



Jornades internacionals sobre els OGM
Arguments per una agricultura i una alimentació
sense transgènics
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The Tuscany Region experience

- Rural Tuscany:
 - Average farm size of 7 ha
 - About 50% forested areas
 - About 3.000 organic farmers
 - 19 DOP/IGP
 - Few flatlands
 - Tuscany landscape

Which model of development?

- A sustainable development aimed at:
 - Keeping/improving quality local productions
 - Safeguarding biodiversity (agricultural biodiversity)
 - Supporting environmentally friendly farming
 - Differentiating farmers' income (tourism)
 - Keeping farmers in rural areas

Do current GM crops suit this model?

- Regional legislation:
 - Act n. 53/2000 and its Regulation:
 - GM crops forbidden for cultivation
 - Labelling for GM food & feed
 - No GM food in public canteens
 - No GMOs in regional label for integrated farming
 - Inspection system (ARSIA – ARPAT – ASL)
 - A dedicated research area (ARSIA)

1 case of documented GM contamination in a crop in 2003

- Things have changed since 2001!:
 - New European legislative framework
 - New national legislation on coex (Act 5/2005)
 - A Constitutional Court sentence (116/2006)
 - European Court of Justice sentences

So....

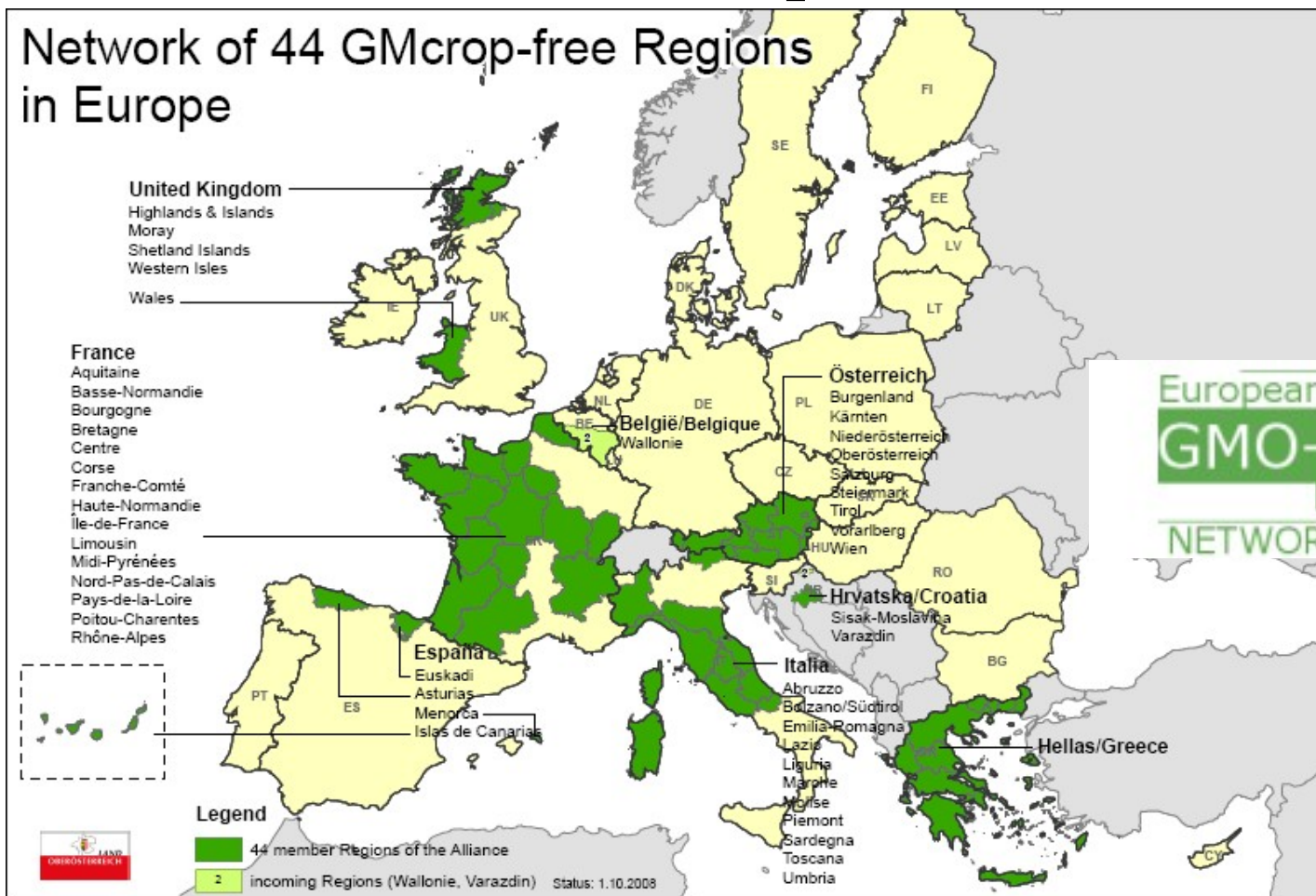
No regional general moratorium allowed

- The Italian regional strategy:
 - Conference of Presidents of Regions and Autonomous Provinces decided to install a WG on GMOs after the CC sentence in 2006
 - Unanimous agreement in October 2007 on Guidelines for implementing regional coexistence laws
 - Dialogue with relevant Ministers

New regional laws are in the pipeline

• The Network of European GMO-free Regions

Network of 44 GMcrop-free Regions in Europe



**49
partners**



- The organization:
 - Political agreement with no juridical status
 - Assembly + Steering Committee
 - 1 President + 3 VP
 - A website: www.gmofree-euregions.net
 - 4 Working Groups
 - **Seeds** [Coordinator: Umbria, Pays de la Loire]
 - **Protection of non-GM agriculture** [Coordinator: Aquitaine, Tuscany]
 - **Labelling** [Coordinator: Oberösterreich, Euskadi]
 - **Feeds** [Coordinator: Bretagne, Asturias]

- What has been done:
 - 6 Conferences (7th is foreseen next 17-19 June)
 - Lobbying European Institutions
 - Specific actions on GM-free feedstuff (soy)
 - 2 big summits in Brussels
 - Agreements with other organizations
 - International Commission on Future of Food and Agriculture
 - Slow food international
 - **New initiatives in the pipeline**

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