Federal Ministry
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Consumer Protection

8 July 2021 – Online Symposium – Save The Date

Patentability of Plants and Animals: Scope for Action and Need for Reform?

Germany's Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection will host a virtual *European Symposium on the Patentability of Plants and Animals: Scope for Action and Need for Reform* **on**
Thursday, 8 July 2021

The symposium will examine the *status quo* surrounding the patenting of animals and plants, and will explore possible areas of reform as well as avenues for the further development of the law. With this event, we want to help kick-start a discussion among the Member States of the European Patent Organisation and the European Union, and create momentum for the further substantive exploration of this issue at European level.

The half-day symposium will bring together representatives of relevant European institutions, academia, related industries and non-governmental organisations to discuss the issues at stake from a variety of different perspectives. Simultaneous interpretation will be available in English and German throughout the conference.

You are warmly invited to attend, follow and actively participate in the event by submitting your questions and contributions via our chat tool.

Please save the date! You will receive an official invitation from the Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection, including a detailed conference programme, in due course. Please be aware that, for organisational reasons, the number of virtual participants (with access to the chat tool) will be limited. Two places will be available per organisation.

However, you can also follow the event via our livestream.

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