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The Nagoya Protocol is implemented in the European Union through EU Regulation 511/2014. In order to support the various sectors in the EU utilizing genetic resources and to facilitate compliance by users, the EU Commission is developing a series of eight sectorial guidelines, in addition to a horizontal guideline addressing generic issues, in relation to the EU Regulation. One of these sectorial guidelines is focussing on the animal breeding sector, including aquatic species and companion animals. In particular, these sectorial guidelines will provide guidance in determining which activities qualify as research and development in the context of the Nagoya Protocol, and therefore should be considered as within scope of the EU Regulation, assuming specific other conditions have been fulfilled as well. In addition to providing an overview of the sector in the EU and a description of its use of genetic resources, each sectorial guideline will present a number of case studies, describing research and development activities which are considered to be in scope or out of scope of the EU Regulation. Proposals for the sectorial guidelines have been developed by small drafting groups and will be presented to a wide array of stakeholders in dedicated workshops. The EU Commission will evaluate the outcome of this process and finalize each of the sectorial guidelines. The workshop on the draft sectorial guideline for animal breeding already took place on July 1. A selection of case studies incorporated in the draft sectorial guideline on animal breeding will be presented.