

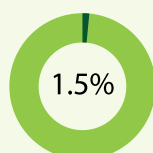
PROSPECTS & DEVELOPMENTS FOR ORGANIC IN NATIONAL CAP STRATEGIC PLANS IRELAND



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KEY INDICATORS 2019

PRODUCTION



73,952 ha
organic agricultural land
0.05% of EU agricultural land



1,725 organic producers
on average farms of 42.9 ha



4,319 ha (0.9%)¹

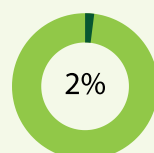


64 ha (3.8%)¹



69,323 ha (1.6%)¹

MARKET



€206 million
retail sales
€43 per capita



26 organic processors

CAP SUPPORT (2018)²



72,000 ha supported
97.3% of certified area
at average of 111 €/ha/year



8 M€/year expenditure

2030 SCENARIOS FOR CAP EXPENDITURE² & ORGANIC AREA

	National organic area share	Average annual growth	Organic area (kha)		CAP expenditure (M€/year)			
			Certified	Supported by the CAP	2018 rates	2018 rates + 25% ³	If 100% certified area supported ³	If 100% certified area supported at EU 2018 rate ⁶
2014-2019	1.5%	8.5%	74	72	8	10	10	16
LINEAR⁴	2.3%	4.9%	114	111	12	15	16	24
POTENTIAL⁵	12.0%	63.0%	586	570	63	79	81 ⁶	125 ⁶
ENHANCED⁷	14.2%	76.0%	692	673	75	94	96	148

In 2018, conversion/maintenance support was paid on 97.3% certified area at 111 €/ha/year average. Based on these scenarios, a 12% by 2030 target is challenging, and would require 10 times current expenditure. If achieved, this would contribute 0.37% to the EU target of 25% by 2030.

¹ Share of national total for category

² CAP support for organic conversion and maintenance, including national co-financing

³ These values are further explained in the technical note that is available on www.organicseurope.bio

⁴ Linear trend growth continuing on 2014-2019 basis





⁵ Target proposed by national organic movement, national official target 7.5% by 2027

⁶ Current payment rates are almost 50% below EU average. CAP expenditure based on EU average

⁷ Enhanced target needed to reach EU 25% target




CURRENT CAP, NATIONAL POLICY SUPPORT & ACTIONS NEEDED

CAP SUPPORT PAYMENTS (IN €/HA/YEAR)

					ACTIONS NEEDED
CONVERSION	60-260	60-300	60-300	60-220	Ensure conversion costs fully recognised
MAINTENANCE	30-170	30-200	30-200	30-170	Increase funding levels to reflect the full costs of organic production
CONVERSION AS % OF MAINTENANCE	150-200%	150-200%	150-200%	130-200%	
DRAFT PLANS FOR CAP 2023-2027 ORGANIC SUPPORT TO BE...	Proposed to maintain and enhance organic farming support under Pillar 2, but no budget allocated to date				Budget aligned to national area target

Organic farms should have priority access to agri-environment and eco-schemes to support environmental and climate objectives that go beyond the scope of the organic regulations. CAP funds should be adequately deployed to support organic specific advice and training, infrastructural investments and market development and promotion.

NATIONAL ORGANIC ACTION PLAN

- 2019-2025
- Targets by 2025:
 -  Increase of national area
 -  Increased organic market
 -  Progress towards achieving targets: Behind target
- No specific future plans. Need for action plan with 2030 targets

OTHER POLICY SUPPORT

COMBINATION WITH OTHER AGRI-ENVI MEASURES

Current context

Combinations with many agri-environmental options possible, but some restrictions

Action needed

Improve/develop combinations/specific options for organic farms to benefit from synergies

SUPPORT INVESTMENTS, MARKET DEVELOPMENT & PROMOTION

Capital investment scheme and some national funding for processing investment and market development

Maintain/develop support options to promote organic market development

SUPPORT FOR ADVICE, TRAINING, INNOVATION & RESEARCH

Limited provision of funded advice and training

Maintain/develop support options to promote knowledge and innovation

LEGEND



Annual crops



Horticulture crops



Permanent crops



Grassland



Production



Organic market

PROSPECTS & DEVELOPMENTS FOR ORGANIC IN NATIONAL CAP STRATEGIC PLANS TECHNICAL NOTES



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KEY INDICATORS 2019

PRODUCTION AND MARKET

- The organic land area, the retail sales value (total and per capita) and operators number data (producers and processors) for 2019 are from FiBL data sets available on <https://statistics.fibl.org/europe.html>. These data are consistent in most cases with Eurostat data, with some exceptions (e.g. Germany);
- The breakdown by organic land use category (arable land, permanent crops, grassland) is from FiBL: <https://statistics.fibl.org/visualisation/crops.html>;
- The total agricultural land area (UAA) and breakdown by main land use type data for the % share calculations are from Eurostat <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/data/database>, but relate to 2016, the latest year for which data are currently available.

