

## SEEDS IN THE NEW ORGANIC REGULATION 2018/848

CONFERENCE on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at the European Parliament, Brussels, Room A1G3

### 9h: Registration

#### 9h15: Introduction 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.*

- New provisions concerning organic seeds and varieties (Artemisia, Blanche Magarinos-Rey)
- Implementation of the new provisions in coming years and future delegated acts (European Commission, DG AGRI)

#### 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)

#### 11h30: 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)

### 12:00: Q&A session

#### 12h20. Roads of the future: What are the challenges and opportunities ahead?

*This session will attempt to wrap up previous discussions and identify the main challenges and opportunities identified by all different stakeholders.*

- European Commission, DG SANTE (Thomas Weber)
- Artemisia law (Blanche Magarinos-Rey)
- European Parliament Rapporteur (Martin Häusling)

### 13h00: Standing Lunch (Forum Bar, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)

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