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## EU PARLIAMENT AGRI COMMITTEE SUPPORTS ORGANIC FARMING IN VOTE ON ORGANIC ACTION PLAN REPORT

BRUSSELS, 31 MARCH 2022 – IFOAM Organics Europe welcomes ComAGRI’s vote on the Parliament’s Organic Action Plan (OAP) report. AGRI MEPs have today voted to support a global transition towards sustainable food systems where organic farming is a key element in achieving environmental and climate objectives. The report supports the Farm to Fork strategy’s “objective of increasing the EU’s agricultural area under organic farming by 2030 through the development of supply and demand”.

IFOAM Organics Europe’s President Jan Plagge said: “The EU Action Plan on organic farming is crucial to increase both the production and demand for organic products, and we welcome the involvement/interest of MEPs. To ensure the success of the OAP in reaching the 25% organic land target and transitioning towards more sustainable food systems, we must not forget the importance of the involvement of actors at all levels, especially EU, national, regional, and local actors. The local level is particularly relevant in the context of sustainable public procurement, a way to effectively promote a systemic food system transformation”.

Jan Plagge added “Organic farming is part of the solution when it comes to mitigating the effects of climate change and restoring biodiversity loss. IFOAM Organics Europe appreciates the recognition of organic as a knowledge-intensive practice as well as the importance of raising awareness about organic and better diets both in schools and among consumers”.

The organic food and farming movement looks forward to the vote in the Parliament’s plenary in May, as well as to further collaboration with relevant institutions and interested stakeholders to make this EU Organic Action Plan a success in the years to come.

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