CAP SUPPORT

- The total support expenditure, share of certified area supported and average support per hectare values for each country and the EU-27 are 2018 data from a not yet published report compiled by the Thünen Institute.¹

2030 SCENARIOS FOR CAP EXPENDITURE² & ORGANIC AREA

THE COLUMNS

- National organic area share: This is the share of national agricultural area (Utilised Agricultural Area or UAA) farmed under organic principles. Values are actual for 2019 and estimations for 2030, determined as indicated below for each scenario;
- Annual average growth rates are calculated on the basis of the start and end values for each period, in the historic case 2014 and 2019, in subsequent scenarios 2019 and 2030. These values assume a constant growth percentage each year, although it is likely that over time these growth rates will diminish as the sectors grow larger.
- The linear trend values are estimated using linear regression analysis of the data for all years from 2014 to 2019, not only the start and end values, to forecast the outcome in 2030.
- Organic area (kha):
 - Certified: Initial 2019 data increased as appropriate for each scenario
 - Supported by the CAP: assuming same share of certified area receiving organic conversion and maintenance support as in 2018.¹
- CAP expenditure (million EUR):
 - Total annual expenditure (million EUR, 2018 average rates): Based on 2018 average payment per hectare data from Thünen Institute report,¹ multiplied by area supported. Values include both EU and national co-financing.
 - 2018 rates +25%: Expenditure if 25% increase in payment rates (million EUR): Assumes that the 2018 average payment per hectare are increased by 25%.
 - If 100% certified area supported: Assumes that the 2018 +25% average payment per hectare is applied to all certified area. In some countries unsupported land is permanent grassland where a lower rate of payment might be expected, so these values represent top end of range.

THE FOUR ROWS

- 2014-2019: it is the historic growth based on actual area data up to 2019, with 2019 expenditure estimated based on 2018 values (see Key indicators above).
- Linear trend: assumes that the growth from 2019 to 2030 will keep the same growth rate calculated using linear regression analysis as achieved in 2014-2019.
- Feasible: These scenarios are proposed on the basis of either:
 - Official targets in national action plans or CAP strategic plans,
 - Organic sector preferred targets as communicated by IFOAM Organics Europe's members,
 - Value suggested by the consultant on basis of current situation and scenario results.
 - The origin of the targets varies from country to country, and it is explained in the footnotes.
- Enhanced: the organic land growth share needed to deliver the 25% EU target are based on pro rata increases to the Feasible growth values.

IN THE TEXT

The percentage points contribution to the EU target refers to the share of EU UAA that would be achieved, so a 1 percentage point contribution to the 25% target is 1% of EU UAA, not 1% of the target.

CURRENT CAP, NATIONAL POLICY SUPPORT & ACTIONS NEEDED

CAP SUPPORT PAYMENTS (IN €/HA/YEAR)

- Conversion & Maintenance: Data on organic conversion and maintenance payment rates for different land use types are for 2019 (reflecting the 2015-2020 rural development programmes) and sourced from the Thünen Institute report.¹ Payment ranges reflect crop type, area and regional variations – full details are available in the report.
- Conversion as % of maintenance: this is the percentage value of conversion payments compared to maintenance payments, directly calculated from the two values above. Given payments are calculated on an income foregone basis, and conversion normally entails additional investment and restructuring costs, as well as lack of access to organic premium prices, conversion payments might be expected to be substantially higher than maintenance payments, at least for the first 2-3 years until full organic status is achieved.
- Plans for CAP 2021-2027 organic support to be...: Information on future CAP plans reflect responses to IFOAM Organic Europe's survey (April-May 2021) of its national member organisations.

NATIONAL ORGANIC ACTION PLAN

- Data on current national action plans is obtained from the Thünen Institute report.¹
- Information on future action plans reflect responses to IFOAM Organics Europe's 2021 survey of member organisations.

OTHER POLICY SUPPORT

- Assessments of other support policies (Current context and Actions needed) reflect the judgement of the consultant based on the Thünen Institute report.¹
- Information was integrated and validated by IFOAM Organics Europe's Council members.

¹ Lampkin N and Sanders S (2021 in press) Organic support payments in the European Union. Thünen Working Paper. Braunschweig: Thünen Institute.

² CAP support for organic conversion and maintenance, including national co-financing.