



A Strategic Research Agenda for the future of Plant Biotechnology in Europe

**Monday, 25 June 2007
12:30 to 14:30**

***European Parliament
MEP Salon
Rue Wiertz 1047 Brussels***

The EU-backed 'Plants for the Future' Technology Platform will officially launch its final Strategic Research Agenda on **25 June** during a **lunch debate at the European Parliament** from **12:30 to 14:30 pm**.

The plant sector strongly believes that plant technology can contribute to Europe's main economic and societal challenges. The Strategic Research Agenda identifies five challenges for Europe's society and economy to which the plant sector can contribute.

Distinguished guests and experts in the five following areas will discuss these issues and answer your questions:

- Healthy, safe and sufficient food and feed
- Plant-based products – chemicals and energy
- Sustainable agriculture, forestry and landscape
- Vibrant and competitive basic research
- Consumer choice and governance

Come and meet the speakers:

Kurt Vandenberghe, *Deputy Head of European Science and Research Commissioner Janez Potočnik's Cabinet*

Giles Chichester, *MEP, Member of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy*

Markwart Kunz, *Member of the Board of Südzucker AG*

Ricardo Serra Arias, *Former Vice-President of the Committee of Professional Agricultural Organisations in the European Union*

Wilhelm Gruissem, *President of the European Plant Science Organisation*

Please RSVP by **22 June** to Alina Cornea (a.cornea@europabio.org)

This will be a sit down lunch so places are limited and will have to be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Discussion will be mainly in English but one to ones in the following languages – French/Dutch/German/Italian/Spanish can be held after the lunch. Please let me know if you would like me to arrange any interview(s) for you.

Hope you can make it.

WHO: Discussion with plant sector (incl. biotech) experts and European farmer(s)

WHAT: Lunch debate

WHEN: 12:30 (Brussels time)
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WHERE: European Parliament, MEP Salon, Rue Wiertz, B-1047 Brussels, Belgium

Language: English

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The ETP "Plants for the Future" is a stakeholder forum on plant genomics and biotechnology. It is coordinated by EPSO and EuropaBio, and has members from industry, academia and farmers.