

A SHORT OVERVIEW OF IFOAM ORGANICS EUROPE'S PRESENT, PAST & FUTURE WORK

IFOAM Organics Europe is the European umbrella organisation for organic food and farming. We represent organic in European policymaking and advocate for a transformation of food and farming. Our work is based on the principles of organic agriculture – health, ecology, fairness and care.

With more than 200 members in 34 European countries, we are the voice of the entire organic food chain.

To make our vision of sustainable food systems a reality, we are actively engaged in cooperations and alliances with environmental, animal welfare and development NGOs, and farmers' organisations. Among others, we are part of the civil society Food Policy Coalition and of the Good Food Good Farming platform.

THE EU INSTITUTIONS RECOGNISE IFOAM ORGANICS EUROPE AS LEADING ADVOCATE ON EU POLICY FOR ORGANIC FOOD & FARMING

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Executive body

- Strong connection at all levels, especially the Organics Unit and other units in DG AGRI, DG ENVI, DG CLIMA, DG SANTE and DG DG Research & Innovation
- Participation in diverse consultations, Advisory and Civil Dialogue Groups on topics related to organic farming, EU Organic Action Plan, CAP, direct payments, rural development, EIP-AGRI, research & innovation and more

COUNCIL OF THE EU

Legislative body

- Regular contact with national Permanent Representations and coordination of advocacy work at all levels to influence Council positions
- Cooperation with Council Presidencies, e.g., the Estonian Council Presidency during the European Organic Congress 2017
- Participation at high-level events like the 2019 Romanian Presidency's Interparliamentary Meeting on the CAP and Cohesion Policy

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Legislative body

- Good relationships with key Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) on topics relevant to organic, such as CAP, GMOs and the new EU Organic Regulation
- Organisation of political events with key MEPs, such as the European Organic Congress 2020
- Invitations to speak in the European Parliament on the EU Organic Action Plan, CAP, plant protection and seed legislation, research & innovation

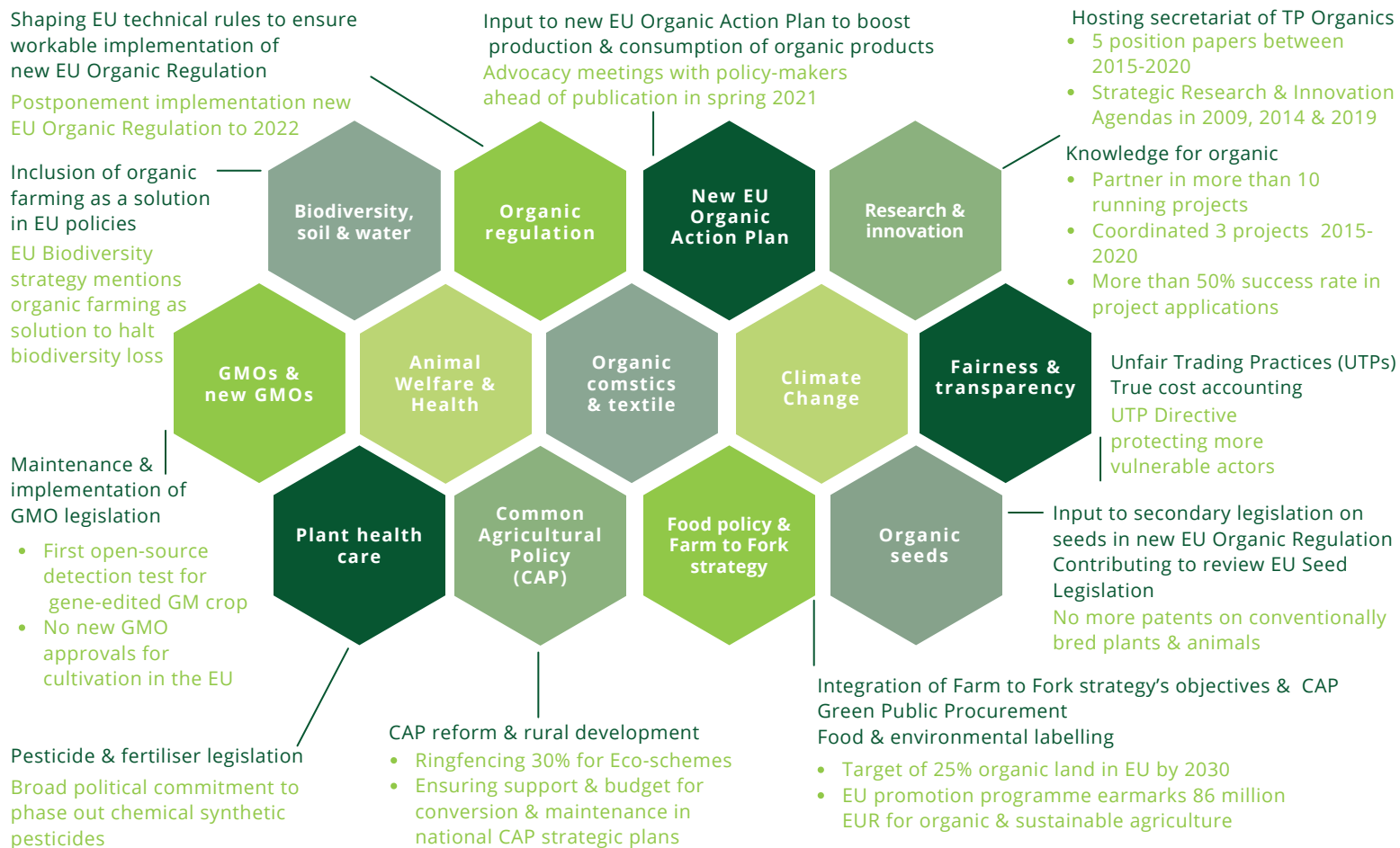


Our vision is transforming European food & farming

Read our Vision 2030

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OUR ADVOCACY WORK & MILESTONES



OUR HOT TOPICS FOR 2021 & BEYOND

Organic on every table

- Make sure future the CAP remunerates farmers providing public goods & more conversion to organic
- Ensure Farm to Fork strategy's objectives, especially the 25% organic land target by 2030, are reached
- Make the secondary legislation of the new EU Organic Regulation fit for the needs of organic producers
- Maintain GMO-free EU supply chain in organic
- Advocate for the availability of inputs adapted to organic

Improve – Inspire – Deliver

- Secure enough funding for Research & Innovation in organic
- Work towards an Organic Action Plan boosting organic production & consumption
- Advocate for increased support for organic advisory services
- Strengthen connections with organic processors, traders & retailers
- Advocate for a mandatory target for organic products in Green Public Procurement
- Restore & protect agricultural biodiversity through appropriate regulation & support of organic seeds

Fair play – Fair pay

- Highlight the contribution of organic farming to climate change mitigation & adaption
- Follow the implementation of the Unfair Trading Practices Directive
- Show organic solutions for food & farming systems through involvement in projects