

Consumers' Cooperative and NGTs

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Euro Coop represents

19 national co-ops across Europe

Some **7,000** co-op enterprises

Some **94,000** points of sale

Some **750,000** employees

Owned and governed by **30 million consumers-members**

Total **annual turnover** of about **65 billion €**

Euro Coop members are Europe's second strongest retail force in the EU

Consolidated COOPs position on NGTs

Euro Coop provided its members with a first assesment of the IIA on September 2021

The core elements to be considered have been presented and discussed with Members in October 2021

The position paper, as drafted by the Secretariat, has been submitted to the Commission through the "Have your say" platform

The reasons why COOPs was against any form of deregulation the new GMOs has been presented during several events held during last year

In November 2022, one member challenged the Secretariat's position

In May 2023, Euro Coop held an internal consultation across its members to ask whether the position paper on NGTs should have been changed offering more flexibility in recognition of their potentialities (ie on the sustainability of the food system, reduction of chemical inputs, reduction of GHGs emissions)

	Ex-ante risk assessment	Ex-post risk assessment	Traceability/labelling	Provisions applied to imported NGTs and products
COOP UK	NO	NO	YES	ND
COOP Denmark	YES	YES	YES	YES
COOP Norway	YES	YES	YES	YES
COOP Sweden	YES	YES	YES	YES
COOP Norway	YES	YES	YES	YES
COOP France	YES	YES	YES	YES
Euro Coop	YES	YES	YES	YES

	Patents on NGT plants	Research	Disclosure of traits changed and technologies used
COOP UK	-	YES on NGTs	-
COOP Denmark	NO	Preference to open source soft biotechnologies (ie MAS)	YES
COOP Norway	NO	Preference to open source soft biotechnologies (ie MAS)	YES
COOP Sweden	NO	Preference to open source soft biotechnologies (ie MAS)	YES
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COOP France	NO	YES on NGTs	YES
Euro Coop	NO	Preference to open source soft biotechnologies (ie MAS)	YES

Although COOP-UK seems to be more open to NGTs even in consideration of the scarce interest on the subject showed by consumers and because of the national legislation already approved in the UK, traceability and labelling remain a common denominator with the other COOPs

Scandinavian members have shown a particular interest on the subject although at the moment no campaign or public initiatives have yet been launched

As result of the internal consultation, Euro Coop has full mandate to persevere in supporting any amendment that maybe proposed to the legislative draft proposal by co-legislators and that could ensure a better control of NGTs and their products as long as with their traceability and labelling