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Hello

Here are additional elements specific to GMOs, which address your 2 first questions and can be used as general LTT in reaction to the ASTA/ESA paper.

Hope it will help.

Kind Regards

1) I am aware that the EP has just rejected the new COM proposal on Plant Reproductive Material due to the number of delegated and implementing acts. Does this proposal cover new plant breeding techniques? Or are they currently somehow regulated in the EU already?

- The EU has set up a working group to address the issue of New Plant Breeding Techniques and evaluate a list of techniques for which it is unclear whether they result in genetic modification. A legal analysis is ongoing to assess whether those techniques fall under EU GMO legislation framework or not.
- Work on detection methods is also ongoing. The EURL (European Union Reference Laboratory) is constantly updating its scientific technical capacities in order to enable it to validate methods related to future GMOs generated with new plant breeding techniques that might search authorisation in the EU. In those cases a detection method must be provided by the applicant.