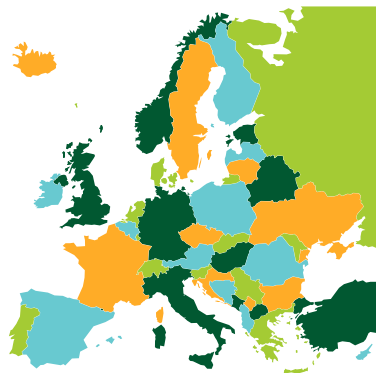


YOUNG LEADERSHIP FOR A GREENER EUROPE

The **Organics Europe Youth Network** is a dynamic coalition of young leaders and organisations across Europe dedicated to empowering the voice of organic youth and the promotion of sustainable food systems. It is a bottom-up, independent initiative, coordinated by IFOAM Organics Europe. So far, the network gathers youth representatives from over 20 organisations throughout the supply chain.



The main goals are:



Representing the young organic movement in European policymaking



Advocating for generational renewal and the transformation of food and farming based on the principles of organic agriculture



Empowering the voices of young organic farmers, entrepreneurs and scientists



Exchanging knowledge, innovation, and collaboration

Generational renewal in agri-food is not optional, it is essential!

57

Average age
of EU farmers

6.5%

of farmers are under
the age of 35



Some of the obstacles young farmers and entrepreneurs face:

- limited access to land
- lack of financial and technical support
- barriers to education and knowledge
- insufficient rural infrastructure

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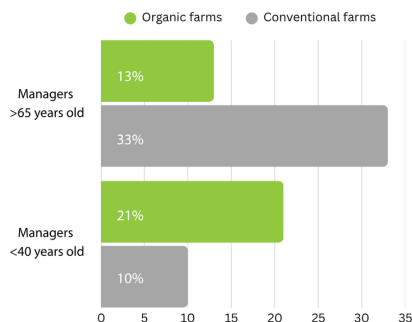
“European agriculture urgently needs generational renewal: as most young farmers want to produce organic, organic takes a huge part in the generational renewal.

We absolutely need a strong youth organization to bring together all these enthusiastic minds!”

THOMAS MONTAGNE

Young organic farmer, breeding sheep and producing cereal and plums in France

Generational renewal and the fostering of organic agriculture go hand in hand.



Organic agriculture has a higher share of younger people!

By making long-term investments into sustainability, organic youth is an important piece of the puzzle in advancing the sustainable transition of our food system.

This is why the Organics Europe Youth Network is making the voices for organic youth heard at the European level – especially regarding generational renewal. For example, the network has participated already in 2 Youth Policy Dialogues with the Agricultural Commissioner.



Get in touch

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