



## Agricultural Crop Licensing Platform an initiative to facilitate access to patented traits

A collaborative platform for plant breeders

The new “Agricultural Crop Licensing Platform (ACLP)” initiative is designed to enable and speed-up access to innovation for European-based seed companies. European breeders will be able to continue using commercial varieties for breeding, including those containing patented traits.

A collaboration between large and small European plant breeding companies and trait developers has launched a licensing platform fostering technology transfer facilitating breeding and marketing of commercial traits.

The ACLP provides:

- » an innovative, simple legal framework for all breeders;
- » transparent access to commercially available patented traits in Europe, including genome edited traits.

How does it work? →



## Who can join?

Private or public sector organisations involved in breeding or trait innovation in Europe.



## What is included?

All patented traits of members present in commercial varieties available on the open market in the 38 Member States of the European Patent Convention, Ukraine, and Russia.



## What are the rights?

Members have access to patented traits of other members for breeding and commercialization under the internal rules of procedure.



## How does it work?

A Standard License Agreement will be used where only royalties are to be negotiated bilaterally between trait holder and interested members.

To reach the EU Green Deal and Farm to Fork goals, innovation in agricultural crop seed breeding is essential. Plant breeding is responsible for approximately 65% of annual productivity growth.<sup>1</sup>

The EU Commission acknowledges the “benefits of patents and licensing in promoting innovation. However, they can also act as a barrier to market entry for SMEs”.<sup>2</sup>

**The ACLP initiative facilitates access to plant innovations for large and small members.**

**“A SEAMLESS, EASY ACCESS TO NEW INNOVATIVE BREEDING MATERIAL IS KEY FOR A MEDIUM-SIZED BREEDING COMPANY LIKE OURSELVES. WE NEED A “ONE STOP LICENSING SHOP“ THAT FITS ALL OUR BUSINESS MODELS.”**

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<sup>1</sup>HFFA Research GmbH study “The socio-economic and environmental value of plant breeding in the EU, specifically considering the EU’s “From Farm to Fork” and “Biodiversity” strategies”, May 2021

<sup>2</sup>European Commission study on new genomic techniques, April 2021