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Invitation

EU-Forum

**Producers and Animals in the Focus
of Regulation (EU) 2018/848**

**Symposium on Animal Husbandry
and Grazing Management in Organic Farming**

June 10th, 2021 | Online



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EU Organic Action Plan – perspectives for producers in connection with Regulation (EU) 2018/848

Against the background of the Green Deal with the aim of increasing the share of organic area to 25 % by 2030 and in connection with the entry into force of the new Organic Regulation (EU) 2018/848 on January 1st, 2022, adjustments to national legislation for organic production will be required in the EU member states. The practical implementation of the latter is associated with opportunities and with challenges, notably in connection with organic animal husbandry.

In order to develop a common perspective across the Union on the implementation possibilities, especially with regard to pasture management, the Austrian Rural Network is organizing a Europe-wide expert conference (EU Forum) on June 10th, 2021, in cooperation with the Austrian Chamber of Agriculture, BIO AUSTRIA, the umbrella organisation of control bodies and the agricultural research centre Raumberg-Gumpenstein. Producers and animals will be at the centre of the discussion about the implementation of the new legal requirements for organic production.

The aim of the event is to bring together all stakeholders in this process, in order to discuss the concerns and hopes of organic farmers with representatives of the European Commission. With reference to individual management challenges in practice, a common approach will be sought that offers practical solutions for pasture management and is in line with Union law.

The Organizing Team

Austrian Rural Network in cooperation with Austrian Chamber of Agriculture (LK Österreich), BIO AUSTRIA (representing >60 % of Austrian organic farms), Interessengemeinschaft der Kontrollstellen (umbrella organisation of control bodies) and Höhere Bundeslehr- und Forschungsanstalt Raumberg-Gumpenstein (agricultural research centre)

Programme

from 09:00

Opening of the online meeting room
and technical check

09:30

Opening and review of the Technical Dialogue
(national expert conference on June 9th, 2021)

Short welcoming speech

- Elisabeth Köstinger | Federal Minister
of Agriculture, Regions and Tourism,
Republic of Austria
- Wolfgang Mückstein | Federal Minister
of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer
Protection, Republic of Austria

SESSION 1

Moderation: Gertraud Leimüller |
winnovation consulting gmbh

09:45

Animal husbandry in organic farming:
farmers and advisors from Austria
and neighbouring Member States address
their situation

videoclip

09:55

Regulation (EU) 2018/848 as a pillar for the future
development of animal production in organic
farming and regrading European markets.

Jan Plagge | President of IFOAM – International
Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements

10:15

The European Organic Action Plan as a
new strategy in the context of the European
Green Deal and the role of Regulation (EU)
2018/848 in regard the development of the
organics sector.

Diego Canga Fano | Principal Advisor of DG AGRI
– Directorate-General for Agriculture and
Rural Development, European Commission

10:30

Break

SESSION 2

Moderation: Gertraud Leimüller |
winnovation consulting gmbh

10:40

Highlights: Organic agriculture in Central
European regions and the new legislative
framework – theoretical and practical insights
Stakeholders from Austria, Germany, France
and Europe report on national implementation
challenges.

- Andrea Wagner | Vice president of Lower
Austrian Chamber of Agriculture, Austria
- Hubert Heigl | President of Naturland
Germany, Germany
- Alexander Beck | Executive Board Member
Association of Organic Food Manufacturers,
Germany
- Fiona Marty | European Policy Officer
of FNAB – French Organic Farmers
Federation, France
- Herbert Dorfmann | Member of the
European People's Party

Programme

11:40

Panel discussion:

How could practical solutions look like within the European legal frame?

Technical discussion with experts from the European Commission on practical pasture management solutions, that can be implemented throughout the Union, in due consideration of animal and human welfare.

Introductory statements

- **Johannes Fankhauser | Section Head
Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Regions
and Tourism, Republic of Austria**
- **Ulrich Herzog | Section Head Federal
Ministry of Social Affairs, Health,
Care and Consumer Protection, Republic
of Austria**

- **Josef Moosbrugger | President of Austrian
Chamber of Agriculture**
- **Gertraud Grabmann | Head of BIO AUSTRIA**
- **Martin Häusling | Member of the European
Parliament, Coordinator in the EU
Agriculture Committee for the Green/EFA**
- **Jan Plagge | President of IFOAM –
International Federation of Organic
Agricultural Movements**
- **Elena Panichi | Head of Unit Organics,
Directorate-General for Agriculture and
Rural Development, European Commission**
- **Herbert Dorfmann | Member of the
European People's Party**
- **Wolfram Dienel | Vice Chair of Copa-Cogeca
Working Party on Organic Agriculture**

12:55

Closing statement

13:15

End of the event

Registration and Information

Date

June 10th, 2021 | 09:30 a.m.–01:15 p.m.

Place

Online-Event via Zoom Webinar

Language

German

(simultaneous translation English/German)

After registering, you will receive the access information by email, in good time before the event. For successful participation a computer/notebook/tablet/smartphone and a high-speed internet connection is required. The webinar room is available for testing any time before the event at <http://zoom.us/test>.

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Costs

Participation is free.

Registration required at

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(Registration deadline: June 7th, 2021)