

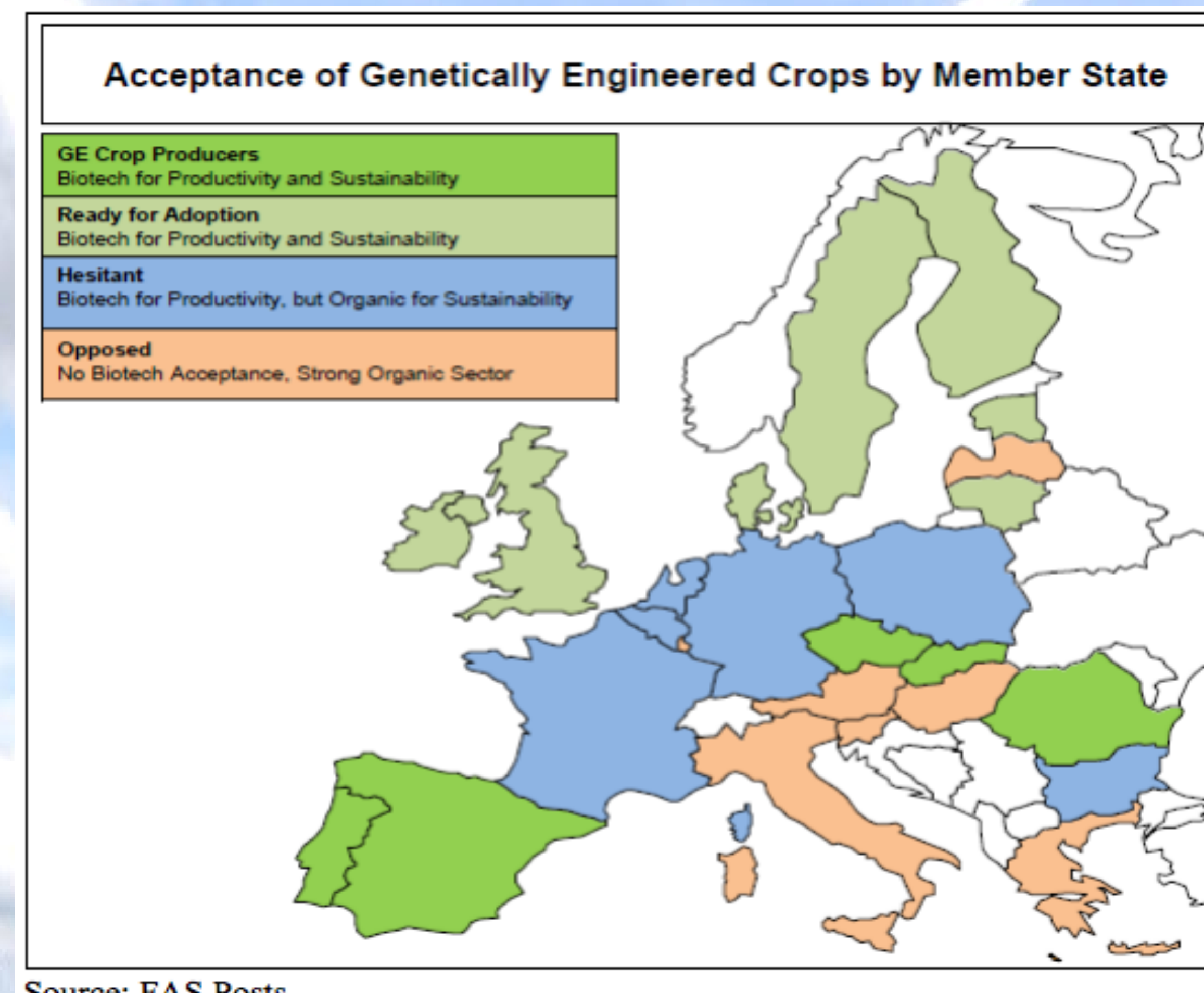
# The Policy Process of Genetically Modified Organisms in the European Union: A Review

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## Risk Regulation Culture Clash: The Scientific vs. Precautionary View

“Whereas a scientific rationality political culture accepts and respects scientists’ ability to calculate a novel technology’s risks, a precautionary political culture is more inclined to stress the limits of scientific knowledge and to view scientific claims as indeterminate and uncertain, and not necessarily a reliable basis for decisions on how to manage a technology’s risks.”

Skogstad, *Contested Accountability Claims and GMO Regulation*.



Source: FAS Posts

## On the Global Stage: Internationalization of GMO Policy

GMO Policy Push in Multilateral Bodies: Cartagena Protocol vs. Codex Alimentarius Commission vs. World Trade Organization

A Developing Country’s Perspective: “Loopholes in the Oversight of GMOs: Majority of Grains Cannot Be Distinguished as Genetically Modified.”

Xinhua News Agency. “转基因监管存漏洞:多数粮食收购点不能测转基因” 8/4/2014.

## Future

- A National Opt-out in EU GMO cultivation?: Proposed Amendment Article 26b to the 2001 Directive
- U.S. Trade Strategy Shift: forced compliance to open dialogue.
- TTIP Negotiations: Regulatory Convergence?

## Present

- Present regulatory framework: 2001 Directive, 2002 & 2003 Regulations and 2010 Coexistence Guidelines.
- Policy Gridlock: European Commission obligated to take decisions in face of national opposition in response to EFSA rulings.

## Past

- Attempts at Harmonization: Directive 90/220/EEC.
- Late 1990s food scandals.
- GMO moratorium.
- US-EU *Biotech* WTO case: a narrow win--“undue delays.”
- Safeguard clauses---effective national bans on GMOs .