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The European Parliament's decision to suspend trilogue negotiations on the new genomic techniques (NGTs/TEAs) dossier is yet another confirmation of how political timelines often fail to align with the urgency of scientific and technological innovation. At a time when European agriculture urgently needs effective tools to tackle the challenges of climate change, food security, and sustainability, leaving such a strategic dossier in limbo risks slowing down the development and implementation of concrete solutions. It is legitimate and necessary to have an in-depth discussion on complex issues such as sustainability, traceability, labelling, and patentability, but it is equally essential that political debate not become hostage to ideological standoffs or internal balances among parliamentary groups. The result is a paralysis that penalizes research, innovation, and ultimately European citizens. Postponing the negotiations to the Danish Presidency – which has yet to announce a timeline for the dossier – further delays a decision that has been awaited for years. It is to be hoped that talks can resume constructively and with the awareness that, in this field, Europe cannot afford to fall behind.