2025 EDITION OF THE ORGANIC INNOVATION DAYS ORGANIZED BY TP ORGANICS EUROPEAN PLATFORM

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The European Technology
Platform TP Organics is
spreading information about
the 2025 Edition of the
Organic Innovation Days.

The 2025 edition will take place on 3-5 November in the Organic House in Brussels (Rue Marie-Thérèse 11) under the title "Research & Innovation for organic food and farming: triple lead for sustainable food systems".

TP Organics' annual public event and the only EU event on organic and groecological

research and innovation (R&I) will feature the official launch of the new Strategic Research & Innovation Agenda (SRIA) for Organics and Agroecology but also the final conference of the <u>OrganicTargets4EU project</u> and the award ceremony of the Organic Advice Contest organised by <u>OrganicAdviceNetwork</u>. Both Horizon Europe projects are coordinated by <u>IFOAM Organics Europe</u> and are key to advance the organic sector.

The new TP Organics SRIA that is being developed since the TP Organics Science Day at BIOFACH 2024 is defining the R&I needs of the organic and agroecological sector that should be funded under the next EU R&I Framework Programme (FP10). It is equally outlining the R&I needs for the transition of EU food and farming systems. Throughout 2024-2025, TP Organics has gathered input and ideas from stakeholders at both European and national level in a broad bottom-up consultation process.

The Horizon OrganicTargets4EU project (2022-2026) Transformation scenarios for boosting organic farming and organic aquaculture towards the Farm-to-Fork targets aims to support the EU's targets to reach 25% of agricultural land under organic farming and a significant increase in organic aquaculture by 2030. By 2023, 11% of EU agricultural land was managed organically, with 12% likely to be reached in 2025. Organic aquaculture represented solely 6.7% of total European aquaculture production in 2020, and its growth trajectory is not sufficient to realise its full growth potential and meet the EU's objectives. The organic targets require an upscaling of production and consumption and a radical transformation of farm structures and value chains, ambitious R&I for organics, strong advisory services, and knowledge exchange and training opportunities for all organic operators and related professionals.

To support the EU's organic targets, the project assessed key drivers and lock-ins affecting the development of the organic sector and built four scenarios for organic agriculture and aquaculture each. The project then developed transition pathways to achieve the 25% targets based on the scenarios. Over three years, stakeholder dialogues analysed the socio-









economic impacts of the developed scenarios from input supply to farm gate and from consumer demand to supply changes. Participatory research activities have promoted capacity building and increased R&I investments to enhance organic advisory services and support new and existing organic farmers in the conversion process.

Titled "Achieving the EU's organic goals—progress, impacts, and policy recommendations", this interactive final conference, organised jointly with the Organic Innovation Days, will validate findings and policy recommendations to show the path forward to reach the organic targets of the EU in view of the expected scenarios. Day 1, integrated into the Organic Innovation Days, will focus on funding for organic knowledge and innovation. Day 2 will discuss scientific results from the OrganicTargets4EU project, distilling policy recommendations that are best suited to reach the EU's organic targets.

Similarly, the Horizon Europe project OrganicAdviceNetwork (2024-2028) supports the Farm to Fork target of reaching 25% organic farmland by 2030, which requires the entry of about 700,000 new farmers into the organic sector, more than doubling of the current organic land area and a substantial increase in supply chains and the complete range of support services. Advisors with organic competences are essential to reach the 25% target. The sector needs about 15,000 advisors in the EU who can support the new organic farmers. OrganicAdviceNetwork aims to create a strong European network of experienced and new advisors with organic farming expertise and strengthen the development of organic advice services across Europe. The Organic Advice Contest's aim is to spotlight successful, inspiring and replicable business models of organic advisory services to boost its development across Europe.

Moreover, TP Organics is again teaming up with *CORE Organic*, the transnational network of ministries and research councils that funds organic research. The current <u>CORE Organic Pleiades</u> is an international network of 43 partners in 27 countries/regions, that joins forces to fund transnational research projects within the area of organic food and farming. The network is implemented under the Horizon Europe project OrganicTargets4EU. The CORE Organic Pleiades network period began on 1 September 2022 and will end on 1 February 2026.

The Organic Innovation Days 2025 will provide an opportunity to meet members of TP Organics, to network with European Union stakeholders and decision-makers. The updated programme will be available on the event webpage. Find out more about the past editions of the Organic Innovation Days: 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018 and 2017.

TP Organics is the European Technology Platform (ETP) for organic food & farming, uniting large companies, small & medium enterprises, researchers, farmers, consumers and civil society organisations active in the organic value chain from production, input & supply, to food processing, marketing and consumption.

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