

## **SAFE joins European retailers' call for NGT labelling, traceability, and patent protection**

SAFE joins more than 350 companies from the organic food sector and from all levels of the food chain in calling for labelling, traceability, and patent protection for plants from new genomic techniques (NGTs), in the light of the latest amendments presented this week in the ENVI Committee of the European Parliament.

Big retailers such as German REWE Group, EcorNaturaSì from Italy, and Odin from the Netherlands have recently supported this position.

SAFE has consistently warned that the current compromise from the trilogue negotiations fails to address key concerns on the labelling and traceability of NGT1 plants and materials.

**Luigi Tozzi said:** “Traceability and labelling requirements must apply to all NGT plants and materials. They must be applied throughout the entire value chain. This is the only way that organic food and feed production can be protected from cross-contamination, allowing consumers and producers to choose freely. We call for the ENVI Committee to amend the current compromise to bring back these safeguards, present in the original text from the European Parliament.

**Tozzi added:** “We welcome the mobilization of important European retailers, a clear indication that these demands are reasonable and fair. European organic food production should be treated as a strategic sector, under the present geopolitical circumstances”.

The full list of organisations supporting these demands can be found in this statement from [September 2024](#).