

## NEW PLATFORM FOR FARMERS TO FIND ORGANIC SOLUTIONS AND EXCHANGE KNOWLEDGE

In October 2016 the new web platform [OK-Net Arable](#) to promote exchange of knowledge among farmers, farm advisers and scientists across Europe was launched.

The platform is available in 10 languages (English, Bulgarian, Danish, Dutch, Estonian, French, German, Hungarian, Italian and Latvian), and the solutions are divided according to the most relevant topics in organic arable farming: Soil quality and fertility, nutrient management, pest and disease control, weed management and solutions for specific crops.

The web-based platform is part of the [OK-Net Arable project](#), which is coordinated by IFOAM EU and involves 17 partners from 12 countries throughout Europe. The project is financed by Horizon 2020, the EU's main funding instrument for research and innovation. OK-Net Arable is one of the thematic networks funded under the umbrella of the European Innovation Partnership for Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability (EIP-AGRI), a policy instrument aiming to foster innovation by connecting farmers and researchers.

The complexity of organic farming requires farmers to have a very high level of knowledge and skills. The [OK-Net Arable](#) Platform invites farmers and farm associations to find practical organic solutions, and discuss how it works on the field. The platform works with [14 farmer innovation groups](#) involving farmers or farmer associations engaged in research and innovation in various parts of Europe.

IFOAM EU represents more than 180 member organizations in the EU-28, the EU accession countries and EFTA. Member organizations span the entire organic food chain: farmers, processors organisations, retailers, certifiers, consultants, traders, researchers to environmental and consumer advocacy *bodies*.

This web-based platform, open to all interested actors, can contribute to increase productivity and quality in organic arable cropping all over Europe and everywhere else.

### To know more

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