

The Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL) needs external decision support on the subject of "Feasibility of detection and identification procedures for genome edited plants and plant products". For this reason, the Federal Office for Agriculture and Food (BLE), as the responsible project agency, competitively awards a research project.

Official announcement (in German): www.pflanzenforschung.de/qr/BMEL-NachweisGE

The funders expect

- » a decision support project for a focused review of the feasibility of fulfilling the obligations for approval applications (verification and identification procedures) and for controls regarding genome edited food and feed.
- » the comprehensive genomic characterization of a market-relevant, genome edited plant as well as the parent line and a control line by whole genome sequencing.
- » the investigation of targeted analysis methods regarding their suitability for the detection of the sequence change.
- » the design of verification and identification procedures.

The results of the project shall be published, if appropriate, and have to be provided by August 31, 2022.

Eligible are

- » German universities as well as non-university research institutions based in Germany that are not economically active or can clearly differentiate their non-economic activities from their economic activities. In the case of research institutions that are not funded by public funds, evidence of the priority research activity must be provided in a suitable manner.
- » Federal research institutes within the business area of the BMEL are excluded from participation.

Application process

- » Project outlines are to be submitted to the BLE on a maximum of 15 pages by **June 15, 2020**, 12 am.
- » Interested parties whose project outlines have been assessed positively will be asked to submit a formal funding application for the final funding decision.

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