to PRM
  - Regulate **ORGANIC HETEROGENEOUS MATERIAL** in the PRM regulation
  - Widen options for **breeding techniques**

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Thank you!

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