

WINNERS ANNOUNCED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION FOR THE 2026 ORGANIC AWARDS

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[The winners for the 2026 EU Organic Awards have been announced by the European Commission.](#) The winners of the seven awards have been unveiled at the official ceremony in Brussels on 23 September, as part of events and activities celebrating the annual EU Organic Day.

The EU Organic Awards were launched in 2022 as a commitment under the [Action Plan for the Development of Organic Production](#). The Awards' goal is to recognise excellence across the organic value chain, from farmers and restaurants to SMEs and cities. They also enhance the overall visibility of the organic value chain and develop the knowledge of the organic logo. This year marks the fifth edition of the Awards, featuring seven individual awards. The Awards aim to honour projects that are outstanding, innovative, sustainable, and inspiring, adding real value to organic production and consumption. Winners have the chance to present their projects to a wider audience, showing best practices.

The website highlights the [European Commission's vision for agriculture and food](#) indicating that sustainability and agriculture can go hand in hand, and organic farming serves as an excellent example of this. Its environmental credentials are clear: organic farming promotes the responsible use of energy and natural resources, the preservation of regional ecological balances, the improvement of soil fertility, the maintenance of water quality, rich biodiversity, and high animal welfare standards. The economic and business aspect of organic farming is equally important. The share of organically farmed land in the EU has been steadily increasing, currently reaching around 17 million hectares (11% of total agricultural land).

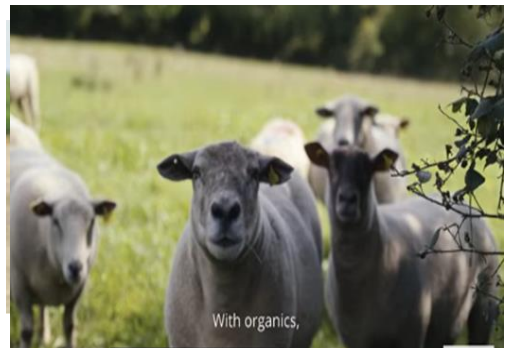
The Awards have been jointly organised by the European Commission, the European Economic and Social Committee, the European Committee of the Regions, COPA-COGECA and IFOAM Organics Europe. The jury for the awards consisted of representatives from these organisations, as well as representatives from other EU institutions.

[The Winners in each category of the 2026 EU Organic Awards are:](#)



Best organic farmer female.

Kay O' Sullivan, Glynn Organic Farm, Mourneabbey, Cork, Ireland. She runs a farm with 70 cows and calves, and 90 sheep and lambs, on 63 ha. Her farming practices focus on grass-based cattle production without grain feeding, using multispecies swards, diverse forage crops, and weekly grass measurements to optimise grazing efficiency and productivity. The farm has significantly reduced external feed inputs, improved soil health, and operates in harmony with nature. Beyond farming, Kay shares knowledge through community engagement, farm events, open days, and international study visits.

**Best organic farmer male.**

Hans Erik Joergensen, Risbjerg Landbrug, Haarby, Denmark
Hans runs Risbjerg Landbrug, a 350-ha organic mixed farm combining animal welfare, biodiversity, and innovation. With pasture-raised pigs, cattle for nature conservation, mobile laying hens, diversified crop production, and social inclusion at its heart, this farm shows that livestock farming can successfully combine productivity, environmental stewardship and high animal welfare.

**Best organic region/bio-district.**

Distretto Sardegna Bio, Sardinia, Italy. Located in the Sardegna region and established in 2021, Distretto Sardegna Bio is Italy's first and largest organic bio district, covering 24,090 km² and bringing together 1.57 million people, 2,600 organic farms, and 184,000 hectares of certified organic farmland. It connects producers, processors, public institutions, and consumers through shared governance, local supply chains, organic public procurement, and rural energy communities. A model for sustainable regional development, it strengthens local economies, supports access to EU funding and export markets, and offers a transferable framework for building resilient, community-led organic districts.

**Best organic city.**

Mairie de Cussac-Fort-Médoc, Gironde, France. A French town of more than 2,000 inhabitants has developed a local approach to increasing organic food in school canteens. Through a municipal organic market garden, a 7,000 m² certified-organic plot provides 50% of the fresh vegetables needed for 230 daily meals, allowing the town to serve more than 50% organic menus without additional cost. Located next to the school, the field helps reduce the carbon footprint through zero transport, zero packaging, and anti-waste practices. Surplus production is distributed to local food aid initiatives, restaurants, and grocery stores.

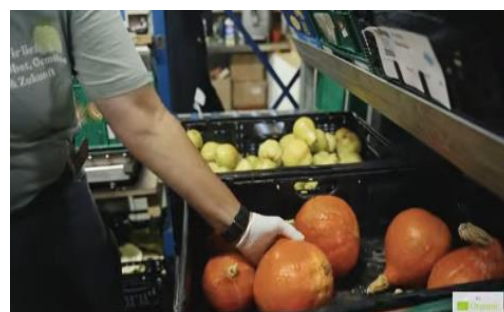
**Best organic food processing SME.**

Harmonica Foods (Bio Bulgaria), Sofia, Bulgaria. Since 2006, this Bulgarian organic food company has worked with local farmers and partner manufacturers to make high-quality food with a clear origin more accessible. With 30+ products, a team of 47 employees, and a focus on short supply chains, fair trade, circular economy practices, and education, it supports local communities while building a more sustainable food system.



Best organic food retailer.

Boßhammersch Hof, Großseelheim, Germany. Since 1997, this German family-run organic delivery service has been connecting households, schools, and rural communities with fresh organic food through plastic-free boxes and digital ordering. Working with 60 organic farms and 20 regional partners, it supports fair purchasing relationships, local supply chains, and access to organic products in areas with limited availability. The company focuses on fair employment, diversity, and inclusive leadership.



Best organic restaurant/food service.

Zotter Schokolade, Riegersburg, Austria. Zotter Chocolate is an Austrian bean-to-bar chocolate producer creating organic chocolate from cocoa bean to finished product, with more than 700 varieties, and a restaurant on-site. Beyond chocolate, the company integrates organic farming, farm-to-table practices, renewable energy, and responsible use of resources across its 95 hectares of organic land. Its approach connects food production, visitor experiences, and the wellbeing of employees, animals, and the environment.



[The EU website highlights that](#) organic farming has also become a driver for [generational renewal](#) as underscored in the Commission's Strategy for generational renewal in agriculture and the organic share among young farmers is far higher (20.7%) than for all farms combined (11.9%). EU initiatives in favor of organic farming not only create the conditions for the long-term and sustainable competitiveness of rural areas but also open up new opportunities for the generation renewal in agriculture.



To support further growth of organic production in the EU, the Commission has adopted the [Action Plan for the Development of Organic Production](#) in March 2021, including the launch of annual awards. They aim to reward the best and most innovative organic actors, contributing to the reduction of agriculture's impact on the environment and climate. Further information about the selection criteria, and the awards in general can be found on the on the EU Organic Awards webpage.



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