



## Conference: Seeds as Commons

Thursday, 19 October 2017

10 a.m. – 2.30 p.m.

Representation of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia to the European Union

Rue Montoyer 47, 1000 Brussels

Hosted by the Member of the European Parliament  
Maria Heubuch (The Greens/ EFA)

### Agenda

**10:00** Registration & coffee

**10:30** Introduction and welcome

- ✿ Andreas Biesantz, Head of Office Demeter-International Brussels
- ✿ Maria Heubuch, MEP, Greens/EFA

**10:50** Keynote speech: **“Seed as a Commons”** by Johannes Wirz, Researcher, Section for Agriculture – Goetheanum, Switzerland

(An introduction to non-profit seed and breeding initiatives and an assessment of future perspectives, presentation of the [study](#).)

**11.10** Speech: **The Open-Source Seed License** – a legal approach to securing seed commons. By Johannes Kotschi, OpenSourceSeeds / Agrecol, Marburg, Germany

**11:30 Q & A**

**12:00 - 12:30 Lunch break**

**12:30 Interventions and panel discussion**

- Maria Heubuch, Member of the European Parliament
- Thomas Weber, European Commission, DG SANTE, Unit Plant Health
- Monika Messmer, President of the European Consortium for Organic Plant Breeding ([ECO – PB](#)) and researcher in [FiBL](#)
- Floriana Cimmarusti, Secretary General of Safe Food Advocacy Europe - [SAFE](#).
- Peter Kunz, Organic Plant Breeder, [Getreidezüchtung Peter Kunz](#)
- Effimia Chatzinikolaou, Policy Coordinator [IFOAM EU Group](#)

Moderation: Antje Kölling, Head of the Policy and Public Relations Department of Demeter-Germany

**14:15 Conclusions & next steps**, Alexander Gerber, Vice President Demeter-International

**14:30 End**

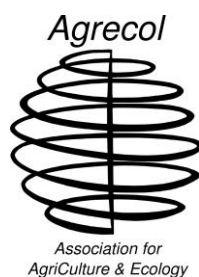
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