

THE 4TH EDITION OF THE EUROPEAN ORGANIC AWARDS 2025 HAS BEEN LAUNCHED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

The 4th edition of the EU Organic Awards is open for applications from 11th February to 27th April 2025. These awards celebrate leaders in the organic value chain who develop inspiring projects that enhance organic food production and consumption. This year's winners will be celebrated at the Awards Ceremony on the EU Organic Day, 23rd September in Brussels.

The EU Organic Awards are jointly organized by the European Commission, the [European Economic and Social Committee](#), the [European Committee of the Regions](#), [COPA-COGECA](#) and [IFOAM Organics Europe](#), with the participation of the European Parliament and the Council in the evaluation.

As in previous editions, [the following awards are presented across six categories](#), acknowledging different actors along the organic value chain that have developed an excellent, innovative, sustainable, and inspiring project producing real added value for organic production and consumption:

- Best organic farmer (female and male)
- Best organic region/bio-district
- Best organic city
- Best organic food processing SME
- Best organic food retailer
- Best organic restaurant/food service

Any EU actor or institution with a noteworthy project that contributes to greater affordability and accessibility of organic products in the EU can apply. This includes not only organic farmers, regions or bio-districts, or unique businesses like organic shops or restaurants, but also cities offering for instance, organic meals to local school pupils, or actively promoting organic production.

Applications are welcome in all official EU languages via an online form available until 27th April 2025. Eligible applications will be reviewed by the EU Organic Awards jury against the criteria of excellence, innovation, sustainability and potential to replicate the project elsewhere in the EU. Winning projects will play a key role in raising public awareness about organic production within the EU.

Organic farming is vital for protecting the environment, climate, biodiversity, and animal welfare. By delivering high-quality food with a minimal environmental footprint, organic farming is crucial for developing sustainable food systems across the EU.



In 2021, the European Commission adopted an [action plan](#) to increase the demand for and supply of organic products, and to enhance the sustainability of organic production. Member States were encouraged to set ambitious targets for organic farming within their [CAP Strategic Plans](#) and national organic action plans. Over the past years, and more particularly since 2023, the Common Agricultural Policy has enhanced financial support for converting to and remaining in organic farming. In September 2023, the European Commission published [a report on the implementation of the action plan](#) underlining the strong progress achieved so far by the sector.

The interested actors can submit their projects by 27th April 2025 at the latest and be a part of the future of organic farming. Further information about the candidates, the selection criteria, and the awards in general are available on the [EU Organic Awards webpage](#).

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