

## Organic Innovation Days 2024

**Preparing for the next programme: Getting organic research & innovation ready for the new political mandate**

**Joint event with [CORE Organic Pleiades](#)<sup>1</sup>: Celebrating 20 years of international collaboration for organic research**

Day 1

22 October, 12:30-16:00, Organic House, Brussels

### Draft agenda

Time	What	Speaker(s) / moderator(s)
09:00-12:30	<b>CORE Organic Annual Workshop – for CORE Organic Pleiades partners only</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Panel debate</li> <li>Roundtable</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ivana Trkulja, Project Manager, CORE Organic at ICROFS</li> <li>All CORE Organic partners</li> </ul>
12:30-13:30	<i>Arrival, registration and organic networking lunch</i>	
13:30-13:45	<b>Welcome and introduction:</b> Reflection on the past and future collaboration between CORE Organic and IFOAM Organics Europe / TP Organics	Eduardo Cuoco, Head of Secretariat, TP Organics
13:45-14:15	<b>Key-note:</b> The new policy mandate – research & innovation priorities and opportunities	MEP Sigrid Friis, Deputy Coordinator, ITRE Committee & Member of the Bureau, Renew Europe Group (TBC)
14:15-15:30	<b>High-level policy debate:</b> What steps are being taken to put research & innovation for sustainable food and farming for long-term food security high on the agenda of the new political mandate, and what opportunities does the next programme offer for organic and agroecological R&I?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MEP Sigrid Friis (TBC)</li> <li>Rosalinda Scalia, Deputy Head of Unit, Bioeconomy &amp; Food Systems, DG RTD, European Commission</li> <li>Kerstin Rosenow, Head of Unit, Research &amp; Innovation, DG AGRI, European Commission</li> <li>Bram Moeskops, Managing Director, FiBL Europe</li> <li>Ivana Trkulja, Project Manager, CORE Organic at ICROFS</li> <li><b>Moderator:</b> Eduardo Cuoco, Head of Secretariat, TP Organics</li> </ul>
15:30-16:00	<i>Q&amp;A and discussion with all panellists and the audience</i>	
18:00-20:00	<i>Organic networking dinner at <a href="#">Les Filles</a> organic restaurant in Brussels (TBC; at own expenses – around 35 EUR per menu)</i>	

<sup>1</sup> The CORE Organic network has existed since 2004 and has launched 8 transnational calls for funding research in organic food systems, totalling 61.9 million EUR. In 2024, it celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In September 2022, the current CCORE Organic Pleiades network of 44 partners in 28 countries/regions started which will end on 1 February 2026. The network serves as a platform for policy exchange and, similarly to TP Organics, focuses on increasing R&I funding to support the targets for organic food, farming and aquaculture as set out in the European Green Deal. CORE Organic Pleiades is implemented under the Horizon Europe project [OrganicTargets4EU](#) coordinated by IFOAM Organics Europe.

23 October, 9:00-13:00, Organic House, Brussels

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Time	What	Speaker(s) / moderator(s)
9:00-9:30	<i>Registration and welcome coffee</i>	
9:30-9:40	Welcome and introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maria Gernert, TP Organics Senior Officer</li> <li>• Karim Jouhari, TP Organics Advocacy Officer</li> </ul>
9:40-9:50	<b>Opportunities for organic research for sustainable food systems:</b> CORE Organic Pleaides Network and the new European R&I partnerships <a href="#">AGROECOLOGY</a> and <a href="#">FutureFoodS</a>	Ivana Trkulja, CORE Organic Project Manager
9:50-10:00	<i>Q&amp;A with the audience</i>	
10:00-10:15	<b>Key-note:</b> Organic farming for long-term food security: evidence from the DOK trial carried out by FiBL	Andreas Fliessbach, FiBL Switzerland, Department of Soil Sciences, Group Soil fertility & Climate
10:15-10:30	<b>Key-note:</b> How can we make short supply chains and sustainable organic consumption a reality?	Katrin Zander, Professor & Head of Agricultural and Food Marketing, University of Kassel
10:30-10:40	<i>Q&amp;A with the audience</i>	
10:40-10:55	<i>Coffee break</i>	
10:55-11:05	Introduction to TP Organics' new Strategic Research & Innovation Agenda (SRIA) for Organics and Agroecology	Bram Moeskops, Managing Director, FiBL, TP Organics Steering Committee Member & TP Organics SRIA Coordinator
11:05-12:50	<b>Four parallel SRIA workshops</b> <b>"Research &amp; Innovation for organic food and farming: triple lead for sustainable food systems"</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Leading for the environment, biodiversity and the climate</li> <li>2. Leading for people, communities and sustainable livelihoods</li> <li>3. Leading for responsible innovation</li> <li>4. Enabling policy environment</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Two rounds with input from CORE Organic partners &amp; all participants</b></li> <li>• <b>Everyone can select 2 workshops.</b></li> <li>• <b>Co-facilitators:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lizzie Melby Jespersen, LMJ Eco-farming &amp; Consult / Bram Moeskops</li> <li>2. John Thøgersen, Professor, Aarhus University / Ambra De Simone, Research &amp; Innovation Associate Manager, IFOAM Organics Europe</li> <li>3. Luca Colombo, Secretary General, FIRAB / Maria Gernert, TP Organics Senior Officer, IFOAM Organics Europe</li> <li>4. Lisa van Dijk, Network facilitator, rural development expert &amp; sheep farmer</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
12:50-13:00	Next steps, wrap up & closing	Bram Moeskops, Managing Director, FiBL, TP Organics Steering Committee Member & TP Organics SRIA Coordinator
13:00-14:00	<i>Organic networking lunch and departure</i>	
14:00-16:00	<b>TP Organics Stakeholder Forum – for Members only</b>	