

Changes to the Regulations on New Genomic Techniques

Practical implications for plant breeding using CRISPR-Cas

Meeting 12 November

The Royal Netherlands Society of Plant Pathology (KNPV) and the Study Group for Plant Breeding are organizing a meeting titled "Changes to the Regulations on New Genomic Techniques." Members of both the Study Group and the KNPV can register for the afternoon program—including drinks—free of charge. Non-members are welcome to attend (fee €30).

More information: www.knpv.org

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What are the practical implications for plant breeding using CRISPR-Cas?

This year, the European Parliament adopted new regulations on the use of New Genomic Techniques (NGT) to develop crop varieties that are more resilient to climate change and pests, while reducing dependence on crop protection products. CRISPR-Cas is one of the techniques that enables plant breeders to develop disease-resistant varieties. But will it truly provide the long-awaited solution to many plant diseases?

During this meeting, jointly organized by the **Study Group Plant Breeding** and the **Royal Netherlands Society of Plant Pathology (KNPV)**, several experts will provide an in-depth overview of the topic. How does CRISPR-Cas work? What has changed under the new EU regulations? Who owns the patents to the CRISPR-Cas technology, and what are the practical implications? Have breeding companies already begun using this technology, and when can we expect the first commercially available cultivars? In the concluding panel debate, the topic of societal acceptance will be addressed alongside other subjects.

Venue and Date:

Thursday afternoon, 12 November 2026

Hotel Wander, Wageningen

The meeting will be held in English.

