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Upper Austria GMO ban-law 2002

- **2002** Unanimous political agreement on a temporary GMO ban/prohibition of GE seeds and GM-plants by law
- **2. September 2003** the EU Commission refuses the notification of the GMO ban-law
- **4. November 2003** Upper Austria files a nullity suit at the European Court of I. Instance
- **5. October 2005** the European Court pronounces a negative verdict
- **12. December 2005** Upper Austria lodges an appeal at the European Court of Justice against the verdict of the I. Instance
- **September 2007** Upper Austria loses the appeal

Upper Austrian GMO precaution law 2006

- Draft law in October 2005 in Upper Austria
- The draft law is introduced to the Regional Parliament
- Draft law submitted to European Commission
- the EU Commission delivers its opinion on 8 February 2006
- In May 2006 the Regional Parliament passes the law and it enters into force

Upper Austrian GMO precaution law

- Statutory obligation to report offences
- Procedure (the establishment of protection areas)
- Compulsory information and labelling
- Fines (up to 20.000 €)

Cultivation ban on specific plants

Case presentation

- Impossible coexistence of maize and rape
- Presentation of conflict issues in case of coexistence

Cultivation ban on specific plants

Presentation

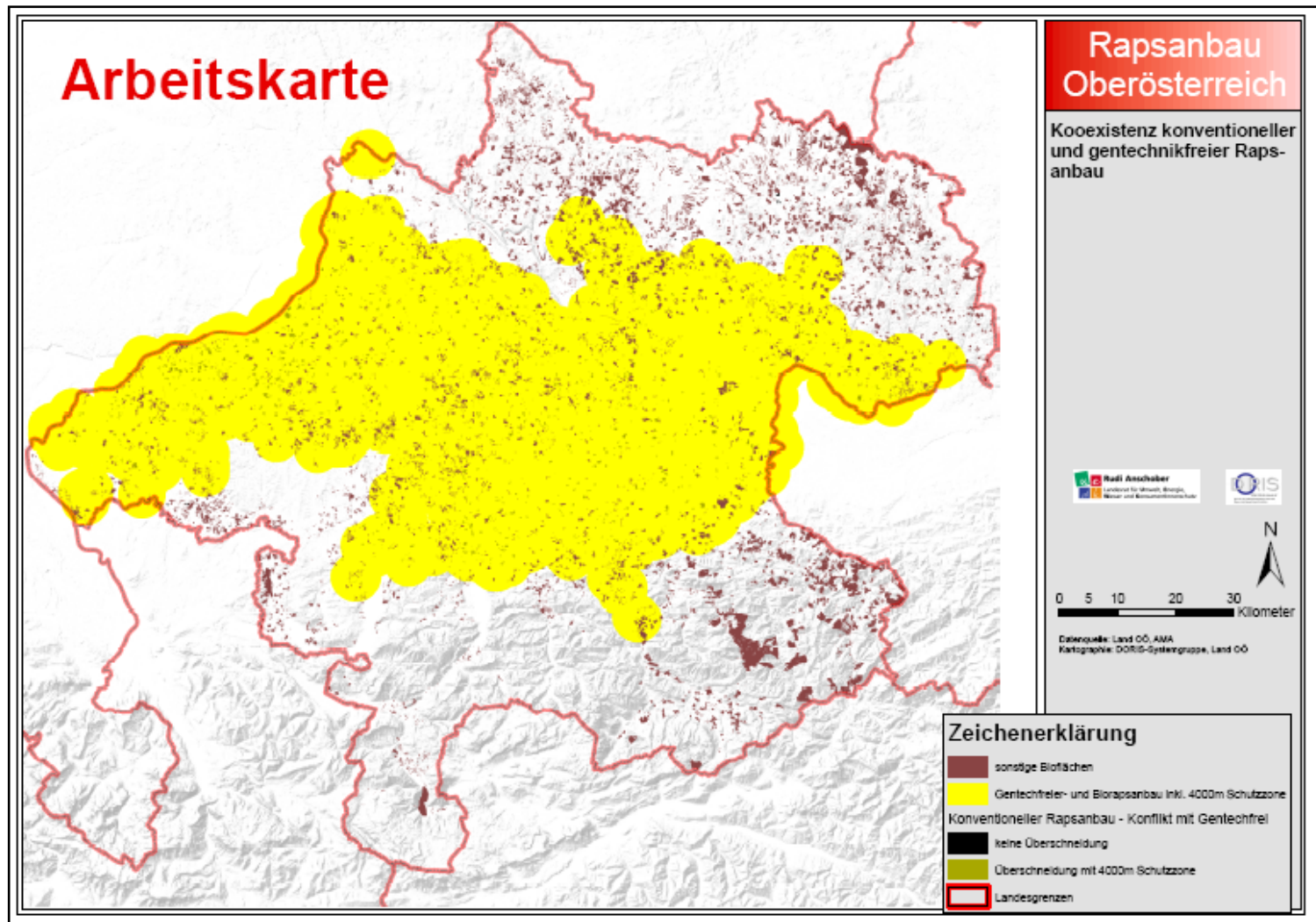
- Natural protection areas
- Traditionally cultivated surfaces
- Organically cultivated surfaces
- Beekeeping areas

Cultivation ban on specific plants

Present structure of farming in Upper Austria does not allow the coexistence of maize and rape plantations

- Notification on plant specific cultivation ban until 2009

Cultivation ban on specific plants



Compulsory GMO labelling in Austria

Compulsory labelling for foodstuffs, ingredients and additives

- if they are GMOs
- if they contain GMOs
- if they are made of GMOs

Compulsory GMO labelling in Austria

Non-compulsory labelling for

- foodstuffs and ingredients that are not produced from GMOs
- additives produced with the help of genetically modified microorganisms
- enzymes and other technical supplies

Germany – new labelling rules

4 different federal laws will change the GE-rules in Germany from next week onwards

- Gentechnikgesetz (GE-law)
- Gentechnik-Pflanzenerzeugungsverordnung (GE plant production)
- EG-Gentechnik-Durchführungsgesetz (EU - GE implementation law incl. labelling rules)
- Neuartige Lebensmittel- und Lebensmittelzutaten-Verordnung (new food regulation)

Germany – new labelling rules

What will change in concrete concerning labelling?

- Labelling "ohne Gentechnik" = "without GMO"
- There will be more concrete and practical rules and conditions using the label "ohne Gentechnik" to ensure legal certainty and freedom of choice
- New rules will also be relevant for meat, milk, eggs and so on
- New labelling will be relevant both for products from traditional and organic farming

Germany – new labelling rules

Food and foodstuff – labelling "ohne Gentechnik" will mean

- no additives made from GM plants are allowed
- no additives, vitamins, flavours or enzymes are allowed, which are produced from GM micro-organisms
- Meat, milk, eggs: No use of GM-soja or GM-maize is allowed in feed and process

Germany – new labelling rules

Food and foodstuff – labelling "ohne Gentechnik" will mean

- concerning pigs/pig meat: no use of GM-feed in the last 4 month before slaughter
- dairy cows/milk: no use of GM-feed 3 month before
- poultry/eggs: no use of GM-feed within the last 6 weeks

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