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October 2026

VALENCIA - SPAIN

Euroseeds
2026

PROGRAMME

Saturday, 24.10.2026

14.00 – 18.00 Secretaries General Meeting (Closed meeting)

19.30 – 22.30 Secretaries General Dinner; on invitation only

Sunday, 25.10.2026

10.00 – 13.00 Secretaries General Meeting (Closed meeting)

14.00 – 17.30 Euroseeds Board of Directors Meeting (Closed meeting)

14.00 – 21.00 Opening of Registration Desk (Trade Floor & Exhibition remain closed and will open on Monday, 26.10. at 08.00h!)

19.30 – 22.30 Welcome Evening (Melia Valencia Hotel)

Monday, 26.10.2026

08.00 Opening of Trade & Exhibition Floor

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▲ 08.30 - 10.30 Section Forages & Grasses (Open meeting)

Opening, Welcome and Anti-Trust Guidelines and AI Policy by [Nils Elmegaard](#), Chair

Minutes of the last meeting by [Branislava Popov](#), Euroseeds Technical Manager Variety Registration and Seed Marketing

More than Almería! The Spanish seed sector Keynotes: [Antonio Villaroel](#), Director General ANOVE

An introduction to the agricultural sector in Spain Keynote: [Gabriel Trenzado](#), Managing Director Cooperativas Agroalimentarias Chief Executive at Agricultural Industries Confederation (AIC)

Catching the Omnibus!

Panel debate:

- [Sevda Haghi Kia](#), Sevda Haghi Kia, Global Regulatory Affairs Manager for Seed Treatment & Biologicals, KWS;
- [Jose Maria Castilla](#), Head of Office to the EU, Asaja;
- [Rocio Vilches Mora](#), Area Coordinator for Plant and Forest Health and Hygiene, Spanish Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

Moderator: [Anne Alix](#), Policy Leader Europe Middle East and Africa, and Global Policy Leader for Precision Applications, Corteva- Chair Euroseeds CSTP

Making sense of the PRM Regulation: amateur uses, certification requirements, mixtures by [Nils Elmegaard](#), Chair

WG Monitoring Illegal Seed Activities by [Corné van Beers](#), General Director, Breeders Trust

Summary of activities 2025/2026 and next steps by [Branislava Popov](#), Technical Manager Variety Registration and Seed Marketing, Euroseeds

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Closure and date of next meeting by [Nils Elmegaard](#), Chair



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Monday, 26.10.2026

▲ 10.00 - 11.00 InnovAction Stage - Session I (Open meeting)

Opening and welcome by [Amelie Detterbeck](#), Euroseeds Manager Research Projects and Innovation Transfer

Kick-off address by InnovAction Partner EY by [Martin v. Michaelis](#), Martin v. Michaelis, Partner, EY

10:00-10:30 [Pewas](#)

10:30-11:00 [Lantmännen BioAgri](#)

▼ ☕ 10.30 - 11.00 Coffee break

▲ 11.00 - 13.00 Section Maize and Sorghum (Open meeting)

Opening, welcome, Anti-Trust Guidelines and AI Policy by [Paul Devisme](#), Chair

Minutes from the last meeting by [Klára Kipielová](#), Manager Advocacy Coordination, Euroseeds

Keynotes:

- The New EU NGT Regulation: From Adoption to Implementation by [Christophe Gaillochet](#), Manager Plant Breeding Innovation, Euroseeds
- Cultivating clarity: making the NGT Regulation work across Europe by [Irene Sacristan Sanchez](#), Head of Unit, EU-COM DG SANTE; [Ana Judith Martin de la Fuente](#), Biotechnology Area Coordinator, MAPA; [Gary Rudgers](#), Senior Director Regulatory Affairs, Simplot; [Anja Matzk](#), Head of Regulatory Affairs, KWS

Moderator: [Markus Gierth](#), Manager Plant Innovation, BDP

NOT the odd one out – the Spanish success story of GM maize cultivation by [Concepción Novillo](#), Bayer Cropsience, Chair Committee Plant Breeding ANOVE

OECD Seed Schemes by [Nicault Aurelia](#), OECD and [Philippe Lesigne](#), Bayer

Market overview maize and sorghum – After Drought and Heatwaves: Making Sense of the Market Ma(i)ze by [Pierre Guillaumin](#), Project Manager for Economics and International Development, FNPSMS

Summary of activities in 2025/2026 and next steps by [Klára Kipielová](#), Manager Advocacy Coordination, Euroseeds

a.o.b. by [Paul Devisme](#), Chair

Closure and date of next meeting by [Paul Devisme](#), Chair

▼ 🍴 12.00 - 14.00 Lunch

▲ 14.00 - 15.00 InnovAction Stage - Session II (Open meeting)

