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Organic Innovation Days 2026

Research & Innovation for organic: making Europe more competitive and resilient

Joint event with WINN-ORGANIC and InnOFoodLabs

Organic Innovation Days 2026

TP Organics Stakeholder Forum

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Agenda

Time	What	Speaker(s)
10:00-10:15	Tour de table: name, organisation, country	All
10:15-10:30 10:30-10:45 10:45-11:00	Update on TP Organics activities Outlook: upcoming advocacy activities Q&A / discussion	• Maria Gernert, TP Organics Senior Officer • Karim Jouhari, TP Organics Advocacy Officer • All
11:00-11:20	Break	
11:20-12:20	Interactive session (in plenary) • Presentations: 2-3 TP Organics members present advocacy initiatives in their country (3-5 min. each; option to have a PPT support) • **Structured dialogue**: discussion around a series of questions such as political context, challenges and limitations of the members, opportunities, foresight on nationals and regional political context, mindset and mood from the fields, etc. • Take-aways from the discussion: Members' needs, best practices and initiatives	• 4 TP Organics Members • All (roundtable) • Moderator: Karim Jouhari, TP Organics Advocacy Officer
12:20-12:30	AOB and open discussion with the Members	• All • Moderator: Maria Gernert

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TP Organics events and webinars so far

- TP Organics Science Day at BIOFACH 2026 on **“Good practices of knowledge exchange in organic”** on 12 February with almost 50 participants with presentations of the Horizon Europe projects OrganicClimateNET and OrganicAdviceNetwork and workshop
- Brokerage event follow-up for Members on 12 January to discuss again selected **2026-2027 calls** from the brokerage event held on these Cluster 6 calls in² 2025, consortia developments and project ideas
- Webinar on **tips for project applications** with Innovarum for Members on 23 April
- Webinar on **FP10** for Members on 30 June: What we know so far and what comes next

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New TP Organics lunchtime webinar series

- We launched a new webinar series to give our Members and Supporters a platform to showcase their work, share expertise, and connect with the wider community involved in organic R&I.
- **What does a TP Organics lunch-time webinar from Members for Members look like?**
  - 45–60 minutes
  - Hosted by TP Organics via Microsoft Teams
- Each session will include:
  - A short introduction to your organisation
  - A focused presentation on your research, project or other relevant topic
  - An interactive Q&A and discussion with the participants
- The first webinar on 3 September was dedicated to the flagships of our Member and Supporter **ICOEL**, the Innovation Centre for Organic Farming in Denmark.
- Interested? Contact us! TP Organics will take care of the organisation, promotion and moderation—you bring the expertise!

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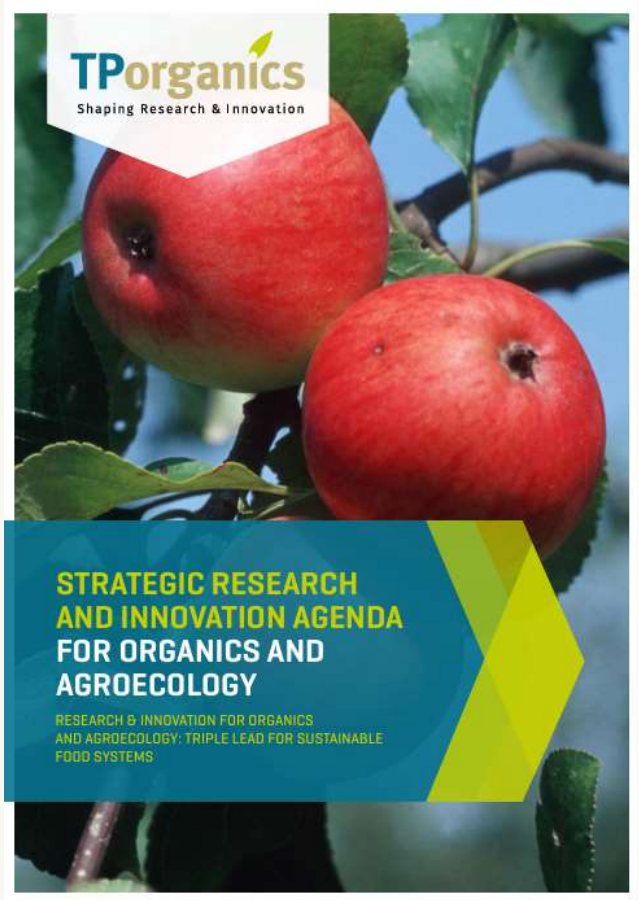
TP Organics advocacy on Horizon Europe (FP9) – our achievements

