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IFOAM Organics Europe welcomes the recognition of organic farming green benefits in the CAP simplification proposal

BRUSSELS, 14 MAY 2025 – IFOAM Organics Europe welcomes the positive recognition that organic farming is “green by definition” in the CAP simplification proposal presented today by the Commission, as organic systems significantly contribute to the environmental sustainability of the EU agricultural sector.

According to Jan Plagge, President of IFOAM Organics Europe: “Simplifying the CAP is welcome, it helps both farmers and national authorities, but it should go hand in hand with stronger incentives for farmers to engage in sustainable production methods, such as organic farming. Simplification should support - not dilute - the transition of the EU agri-food system towards sustainability. It is now crucial that Member States implement this package swiftly and effectively, as the real impact will be measured by what happens on the ground.”

Plagge continued: “The recognition of organic farmers as “green by definition” for some conditionality requirements is a step in the right direction, since it provides additional incentives for farmers to invest in ambitious sustainable farming systems. This recognition is essential as organic farmers deliver many public goods that are currently not remunerated adequately by neither the market, nor the CAP.”

This is also a recognition that the organic certification system, backed by an ambitious EU Regulation on organic agriculture, is an efficient simplification tool to ensure farm sustainability, both for farmers and for national authorities. Organic agriculture should logically play a more important role in a streamlined future CAP that is expected to focus on incentives.

IFOAM Organics Europe calls on the European Parliament and Council to not use this simplification process to lower the environmental ambitions of the CAP. It is crucial to maintain a clear direction for the transition to sustainable agri-food systems in the EU, and to uphold the environmental performance of the Common Agricultural Policy as a priority to be achieved by better incentivizing and supporting farmers to engage in an ambitious environmental re-design of their farms, that will make them resilient to future social and environmental crises.

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Background information

European Union official documents

Commission [proposal](#) for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending various regulations related to the CAP

Discussions on CAP at our upcoming events

On 25 June, during the [European Organic Congress](#) which will be held in Warsaw (Poland), IFOAM Organics Europe will hold a panel debate “From (the) Vision to Action: the new CAP and the role of organic”. [Register now](#) and take part in the discussion!

Other

- European organic movement’s position paper on the Common Agricultural Policy
- Our leaflet “Future of EU agriculture – A CAP reform fit for purpose”
- The European organic movement and its general work on the CAP

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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