CPVO
Community Plant Variety Office

Conclusions from the Vegetable Variety Open Day

Edinburgh (UK), 12 September 2017

- CPVR sytem **dependable** and increasingly **popular** with vegetable breeders

- UK undertakes **effective** DUS testing for several vegetable species – emphasis variety collections

- DUS vegetable testing **evolving** and facing continuous **challenges** – further collaboration amongst examination authorities desirable and is encouraged

- **Interface** between PVR and patents of great concern to breeders and EU public – CPVO/EPO collaboration should continue, with stakeholders informed on **developments**

- Biomolecular techniques gaining in **importance** in relation to DUS tests – IMODDUS should lead to **efficiency** gains

- Disease resistance characteristics are **crucial** for breeding + DUS testing in certain vegetable crops – **pragmatic** phasing-in period for (*) works well

- Breeders expressed that Brexit is **major concern** for them – CPVR varieties require continued protection in UK after 30/03/2019; desire for CPVO to explore examination collaboration with UK after Brexit

- ESA **highly valued** partner – breeders require guarantees and improvements to system so as to recover investment on R&D

THANK YOU