- **Horizon Europe Work Programme 2026-2027**: 3 dedicated organic calls + 14 calls mentioning 'organic':
  - HORIZON-CL6-2027-01-BIODIV-09: Enhancing the competitiveness of organic crop breeding: focus on intercropping adapted varieties
  - HORIZON-CL6-2026-02-FARM2FORK-02-two-stage: Open topic: Boosting organic farming for a competitive, sustainable and resilient farming sector
  - HORIZON-CL6-2027-02-FARM2FORK-04: Improving understanding of the contribution of the organic farming sector to sustainability
- Other instruments funding research relevant for organic:
  - **EU Mission 'A Soil Deal for Europe'**
  - **European R&I partnerships:** participation in **AGROECOLOGY** (with IFOAM Organics Europe as official partner), **FutureFoodS** (Scientific and Stakeholder Advisory Board member) and **AgData** (Advisory Board member)

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New Strategic Research & Innovation Agenda

- Preparing for the next EU R&I Framework Programme
  - FP10 or “Horizon Europe” – main funding instrument for R&I
  - Will run from 2028 until 2034
- The new SRIA:
  - …defines the R&I needs of the organic and agroecological sector
  - …outlines R&I needs for the transition of the European food and farming system
  - …was published at last year’s Organic Innovation Days on 4 November 2025



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The new SRIA

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EU-workshops at our events

+ 8 national workshops

Public online consultation for stakeholders

4

themes

35

research questions



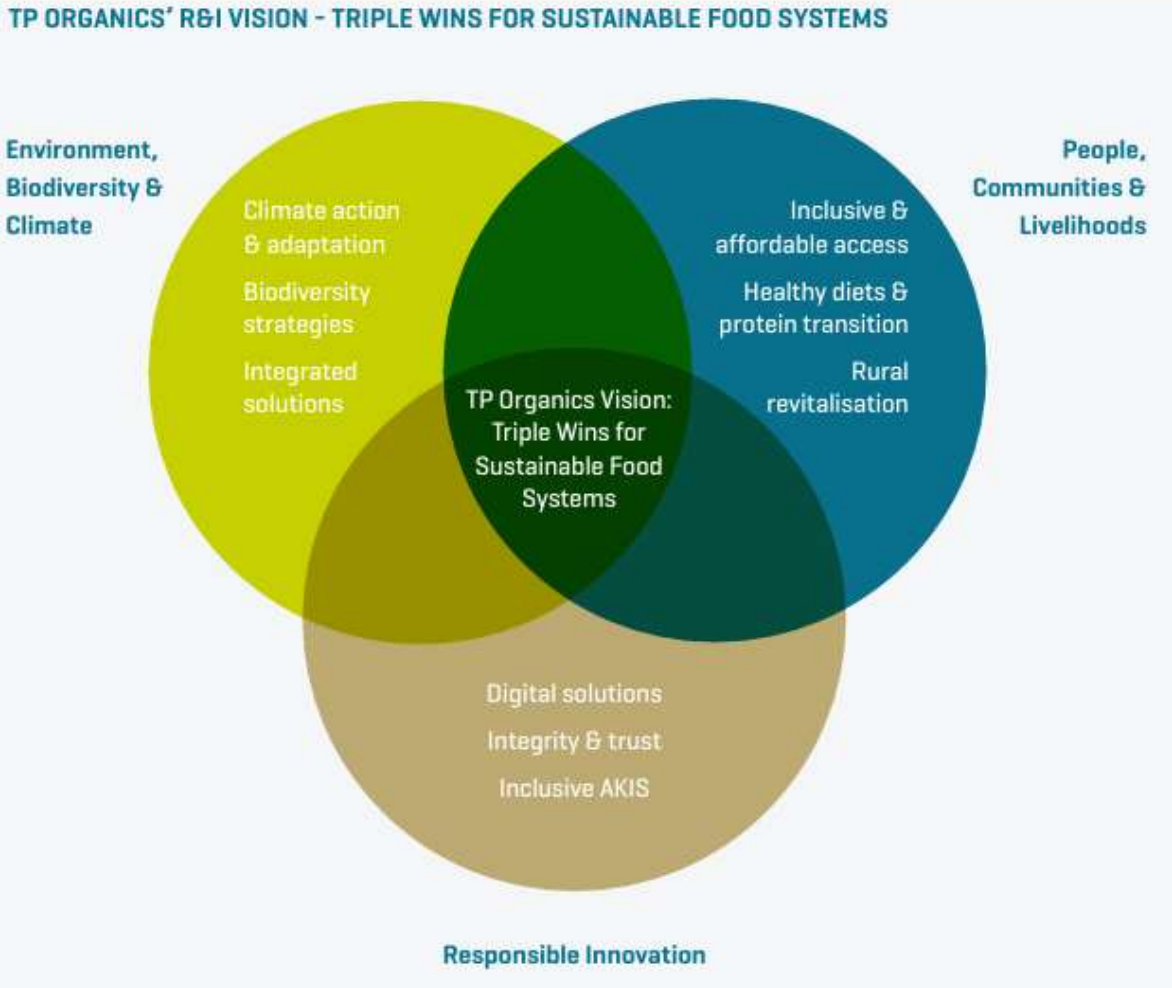


Research & Innovation for organic food and farming: triple lead for sustainable food systems

