



About The European GMO-free Citizens.

We are an European Consumer Platform of Citizens who don't want to eat GMOs. We have just started in 2008 with the Platform, but this material is familiar to us since 1996. We are writing to our governments to tell them to become a GMO-free country and to stop GMO field trials and introduction into the market. Our latest petition was on a GMO-carnation the Moonaqua, a lot of people from all over Europe signed the petition. But they didn't get a letter from the Dutch Ministry of environment. After complaining they got it but it was written in Dutch. When we asked what the reason is, they told us it is the law. You can read more about it below.

We have send messages to food stores to remove GMOs from our food, because we don't want them! We tell other citizens not to buy it. We do that by maintaining a website: <http://www.gentechvrij.nl>. It is also in English and sometimes in other languages.

Our Platform originates from the Netherlands and asks citizens all over Europe to perform the same actions as we have done before. We are looking for people in Europe who want to start their own section in their own country and whether they want to share their experiences with us. Write to info@gentechvrij.nl!

2nd of October 2009 About the hearing on Moonaqua tm:

The hearing went well. We were with 6 persons, the ministry too and she had one independent male secretary to take the minutes and he recorded it on a tape. I could speak for half an hour, to read out the 14 pieces (some in English, one in French, the chair said that I should not read the French piece because nobody could understand but would be recorded in the minutes) from signers who have send me a piece for the hearing.

You can read them here <http://www.gentechvrij.nl/thegmofreecitizens.html> . I have asked whether the decision on the petition from the Ministry could be in other languages. But they stressed that it is not possible and not allowed and they asked me to send the coming (in 10 weeks) decision to all signers of the petition. So I have to translate it myself.

But Portuguese, Italian, Spanish and French is not a language I master. In my plea I have referred to the cooperation between Niaba (Dutch union of multinationals like Monsanto, Unilever etc.) and several ministries and their civil servants and that one was present in the room. He told me afterwards, "You did mean me, but I don't feel addressed, we just can speak to them don't we?" Three other persons also spoke. One older person who was a tulip grower and nowadays is a pensioner, who grows organic bulbs, spoke long and more in a spiritual way and after an hour and a half the hearing was done. Miep Bos

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