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**Sharing knowledge and tools for organic farming - Organic Farm Knowledge platform has new design and content**

BIOFACH, NUREMBERG (Germany), 15 FEBRUARY 2019 – The [Organic Farm Knowledge platform](#) hosts a wide range of practical knowledge and tools for organic farmers and advisers that help improve farming practices. A new version of the online platform covering more themes and a new design will be launched today at the Science Day at BIOFACH 2019.

A first version of the platform – focussing on organic arable cropping – was launched in October 2016. FiBL (Research Institute of Organic Agriculture), IFOAM EU and ICROFS (International Centre for Research in Organic Food Systems) have taken the platform to a higher level with new themes such as animal husbandry and organic plant breeding. A new design and more content, including a news and events section, complete the update.

“The complexity of organic farming requires farmers to have a very high level of knowledge and skills, and exchange on organic farming techniques remains limited. Organic Farm Knowledge aims to fill this gap. It will be the go-to resource for practical, farmer-oriented knowledge on organic farming in Europe.”, says Bram Moeskops, Research & Innovation Manager at IFOAM EU.

“Several projects that produce relevant knowledge for organic farmers have recently started. Practice-oriented materials from these projects such as factsheets, videos, decision-support tools, guidelines, and reports will continuously be uploaded on the platform.”, stated Helga Willer, Group Leader Dissemination & Outreach at the Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBL). Organic Farm Knowledge collaborates with several Horizon 2020 projects like [OK-Net EcoFeed](#), [LIVESEED](#), [RELACS](#), [ReMIX](#), [FutureEUAqua](#), and [CORE Organic](#).

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## Notes for editors

The core organisations behind [Organic Farm Knowledge](#) are IFOAM EU, FiBL and ICROFS. Partner organisations in the Board of Organic Farm Knowledge are the Italian association for organic farming (AIAB), the German organic producer association Bioland, the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari (CIHEAM Bari), the Organic Research Centre (ORC) in the UK and the Technical Institute for Organic Farming in France (ITAB). The Board is in charge of strategic development of the platform, establishing quality criteria, and securing maintenance and continuity of the platform.

Funds to update Organic Farm Knowledge were provided by [OK-Net EcoFeed](#). This project aims at helping organic pig and poultry farmers to achieve the goal of 100% use of organic and regional feed. The project is financed by Horizon 2020, the EU's main funding instrument for research and innovation. OK-Net EcoFeed started in January 2018 and runs until December 2020.

[Science Day](#) at BIOFACH is organised by TP Organics, the European Technology Platform for Organic Food and Farming. The aim of this annual event is to discuss developments in organic research, and EU research policy with actors in the organic sector.

IFOAM EU represents more than 200 member organisations in the EU-28, the EU accession countries and EFTA. Member organisations span the entire organic food chain and beyond – from farmers and processors organisations, retailers, certifiers, consultants, traders and researchers to environmental and consumer advocacy bodies.

## Links

- Organic Farm Knowledge platform: <https://organic-farmknowledge.org/>
- OK-Net EcoFeed website: <https://ok-net-ecofeed.eu/>



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