14:00-14:30 [Ensemo](#)

14:30-15:00 [Insignes Labs](#)



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▲ 14.00 - 16.00 Section Cereals and Pulses (Open Meeting)

Opening, welcome and Anti-Trust Guidelines and AI policy by [Francesca Garbato](#), Manager Intellectual Property and Legal Affairs, Euroseeds

Minutes of the last meeting by [Francesca Garbato](#), Manager Intellectual Property and Legal Affairs, Euroseeds

Election of chair by [Francesca Garbato](#), Manager Intellectual Property and Legal Affairs, Euroseeds

Making it work: building an effective Code of Conduct

Why a Code of Conduct matters for the breeding sector by [Claudia Hallebach](#), General Counsel, KWS

Where are we in the evaluation process of the Community Plant Variety Rights? by [Spyridon Flevaris](#), Team leader – Plant Reproductive Material, EU-COM

From evaluation to action: why we need a better CPVR system by [José María Castilla](#), Head of Office to the EU, Asaja; [Szonja Csörgő](#), Legal Counsel, Bejo; [Artur Paszkowski](#), Deputy Director, Polish Seed Trade Association; [Francesco Mattina](#), President, CPVO

Concluding reflections – a UPOV perspective by [Martin Ekvad](#), Director Legal Affairs, UPOV

The state of play in hybrid wheat by [Szabi Ruthner](#), Senior Market Acceptance Manager EMEA, BASF

Summary of activities in 2025/2026 and next steps by [Francesca Garbato](#), Manager Intellectual Property and Legal Affairs, Euroseeds

a.o.b.

Closure and date of next meeting by [Nataliia Uskova](#), Nataliia Uskova, Chair

▼ ☕ 16.00 - 16.30 Coffee break

▲ 16.00 - 17.00 InnovAction Stage - Session III (Open meeting)

16:00-16:30 [Zayndu](#)

16:30-17:00 [BioConsortia](#)

▲ 16.30 - 18.30 Section Oil & Fibre (Open Meeting)

Opening, welcome, Anti-Trust Guidelines and AI Policy by [Etienne Bouquet](#), Chair

Minutes of the last meeting by [Branislava Popov](#), Technical Manager Variety Registration and Seed Marketing, Euroseeds

Caught in the crossfire? Oil and fibre crops between ILUC/RED restrictions and a new EU Protein Plan by [Justyna Wrobel](#), DG AGRI; [Alexander Döring](#), Secretary General FEFAC; [Nathalie Lecocq](#), Director General FEDIOL; [Mateusz Stankiewicz](#), Farmer, COPA-COGECA; [Etienne Bouquet](#), Chair

Moderation: [Marcel Bruins](#), SeedWorld Europe

Market developments

- Oilseed Rape by [Andrea Richter](#), Head Of SBU Oilseed Rape at KWS
- Sunflower by [Nicolas Colliot](#), Portfolio Lead Field Crops, Syngenta
- Soybean by [Hansjörg Schlichtner](#), Head Of Sales at SAATBAU LINZ eGen

Making sense of the PRM Regulation: rules for Herbicide Tolerant Varieties

Future proofing ISTA by [Sergio Pasquini](#), Vice-President ISTA

Summary of activities 2025/2026 and next steps by [Branislava Popov](#), Technical Manager Variety Registration and Seed Marketing, Euroseeds

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Closure and date of next meeting by [Etienne Bouquet](#), Chair SOF

19.30 Euroseeds Board and Honorary Guests Dinner; *on invitation only*



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Tuesday, 27.10.2026

08.00 Opening of Trade & Exhibition Floor

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▲ 08.00 - 09.30 SPO Section Potatoes (Open meeting)

Opening, welcome, Anti-Trust Guidelines and AI Policy by [Jörg Renatus](#), Managing Director at EUROPLANT Pflanzenzucht and Chair of SPO Section

Minutes of the last meeting by [Amalia Kafka](#), Technical Manager Sustainable Seed Technologies, Euroseeds

Socio-economic impact of FSS and Q&A by [Steffen Noleppa](#), Managing Director, HFFA Research

Making sense of the PRM Regulation: potato specific aspects by [Amalia Kafka](#), Technical Manager Sustainable Seed Technologies, Euroseeds

Summary of activities 2025/2026 and next steps by [Amalia Kafka](#), Technical Manager Sustainable Seed Technologies, Euroseeds

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Closure and date of next meeting by [Jörg Renatus](#), Managing Director at EUROPLANT Pflanzenzucht and Chair of SPO Section

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▼ 08.00 - 09.30 SPO Section Potatoes (Open meeting)

▲ 09.00 - 10.00 InnovAction Stage - Session IV

09:00-09:30 [SeedForward](#)