- *Leading for the environment, biodiversity and the climate*
- *Leading for people, communities and sustainable livelihoods*
- *Leading for responsible innovation*
- *"Theme 4": Shaping inclusive research and innovation for more impact*

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Triple wins for sustainable food systems



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TP Organics advocacy on Horizon Europe (FP10)

Completed and ongoing tasks:

- Meetings with FP10 Rapporteurs (Christian Ehler, EPP), Shadow Rapporteurs from S&D (Lina Galvez), Greens' Advisor in ITRE, MEP Hetman (EPP, Germany), and other MEPs
- Meetings with DG AGRI, RTD, GROW, ENVI, Hansen's Cabinet
- TP Organics Position paper on FP10 and ECF (January 2026)
- Prepared and disseminated guidelines for DG AGRI Public Consultation (January)
- Dissemination of Draft amendments for FP10 and ECF (AGRI Committee - January)
- Dissemination of Draft amendments for FP10 and ECF (ITRE Committee – March&April)
- Letter to ITRE members about agriculture in FP10 (April)
- Advocacy Toolkit for TP Organics members (April)
- Joint letter with ETPs and agri-food organisations about the strategic role of agri-food in ECF (May)
- Session on R&I in Pre European Organic Congress (June)

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TP Organics advocacy on Horizon Europe (FP10)

Completed and ongoing tasks (2/2):

- Webinar for TP Organics members on FP10 (June)
- Organisation of the event: Beyond Crisis Response - investing in R&I to build resilient food systems (September)
- Participation to the AgRI 2040 Conference (policy input in the workshops) and presentation by Raffaele Zanoli of TP Organic at lunch time (September)
- Endorsed a joint statement from the Food Policy Coalition ahead of the AgRI 2040 Conference (September)
- Endorsed a joint Statement with INRAE (September)
- Publication of articles in IFOAM newsletter on legislative updates (June & September)
- Joining Core Members of the European Sustainable Agriculture Dialogue (ESAD) and Strategic Workshop (October)

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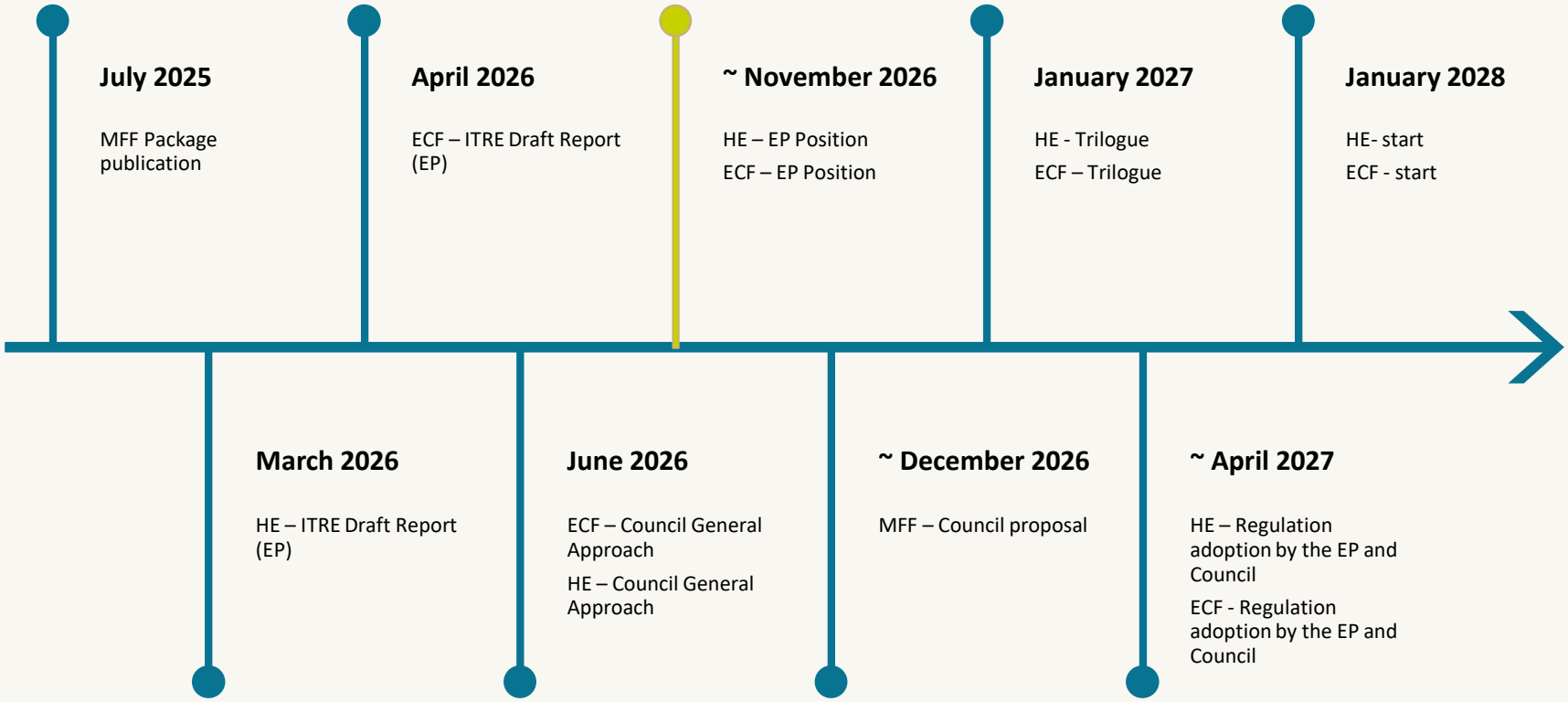
TP Organics advocacy on Horizon Europe (FP10)

