

About us



What are the consequences of genetic engineering for humans and the environment? From a critical point of view, Testbiotech provides information and scientific expertise on the risks associated with these technologies, that is completely independent of the biotech industry. In this way, we help to strengthen the decision-making competence of politicians and society.

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Testbiotech was founded as an Institute for the Independent Impact Assessment of Biotechnology in 2008 in Munich, Germany. Our statutes (available only in German) can be downloaded below.

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- Dr. med. vet. Christoph Then: Executive und scientific director
- Dr. rer. nat. Ruth Tippe: Scientific advisor
- Dipl. agr. Andreas-Bauer Pankus: Investigations and scientific documentation
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Our Team in Brussels:

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