

PRESS STATEMENT

EFFAB welcomes ENVI Committee support for NGT compromise

Brussels, 03.02.2026 – The European Parliament’s Committee on the Environment (ENVI) has endorsed, by a clear majority, the compromise text on the New Genomic Techniques (NGT) Regulation, agreed in trilogue with the Council and the European Commission in early December. This vote brings the regulation significantly closer to formal adoption, with only a few final steps ahead: the Council confirmation expected in February or early March, and the final votes in ENVI and plenary, expected in April.

Opening the path for NGTs is a positive signal for Europe’s breeding sector. In particular for livestock breeders, it represents an encouraging door opener for exploring potential future applications in the livestock sector, further improving animal health, resilience, and sustainability across Europe.

“The first steps are almost done” affirmed César González, Director of the European Forum of Farm Animal Breeders (EFFAB). “We welcome the positive attitude of the EU Institutions towards NGTs. It is an encouraging outcome, and we hope for a smooth adoption in both the Council and Parliament, as this decision would send a strong signal about the use of biotechnology in Europe and should pave the way for exploring how these technologies could support progress also in the livestock sector. EFFAB stands ready to work closely with the European Commission to make it happen. We are confident that contributing with our expertise will help shape a solid framework for NGTs applied to European animal breeding.”

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