Upcoming tasks:

- Advocacy efforts on ECF and FP10 for the vote in ITRE, during the Trilogue session and adoption by the EU institutions
- Advocacy on EU Agricultural Research and Innovation (R&I) Strategic Approach
- Analysis and communication towards TP Organics members about important milestones (EP Positions on HE & ECF; Trilogue outcomes and text adoption)
- Advocacy on DG AGRI work on harmonization of Multi Actor Approach
- Advocacy on Horizon Europe Work Programme 2028
- EU Agri-Food Days 2026 (8&9 December 2026)
- Publication of an article in IFOAM newsletter and on TP Organics website

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Timeline FP10 & ECF (2025-2028): key provisional dates



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Interactive session

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The Flemish Organic research and Knowledge Network (FORK Network):
A farmer-centred network

Stakeholder forum – TPOrganics – 3 November 2026

BioForum Biobedrijfsnetwerken

CCBT

Living Lab Agro-ecologie & biologische landbouw

ILVO Flanders research institute for agriculture, fisheries and food

inagro

5 growth objectives by the end of 2027

5% landbouwareaal: het areaal onder biologische productie neemt toe tot 30.000 ha tegen eind 2027

Organic production area

5% omzetwaarde van de biologische dierlijke productie: de omzetwaarde van de biologische dierlijke productie groeit naar 5% van de omzetwaarde van de gezamenlijke dierlijke productie (met inbegrip van zuivel)

Turnover value for organic animal production

5% biolandbouwbedrijven: minimaal 5% van de landbouwbedrijven zijn biobedrijven tegen eind 2027

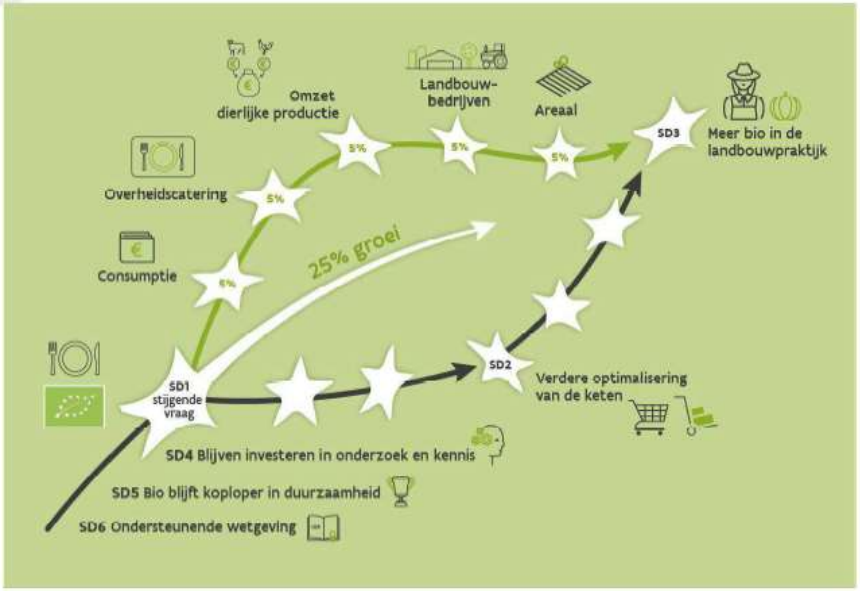
Organic farms

5% bioconsumptie: het volume van de bioconsumptie groeit tot 5% van de totale consumptie tegen eind 2027

