



LIVESEED

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Boosting organic seed and plant breeding across Europe

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LIVESEED consortium



49 partners
18 countries

23 breeding &
research institutes
7 breeding companies
8 seed companies
11 org. associations

LIVESEED activities to boost organic seed

- Seed supplier survey to estimate organic seed production (autumn 2018)
- Farmers survey to get insights in their motivations and needs (winter 2018/19)
- 8 national workshops to discuss the issue of organic seed in Latvia, Hungary, Spain, Bulgaria, Romania, Greece, Poland, Italy (2019)
- Business modelling for organic seed systems



Aim of LIVESEED: 100% organic seed of adapted cultivars



Regulation 2018/848 Article 53:

- derogations should be phased out
- only organic seed should be used by 2036 (extension possible)

Current situation in Europe regarding organic seed

1. Derogation policy implemented in different ways in the MS
2. Not sufficient organic seed available
3. Not the suited varieties in organic available
4. Not real functioning databases in some MS
5. No data on organic seed produced or used



(I) What can be done to stimulate organic seed use and production?

Organic Databases for PRM (2018/848 Art. 26)

- Digital
- Accessible for all stakeholders
- Updates frequent and regularly
- Seed supplier withdrawal offer once sold out

Seed Expert groups & national annex

- list species for which enough organic seed is available and for which no derogation is therefore possible
- National seed expert groups evaluate the availability of organic seed annually.
- Has shown to be very useful to stimulate organic seed production, increase organic seed use and to reduce derogations.



(II) What can be done to stimulate organic seed use and production?

Derogation Rules

- include reasons for authorising derogations as it is in the current regulation (Art. 45.5 of Regulation (EC) No 889/2008)

Organic field trials

- evaluate how the varieties perform under organic conditions
- Provide sufficient information to organic farmers about their variety choice

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- Interviews
- Workshops
- Events






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