# **SESSION I:** SETTING THE SCENE



Non-GMO as a major business sector: Building bridges between key business partners on a global scale.

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# Where it all began

- Idea for the summit was born in August 2022 in light of the Russian war against Ukraine and discussions about non-GMO feed availability
- Scaremongering by interested parties and uncertainty among food producers and retailers in Europe despite of soymeal availability and good prospects
- Producing markets in Ukraine and Brazil irritated and puzzled
- Information gap is both sided
- Will deforestation-free substitute non-GMO?
- ProTerra and Donau Soja show: deforestation-free and non-GMO go hand in hand

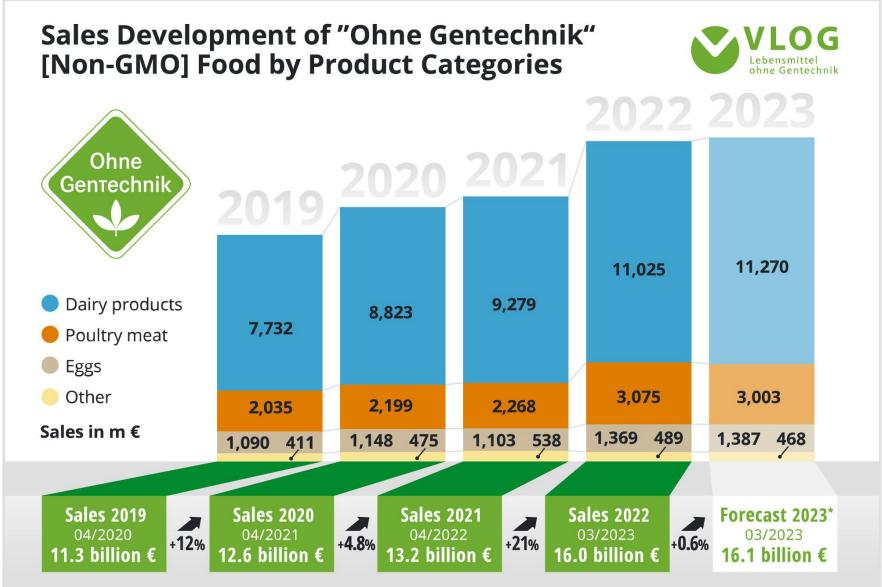
#### Summit Aim

- Exchange of information on availability, demand and the requirements of especially both ends of the supply chain
- Networking
- Learn about perspective of others
- Understand each others needs and requirements
- Build reliable, stable and beneficial relationships
- Building bridges between actors and partners from South America and Europe

## Introducing VLOG and the German non-GMO market

 The Association Food without Genetic Engineering represents 750 non-GMO producing and labelling companies and gives licenses for the common non-GMO food label ("Ohne GenTechnik") and the VLOG verified label for non-GMO certified feed.

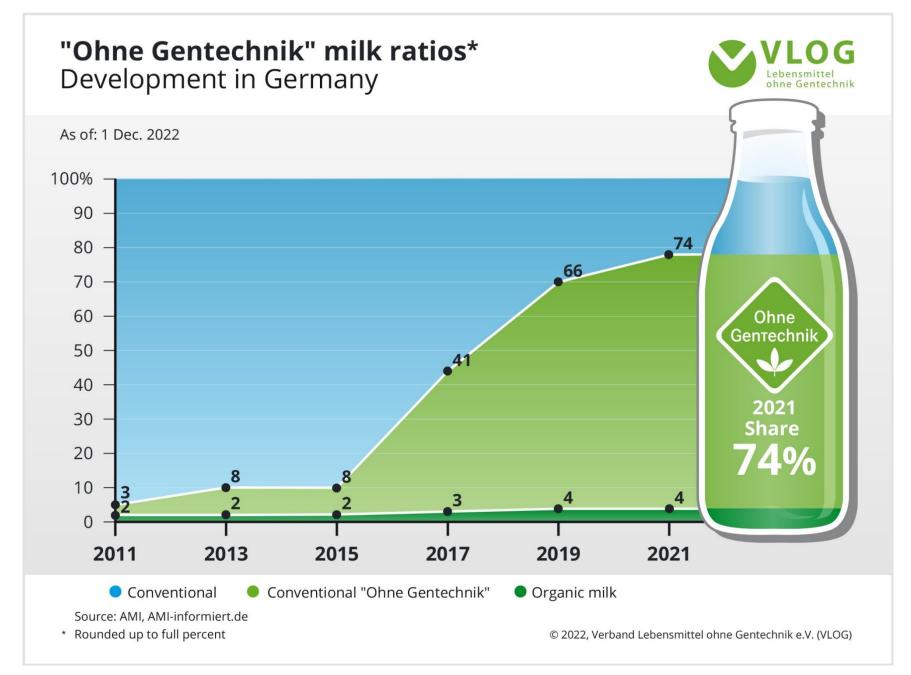




End consumer expenditure on food licensed for the "Ohne GenTechnik"[Non-GMO] seal - own enquiry at the manufacturing industry plus flat retail margin and sales tax

\* Forecast based on companies' reports from January/February 2023

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## **Beyond Germany**

One other market even more developed
– Austria

- 4-4.5 billion € in sales of non-GMO produced products
- 100% of egg, poultry meat and milk production is non-GMO. Growing share of about 15% of pork production.
- France, Italy, Poland, Slovenia, et al. have labelled non-GMO products. But in most cases no common logo and small market share
- Switzerland and Norway 100% non-GMO production but no labelling

## Thank you for your attention!