INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY
HOW ORGANIC IMPROVES, INSPIRES & DELIVERS

- Technology and agricultural policies
- What’s in it for organic
- Improving beyond technologies

PROGRAMME
Day 1 / Innovation and technology: how organic improves, inspires & delivers agricultural policies

12:00 Welcome coffee & registration

13:00 Opening & introduction
• Petre Daea – Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of Romania
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• Pierre Bascou – Director, Sustainability and Income Support, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission
• Aard Mulders – Senior Advisor, Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality of The Netherlands
• Jan Plagge – President, IFOAM EU
• Luc Bas – Director, International Union for Conservation of Nature
• Joachim Rukwied – President, Committee of Professional Agricultural Organisations (COPA)
• Aina Calafat – Sociedad Española de Agricultura Ecológica / Agroecología (SEAE)

Moderator: Eduardo Cuoco – Director, IFOAM EU

15:00 Coffee break

15:30 Plenary: A new European organic action plan: Synergies between the EU, member state, regional, and city levels
• Ioana Dragos – North-West Regional Development Agency
• Peter Defranceschi – European Executive Committee Chair, Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI)
• Paul Holmbeck – Political Director, Organic Denmark

16:30 Coffee break

17:00 Drafting the secondary legislation in an evolving global context
• Nicolas Verlet – Head of Unit, Organics, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission

17:15 Meeting the experts: Organic Regulation
• Marion Blom – Project Manager, Bionext & Board Member, IFOAM EU
• Antoine Faure – Vice-President, The European Organic Certifiers Council (EOCC)

Moderator: Emanuele Busacca – Regulation Manager, IFOAM EU

18:00 End of day one – break until the networking dinner

19:00 Networking dinner & evening reception
Sheraton Hotel Bucharest, Calea Dorobanti 5–7, Bucharest 010551, Romania

Day 2 / Innovation and technology: by organic, for organic

09:00 Interactive session: Emerging technologies - what’s in it for organics?
Bring your smartphone with you
• Rogier Schulte – Farming Systems Ecology, Wageningen University & Research
• Arni Janssen – Farm Technology, Wageningen University & Research

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 Intro to the parallel sessions: Technology – friend or foe? Insights from the experts
• Oskar Marko – Researcher, BioSense
• Mute Schimpf – Food Campaigner, Friends of the Earth Europe

Moderator: Yulia Barabanova – Senior Research & Strategy Officer, IFOAM EU

11:35 Parallel sessions: Technology – friend or foe?
Work in groups, English only
Room I: Discussion on social, economic and environmental issues of digital technologies
Room II: Discussion on technological, political and ethical issues of digital technologies

Romanian showcase: Organic agriculture innovation in Romania
Presentations in Romanian (English translation provided)
• Mihai Radu – Scientific Director, National Institute for Physics and Nuclear Engineering
• Dragos Seuleanu – CEO, Magurele High Tech Cluster, Extreme Light Infrastructure – Nuclear Physics (ELI-NP)
• Alina A. Dobre – National Institute of Research and Development for Food Bioresources
• Ioan Enoiu – Naturevo
• Mihnea Parvanu – Student, Mihai Eminescu High School
• Crenguta Barbosu – World Vision Romania

Moderator: Irina Elena Petrescu – The Bucharest University of Economic Studies

13:00 Lunch break

14:30 During lunch: Launch of the film ‘We Unite’ by IFOAM – Organics International

15:00 Plenary: Innovation beyond technologies
• Alfred Grand – Founder, Vermigrand
• Agnes Papone – Farmer, Lavancia
• Evelyne Alcazar Marin – International Manager, Ecovia

16:00 Success story: How organic is transforming food and farming
• Flavie Tiret – Retail and Export Manager, Interbio Nouvelle-Aquitaine

16:30 Closing speech
• Jan Plagge – President, IFOAM EU

17:00 End of the Congress