

PRESS RELEASE

STRATEGIC DIALOGUE CREATES UNIQUE MOMENTUM TO RECONCILE ENVIRONMENTAL & ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY

BRUSSELS, 14 OCTOBER 2024 – Speaking today at a hearing in the European Parliament committee for Agriculture on the outcome of the Strategic Dialogue on the future of agriculture, IFOAM Organics Europe president Jan Plagge declared:

“The Strategic Dialogue’s recommendations are an opportunity for all farmers, as they make it clear that environmental sustainability must go hand in hand with fair incomes. The Strategic Dialogue offers clear pathways for all farmers to transition to sustainable systems in a way that improves livelihoods, provides a real simplification while preventing greenwashing.”

Mr Plagge highlighted organic food and farming as food production system that already demonstrates this: “The Strategic Dialogue explicitly recognises organic farming as prime example of food production system that reconciles nature protection and farmers’ income and as the only legally defined and regulated sustainable production system in the EU and should be upscaled. The European Commission and the Parliament must build on this unprecedented consensus among all agrifood stakeholders to shape a clear vision of the future for the agriculture sector.”

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Background information

Useful documents

European Union official documents

- [About the Strategic Dialogue on the future of EU agriculture](#)
- Recordings of the [European Parliament’s Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development \(COMAGRI\) meeting](#) of 14 October 2024

European organic movement’s official position

- Position paper: [A Common Agricultural Policy \(CAP\) fit for the future – Organic’s vision for the CAP post-2027](#)
- [Manifesto for an EU with vibrant rural areas and sustainable food systems](#)

Other

- Press releases
 - [Strategic Dialogue – Organic is a leading choice for transitioning to sustainable agri-food systems](#)

- [Shaping agrifood's future: Future CAP should empower farmers and ensure agroecological transition](#)
- European organic movement's work on the [Common Agricultural Policy](#)
- Organic agriculture and its benefits for climate and biodiversity – [Report](#) and [visualised](#)

IFOAM Organics Europe is the European umbrella organisation for organic food and farming. With almost 200 members in 34 European countries, our work spans the entire organic food chain and beyond: from farmers and processors organisations, retailers, certifiers, consultants, traders, and researchers to environmental and consumer advocacy bodies.



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