

Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum policy conference:

Next steps for gene-edited foods in England

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 29th April 2025

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle
- 9.05 **Policy developments and priorities for gene-edited food production and research**
Professor Gideon Henderson, Chief Scientific Adviser and Director General, Science and Analysis, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 **Opportunities for research and innovation in gene-editing technologies**
Professor Mario Caccamo, CEO and Director, Niab
- 9.45 **Key challenges for the delivery of gene-edited foods**
assessing direction of new government policy | funding priorities and investor confidence | strategies for increasing consumer acceptance and trust | options for expanding R&D and sector innovation | latest developments in research, crop science and innovative technologies | role of gene-editing technologies in tackling climate change challenges and food security demands | priorities for intellectual property rights | unlocking new markets and incentives for companies to develop and launch products in England
Siân Edmonds, Senior Associate, Osborne Clarke
Tom Allen-Stevens, Managing Director, BOFIN
Dr Vladimir Nekrasov, Head, Crop Transformation and Genome Editing Unit, Rothamsted Research
Senior speaker confirmed from **Corteva**
Senior representative, advocacy
- 10.15 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.05 **Support for the biotech industry and regulatory priorities for gene-edited product development and innovation**
Senior representative, industry
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.30 **Assessing issues and options for UK cross-border coordination on gene-edited food policy**
Senior commentator
- 11.40 **Priorities for gene-edited food regulation**
priorities for regulatory certainty | food safety and concerns over potential toxins | consumer priorities | implications for trade | latest thinking on gene-edited product transparency and challenges around food labelling | animal welfare | implications of cross-border regulatory divergence | approaches to managing risk and safety | options for metrics and data
Taly Dvorkis, Director, Fieldfisher
Daniel Cameron, Research Director, Ipsos
Duncan Ribbons, VP Intellectual Property and Regulatory, Tropic
Professor Cathie Martin, Group Leader, Harnessing Biosynthesis for Sustainable Food and Health, John Innes Centre
Dr Kate Parkes, Section Manager for Pigs and Poultry, RSPCA
- 12.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **The regulatory framework going forward for gene-edited food**
Senior representative, regulation
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Lucy Wilson, Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum