

WEBINAR ON UNDROP AND THE EU SEED MARKETING REFORM: PERSPECTIVES FROM DENMARK

29 NOVEMBER 2022: 15:30 – 17:00 CET

This workshop, organized by the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, aims to raise awareness about the upcoming changes to the European Union (EU) seed marketing legislation, and to explore pathways to align it with the right to seeds recognized by the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in Rural Areas (UNDROP).

UNDROP's holistic approach to the right to seeds entails legislative changes at EU and national level in various policy fields. This webinar will focus on the impacts of rules that govern the marketing of seeds in the EU. These rules are currently undergoing a reform process, with an EU Commission proposal expected in the spring 2023.



The workshop will look into what UNDROP and the EU reform mean in the Danish context, and how positive aspects of the national legislation could feed the reform or, alternatively, suffer from new and more restrictive rules.

Please note that the workshop will be held in English.

You can register to the event through [this link](#).

You can find more background information on the relevant UNDROP provisions and their implementation in the [Practical Manual on the Right to Seeds in Europe](#), as well as in the shorter [Research Brief](#) published by the Geneva Academy.

PROGRAMME

15:30 – 15:35 **Welcome** to participants

15:35 – 15:50 **UNDROP and the right to seeds: what obligations for the EU & its Member States?**
Christophe GOLAY & Karine PESCHARD, Geneva Academy

15:50 – 16:00 **UNDROP and the right to seeds: which links with EU seed marketing rules?**
Fulya BATUR, Consultant, Kybele & Associate research fellow, Geneva Academy

Reactions and perspectives of Danish stakeholders

“Seed saving in Denmark in an enabling policy environment”, Danish Seed Savers

“Peasant perspective”, Frie Bonder (tbc)

16:00 – 16:45 *“Needs and risks for organic farmers in EU reform”, Organic Farmers association*

“Organic breeding and seed production: the Landsorten model, UNDROP and the EU reform”, Anders Borgen, Agroecologica & Landsorten

16:45 – 17:00 **Questions & Answers - Discussion**