

ORGANIC SEEDS FOR ORGANIC FARMING

RESULTS OF THE EUROPEAN LIVESEED PROJECT

In the framework of the [Organic Innovation Days](#) organized by the European Technology Platform TP Organics which took place on 24-25 November 2020, [the main results of the Liveseed project have been presented](#), highlighting how the availability and use of organically produced seeds represent fundamental aspects for organic agriculture.

Funded by the EU Horizon Program 2020, the Liveseed project is managed by a [Consortium of 50 partners covering 17 European countries](#).

The partners include multiple actors from: research institutes, breeding companies, seed companies, organic associations of farmers, processors, retailers, and national authorities. The objective of the Consortium is to improve the organic seed and breeding sector, encouraging greater use of organic seeds. The activities and main results of this project are presented on its website. The Liveseed project, coordinated by [IFOAM Organics Europe](#), invites other actors engaged in the organic seed and breeding sector to become a member of the platform.

In September 2020, the Liveseed project published the new booklet [Creating incentives for farmers to use organic seeds. Bottlenecks and success factors in 4 pilot case studies](#). The booklet presents the experiences of pilot practices set up to incentivize the use of organic seeds in four different countries: Italy (Organic durum wheat), The Netherlands (Organic spinach seed); Hungary (Organic einkorn and emme) and Romania (Organic field crop seeds for large scale production).

In July 2020 the project also released the booklet [Success stories on organic seed production & breeding](#) that illustrates a selection of success stories from France, Italy, the Netherlands, Switzerland and Germany. The booklet is based on interviews recorded during the visits made to local experiences in progress in these countries. All of the farmers, breeders, seed companies or cooperatives portrayed in this publication have something in common: they had embarked on a unique and inspiring journey towards becoming leading organic seed producers or breeders of their particular crop.

In the [Practice-abstracts section](#) of the Liveseed website, a list of abstracts produced in the framework of the project, divided by topic of interest is also available.

These materials and booklets, which focus on problems and solutions adopted by local experiences in European countries to incentivize the use of organic seeds, illustrate issues which could be of interest for farmers and operators interested in transitioning from conventional agriculture to organic agriculture in other contexts.



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