

Innovation in the EU Plant Breeding Sector - Climate, Consumers, Competition, and Community Plant Variety Rights

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(1:15 PM registration of participants)

Co-moderators

- Francesco Mattina, President CPVO
- Anselm Kamperman Sanders, Professor of Intellectual Property Law, Maastricht University and Deputy Judge Court of Appeal The Hague.

Session I - Innovation at the Plant Breeding and Patent Interface – The Breeder’s exemption, EDVs and New genomic techniques (NGTs)

The UPCA contains the breeders’ exemption, which for the first time implies that the participating EU Member States will also update their domestic patent regime now that the Unified Patent Court will open its doors on 1 June 2023; ALLEA has just issued its advice on NGTs, what does that mean for the Breeding Business?

Discussants

- Sven Bostyn, Associate Professor of Innovation Law, University of Copenhagen
- Szonja Csörgő, Director IP & Legal Affairs, Euroseeds
- Niels Leowaars, Director, Plantum

Session II - Addressing Climate Change Through innovation in Plant Varieties - Adapting Local Farming to Tomorrow’s Realities

Placing PVP and the Farmer’s Privilege in contrast with innovation models that are needed to address climate change.

Discussants

- Thomas Hoerber, Professor of European studies, Head of the EU-Asia Institute, ESSCA
- Pekka Pesonen, Secretary General COPA-COGECA
- Diana Lenzi, President CEJA Young farmers

Session III - Plant Variety and Patent Rights As Seen Through the Prism of Global Competition - Regulating the Breeding Sector Where Appropriate Only

Addresses the EU’s sensitive policy area of food security, self-sufficiency, and localization in the context of international competition.

Discussants

- Sandra Gallina, Director General DG Sante, European Commission
- Merete Clausen, Director DG Growth, Directorate C Investment, European Commission

After the workshop, a networking cocktail will take place on the Maastricht University Campus terrace