Invitation

EU-Forum
Producers and Animals in the Focus of Regulation (EU) 2018/848
Symposium on Animal Husbandry and Grazing Management in Organic Farming

June 10th, 2021 | Online
Against the background of the Green Deal with the aim of increasing the share of organic area to 25% by 2030 and in connection with the entry into force of the new Organic Regulation (EU) 2018/848 on January 1st, 2022, adjustments to national legislation for organic production will be required in the EU member states. The practical implementation of the latter is associated with opportunities and with challenges, notably in connection with organic animal husbandry.

In order to develop a common perspective across the Union on the implementation possibilities, especially with regard to pasture management, the Austrian Rural Network is organizing a Europe-wide expert conference (EU Forum) on June 10th, 2021, in cooperation with the Austrian Chamber of Agriculture, BIO AUSTRIA, the umbrella organisation of control bodies and the agricultural research centre Raumberg-Gumpenstein. Producers and animals will be at the centre of the discussion about the implementation of the new legal requirements for organic production.

The aim of the event is to bring together all stakeholders in this process, in order to discuss the concerns and hopes of organic farmers with representatives of the European Commission. With reference to individual management challenges in practice, a common approach will be sought that offers practical solutions for pasture management and is in line with Union law.

The Organizing Team
Austrian Rural Network in cooperation with Austrian Chamber of Agriculture (LK Österreich), BIO AUSTRIA (representing >60% of Austrian organic farms), Interessengemeinschaft der Kontrollstellen (umbrella organisation of control bodies) and Höhere Bundeslehr- und Forschungsanstalt Raumberg-Gumpenstein (agricultural research centre)
Programme

from 09:00
Opening of the online meeting room and technical check

09:30
Opening and review of the Technical Dialogue (national expert conference on June 9th, 2021)

SESSION 1

Moderation: Gertraud Leimüller | winnovation consulting gmbh

09:45
Animal husbandry in organic farming: farmers and advisors from Austria and neighbouring Member States address their situation videoclip

09:55
Regulation (EU) 2018/848 as a pillar for the future development of animal production in organic farming and regrading European markets.
Jan Plagge | President of IFOAM – International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements

10:15
Diego Canga Fano | Principal Advisor of DG AGRI – Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission

10:30
Break

SESSION 2

Moderation: Gertraud Leimüller | winnovation consulting gmbh

10:40
Highlights: Organic agriculture in Central European regions and the new legislative framework – theoretical and practical insights
Stakeholders from Austria, Germany, France and Europe report on national implementation challenges.

— Andrea Wagner | Vice president of Lower Austrian Chamber of Agriculture, Austria
— Hubert Heigl | President of Naturland Germany, Germany
— Alexander Beck | Executive Board Member Association of Organic Food Manufacturers, Germany
— Fiona Marty | European Policy Officer of FNAB – French Organic Farmers Federation, France
— Herbert Dorfmann | Coordinator of the Agricultural Committee, European People's Party
Programme

11:40
Panel discussion: How could practical solutions look like within the European legal frame?
Technical discussion with experts from the European Commission on practical pasture management solutions, that can be implemented throughout the Union, in due consideration of animal and human welfare.
— Josef Moosbrugger | President of Austrian Chamber of Agriculture
— Gertraud Grabmann | Head of BIO AUSTRIA
— Martin Häusling | Member of the European Parliament
— Jan Plagge | President of IFOAM – International Federation of Organic Agricultural Movements
— Elena Panichi | Head of Unit Organics, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission
— Herbert Dorffmann | Coordinator of the Agricultural Committee, European People’s Party
— Wolfram Dienel | Vice Chair of Copa-Cogeca Working Party on Organic Agriculture

12:55
Closing statement

13:15
End of the event
Registration and Information

**Date**
June 10th, 2021 | 09:30 a.m.–01:15 p.m.

**Place**
Online-Event via Zoom Webinar

**Language**
German
(simultaneous translation English/German)

After registering, you will receive the access information by email, in good time before the event. For successful participation a computer/notebook/tablet/smartphone and a high-speed internet connection is required. The webinar room is available for testing any time before the event at http://zoom.us/test.

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**Costs**
Participation is free.

**Registration required at**
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(Registration deadline: June 7th, 2021)