CREATE & STRENGTHEN THE MOVEMENT OPPOSING PATENTS ON SEEDS, PLANTS & ANIMALS

IRELAND & UNITED KINGDOM WEBINAR PROGRAMME (PROVISIONAL)

FRIDAY 12TH MARCH (09:00-11:00) & FRIDAY 19TH MARCH (09:00 – 10:30)

This two-part webinar series aims to grow the campaign against patents on seeds, by building policy and advocacy capacity on intellectual property rights that impact seed systems.

As a platform for information and discussion, the workshop will bring together stakeholders that can contribute to strengthening the movement against patents on conventional seeds in countries of strategic relevance in the European Patent Organisation 's Administrative Council.

This workshop is therefore designed for individuals and organisations engaged in seed saving, farming, or other parts of the food chain, as well as civil society movements with an interest and expertise in food systems, corporate control, or seed policy.

Please register using this link by 9th March 2021

WEBINAR 1: TECHNICAL TRAINING & LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

FRIDAY 12TH MARCH 2021 (09:00-11:00 GMT)

09:00 – 09:20	**Tour de table** participants
09:20 – 10:00	**Patents on Seeds in their Context: Legal framework, impact on food & seed systems** *Fulya BATUR, Consultant, Kybele* Questions
10:00 – 10:30	**Recent Developments at the European Patent Office** *Katherine DOLAN, Head of Policy, Arche Noah & Board Member, No Patents on Seeds!* Questions
10:30 – 10:45	**National Patent Laws in Ireland & UK: the missing link?** *Fulya BATUR, Consultant, Kybele* Questions
10:45 – 11:00	**Collective Discussion**

WEBINAR 2: PAST CAMPAIGNS, CURRENT OPTIONS AND NEXT STEPS

FRIDAY 19TH MARCH (09:00 – 10:30 GMT)

09:00 – 10:00	**Past Campaigns against Patents on Seeds: European & national level** *Johanna ECKHARDT, Coordinator, No Patents on Seeds!* *UK & Ireland Participants* Discussion on past campaigns: strengths & weaknesses
10:00 – 10:30	**Current state of play: What action is needed? Where? How?** Discussion on **next steps** & possible actions

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