

IFOAM EU meets business

Bringing the organic food industry together

30 October 2018 / L42, Rue de la Loi 42, Brussels ([here](#))

Description of the event:

IFOAM EU and its Interest Group of Organic Processors and traders (IGOP) work on a variety of issues impacting their work, with the aim of shaping strategies and policies that advance the organic sector. This meeting will be an opportunity for IFOAM EU, IGOP and interested food companies who work with organic products to discuss relevant topics in the organic sector, to share information and exchange on best practices, to understand each other's perspectives and most importantly to debate and shape the direction to take in the next working period.

The event will start with an **introduction to the work of IFOAM EU and IGOP**. This session will be followed by a plenary on the **new regulation, focusing on residues and contaminants**.

After the coffee break we will delve into a world café of two rounds. The topic of this world café is the following: **How can the private sector contribute to a well-functioning organic supply chain and its integrity?** Please keep in mind the topics of quality assurance, traceability, raw material availability, and fraud. The workshops will be briefly introduced by moderators. The day will end with two presentations, the first presentation will address **market development in the organic sector**, the second will discuss the **impacts that Brexit will have on the organic sector**.

Agenda of the event:

TIME	ITEM	SPEAKERS AND MODERATORS
09.00	Arrival of participants & Welcome coffee	Moderator of event: Michel Reynaud, IFOAM EU Board member, EOCC
09.30	Introductory session - Introduction of IFOAM EU - Introduction to the work of IGOP	Eduardo Cuoco, IFOAM EU Director Sarah Compson, IGOP chair, Soil Association
10.00	PLENARY New regulation: focus on residues and contaminants	Emanuele Busacca, IFOAM EU Regulation manager Alexander Beck, IGOP member, AöL
11.30	Coffee break	
12.00	World Café – Two rounds	
12.30	How can the private sector contribute to a well-functioning organic supply chain and its integrity?	
13.00	Lunch	
14.30	Market development: how to reach 50% organic? <i>Presentation & Exchange of views</i>	Clare McDermott, Business Development Director, Soil Association
15.15	Coffee break	
15.45	How will Brexit impact the organic sector? <i>Presentation & Exchange of views</i>	Sarah Compson, IGOP chair, Soil Association
16.15	Wrap up & final remarks	Marian Blom, IFOAM EU Board member, Bionext
16.30	End of the meeting	