09:30-10:00 [Agrobiomics](#)

▼ ☕ 09.30 - 10.00 Coffee break

▲ 10.00 - 11.30 Section Vegetables & Ornamentals (Open Meeting)

Opening, welcome, Anti-Trust Guidelines and AI Policy by [Hein Bemelmans](#), Chair of the SVO Section

Minutes of the last meeting by [Claudius Marondedze](#), Euroseeds Technical Manager Plant Health and Seed Trade

(Re-)searching the future of EU crop breeding: project COLIBRI by [Yasmine Ambrogio](#), Manager Research Policy and Project Coordination, Euroseeds; [Germán Vighi](#), Executive Manager, Plants for the Future ETP

Still mind the gap! Status of the EU - UK SPS discussions by [Annette Kliemann](#), European Commission; Henry Bellshaw, DEFRA; Ed Barker, AIC



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▲ 10.00 - 11.30 Section Vegetables & Ornamentals (Open Meeting)

Making sense of the PRM Regulation: vegetable specific aspects by [Hilde Van Dyck](#), Bayer Crop Science

Organics: by [Clément Cardon](#), Manager Public Affairs, Euroseeds

Summary of activities 2024/2025 and next steps by [Claudius Maronedze](#), Technical Manager Plant Health and Seed Trade, Euroseeds

a.o.b.

Closure and date of next meeting by [Hein Bemelmans](#), Chair of the SVO Section

▲ 11.00 - 12.00 InnovAction Stage - Session V (Open meeting)

11:00-11:30 [SaliCrop](#)

11:30-12:00 [Seedrise](#)

▼ 🍴 12.00 - 14.00 Lunch

▼ 12.00 - 13.00 Assembly General - Statutory Part (Closed meeting; Euroseeds Members only)

▼ 13.00 - 15.00 Euroseeds2026 INNOVACTOR Selection Board (Closed meeting)

▲ 14.00 - 16.00 Seed Of The Union 2026 - Keynote Session (Open meeting)

Opening, welcome, Anti-Trust Guidelines and AI Policy by [Marco van Leeuwen](#), Euroseeds Vice-President

Welcome to Valencia

Crisis preparedness and contingency planning for resilience

Input by [Andreas Frank](#), Defense Leader & Partner, Forensic & Integrity Services, EY

Panel debate:

- [Elli Tsiforou](#), Secretary General COPA-COGECA;
- [Alexander Döring](#), Director General FEAFAC;

Moderation by [Garlich von Essen](#), Secretary General & CEO, Euroseeds

UC Davis European Plant Breeding Academy: award to the best student of the 2025/2026 academy year by [Jovan Djordjevic](#), UC Davis & Shawn Brook, Seed World Group; [Judith Reese](#), WvB Eckendorf, award winner

Closure by [Marco van Leeuwen](#), Euroseeds Vice-President

▼ ☕ 16.00 - 16.30 Coffee break

▲ 16.30 - 17.30 Euroseeds2026 INNOVACTOR Ceremony (Open meeting)

Welcome: [Shawn Brook](#), President Seed World Group

Short keynote: Ernst and Young

Presentation of the InnovAction Stage 2026 participants and winners and Panel with InnovActor 2025, InnovActor 2026 and runner-ups by [Shawn Brook](#), President Seed World Group

Closure by [Garlich von Essen](#), Secretary General & CEO, Euroseeds

▼ 17.30 - 18.30 Euroseeds2026 INNOVACTOR Reception



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08.00 Opening of Trade & Exhibition Floor

08.30 – 13.00 Section Vegetables and Ornamentals SVO (closed – members only)

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09.30 - 12.45 Euroseeds NextGen Forum: Empowering the Next Generation in Plant Sciences (open meeting)

Welcome and introduction, by [Garlich von Essen](#), Secretary General and CEO of Euroseeds

Industry panel introduction

Speakers:

- [Christophe Gaillochet](#), Manager Plant Breeding Innovation, Euroseeds
- [Germán Vighi](#), Executive Manager, Plants for the Future ETP
- [Judith Reese](#), Winner UC Davis Plant Breeding Academy
- [Johannes Wolff](#), Founder & CEO at phenoLytics, Euroseeds2025 InnovAction Stage Winner
- [Onur Çamili](#), Europe Head of Field Crop Seeds, Syngenta

Moderator: [Jean-Paul Judson](#), Founder at NOWMORE

First discussion round with students and panelists

Networking and coffee break

Second discussion round

Announcement of the NextGen Forum Traineeship Winners

Closing remarks by [Garlich von Essen](#), Secretary General and CEO of Euroseeds

12.00 - 14.00 Lunch

16.00 Closing of Exhibition and Trade Floor

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