

SEEDS IN THE NEW ORGANIC REGULATION 2018/848

CONFERENCE on 16th October 2018 at the European Parliament, Brussels, Room A1G3

9h: Registration

9h15: Introduction, appointment of moderator and welcome: Hosting MEPs

- GREENS/EFA : Martin Häusling
- S&D : Eric Andrieu
- ALDE : Ivan Jakovčić
- EPP: Norbert Lins

9h30: Technical and political presentation of the new EU Regulation.

This session will provide an overview of the progress made and of the challenges to come in the general context of the new EU Regulation on organic production.

- Historical and political background of Organic Regulation 2018/848 (Hannes Lorenzen, special advisor to the Greens/EFA)
- New provisions concerning organic seeds and varieties (Blanche Magarinos-Rey, Artemisia Aisbl)

09h50: Conservation and sustainable use of agro-biodiversity through “organic heterogeneous material”

Stakeholders dedicated to the conservation and sustainable use of agro-biodiversity will analyse the potential impact of the new provisions on “OHM”, but also the difficulties in implementation, and subsequent needs of actors on the ground.

- Definitions, use and utility of populations in organic agriculture (Isabelle Goldringer; INRA)
- Comments of an organic biodiversity farmer (Roland Feuilllas)
- Comments of seed savers (Fulya Batur, Arche Noah)

10h20: Q&A session

10h30: Coffee Break

11h00: Breeding for organic farming with “organic varieties”

Public and/or private breeders dedicated to organic production will analyse the potential impact of the new opportunities offered by “organic varieties”, but also the difficulties in implementation, and subsequent needs of actors on the ground.

- Lessons from the ongoing temporary experiment in cereals for organic varieties (Anders Borgen, Agrologica DK)
- Outlook for the future and the needs of organic breeders (Barbara Maria Rudolf, Saat:gut ev)

11h20: Availability of organic seeds for farmers

Different types of farmers and farmer organisations will analyse the potential impact of the new rules that impact the availability of organic seeds on the market, but also the difficulties in implementation, and subsequent needs of actors on the ground.

- Databases and organic seed availability, the Liveseed project (Alexandra Fuss, IFOAM-EU Group)
- Perspective of smaller scale farmers (Chrysoula Skorditi, Greek organic farmers Federation)
- Perspective of larger scale farmers (Thor Kofoed, Copa-Cogeca)

11:50: Q&A session

12h15. Roads of the future: What are the challenges and opportunities ahead?

This session will attempt to wrap up previous discussions and present pathways to respond to the main challenges and opportunities identified by the different stakeholders.

- European Commission, DG SANTE (Thomas Weber)
- Artemisia law (Blanche Magarinos-Rey)
- Concluding words by the European Parliament Rapporteur (Martin Häusling) & the moderator

13h00: Standing Lunch (Forum Bar, 3rd Floor)

14h15: End of the Conference



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THE DAY IS NOT OVER YET !

For those who have registered to the afternoon activity :

14h30: Meeting point in the Parliament's esplanade

14h42: Train departure from Bruxelles-Luxembourg Station (a train car has been reserved for our group)

15h15-17h15: Guided visit of the "Forêt de Soignes" (ASBL Tournesol on forest biodiversity & the Soignes index)



17h42: Train departure to Brussels

For those who have registered to the dinner :

19h: Celebratory & Complementary Dinner at DOLMA
Address: 129, Chaussée d'Ixelles, 1050 Bruxelles

