Subject: EU seed law – chefs call for the protection of seed diversity

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Dear Members of the European Parliament,
Dear EU Agriculture Ministers,

We are a group of chefs raising our voices with growing urgency about the ongoing negotiations on the new seed law (EU Plant Reproductive Material Regulation).

Our kitchens depend on diverse and flavourful ingredients — and these are grown from a rich variety of seeds. A wide diversity of seeds is essential not only for our cuisine, but also for culture, sustainability, and the future of food.

Modern crops are often bred for high yields and a long shelf-life, but this generally comes at the cost of flavour and nutritional value. So it is crucial that the EU seed law protects and supports the work of those actors – farmers, local seed producers, and conservation initiatives – who keep this seed diversity alive.

We call on you to act now to:

- **guarantee farmers' right** to grow, exchange and sell their seeds,
- **support** the work of **small-scale local seed producers** by making sure new regulations are fair and proportionate
- ensure the **survival** of **organisations** and **networks conserving** and **revitalising traditional** and **regional varieties**

We have already lost 75% of plant diversity in the last century. This is not an abstract number — it is a warning. Every lost variety is a lost taste, a lost tradition, a lost piece of our future. We need a new EU seed law that values flavour, culture, and creativity.

The decisions you make today will shape what ends up in our kitchens and on our plates tomorrow. We urge you to take responsibility and to stand on the side of diversity, resilience, and living food systems.

Do not let our seeds — and what they represent — disappear.

Yours Sincerely,
The undersigning chefs

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