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1) Steps you have done in the pilot projects you have applied.

The pilot project I have done were very different to what you are proposing. The ones I have carried, were more about changing some administrative ideas and regulations that trying to change the whole legality of a given problem. However, I think that it is possible to do.

After explaining all the ChatterPlant project:

2) How do you face the legal problem? what do you think about developing a pilot project in this concrete case?

I have no knowledge of your field and It is very difficult for me to propose one concrete pilot project for your case. However, I can give you a general idea to face this situation.



You have to better define your project in order to apply them. You have to focus in one case, for example, to focus in applying your project in a concrete house.

Your project is about a very emotional situation. People is afraid of your area, thus, you have to transmit the idea of security. You have to convince to the population in order they feel secure using your product and to trust in reliable persons to use your product.

Besides, there exists the legal problem. You can do undercover experiments, based on the consent of a group of volunteers, but I do not recommend it.

To solve this two problems, the first one based on the lack of security that transgenic plants transmit and the second one based on the legal issue, the best solution I thought is applying ChatterPlant at your university. The reasons why I think is the best option to begin your pilot project are:

- University already has areas with legal permissions to work with GMOs.
- Your university is a public one, thus everyone can enter and the divulgation is easier here in front of other places. Furthermore, having the support of an entity such as a university gives to your project more social credibility and approval.

This could be your first experience and then you could spread and divulgate it to show the security idea to the population.

I always have into account the persons I might have to argue with. That is why I tell you to ensure the ideas of security and reliability of your project, because I am sure that people is going to attack you in this issue.

You could tell the fantastic story about waking up in the morning and collecting your own vegetables and self-supply your own house.

Thank you!