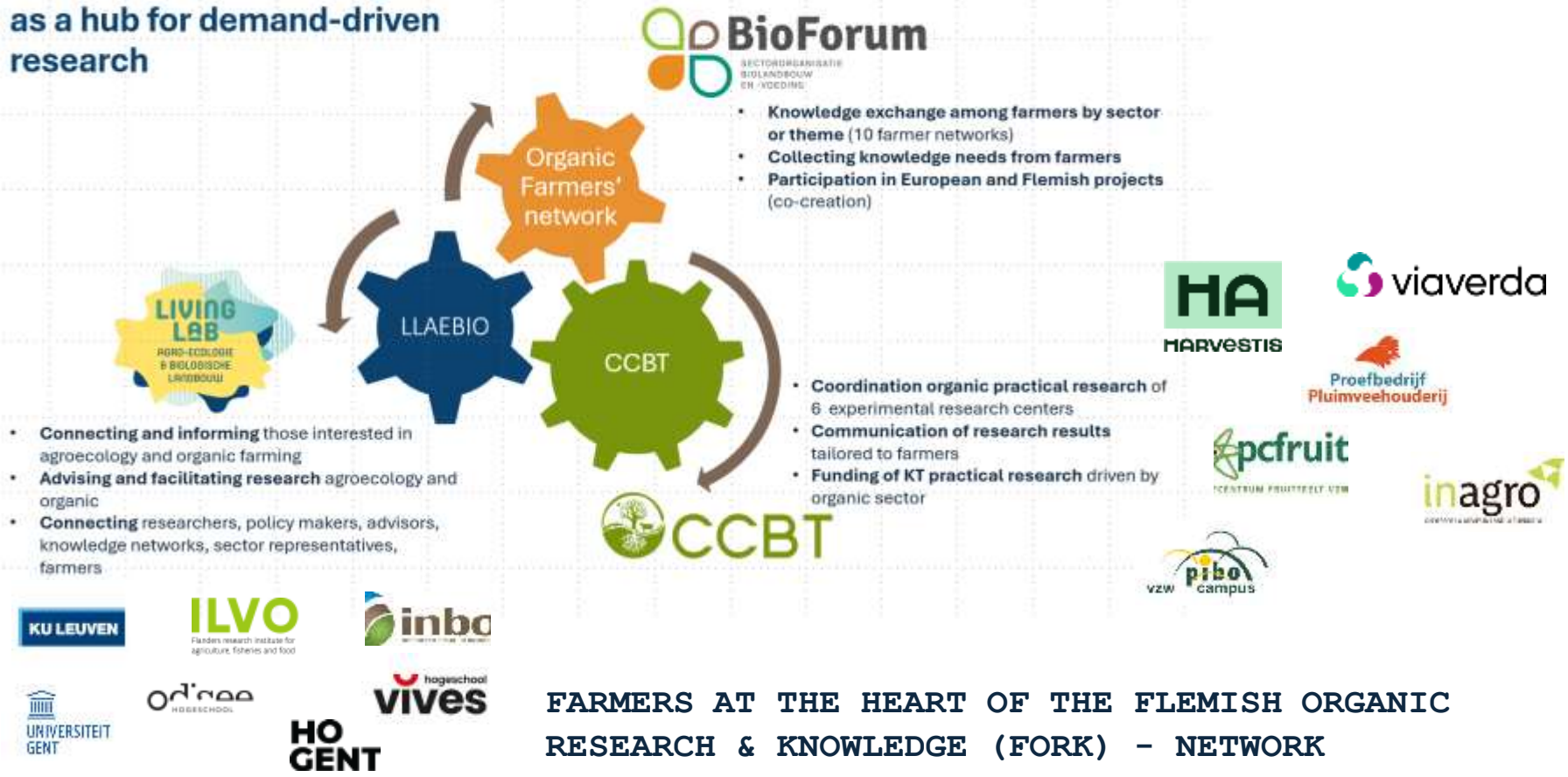
Organic consumption

5% bio in overheidscatering: bio maakt 5% uit van de overheidscatering tegen eind 2027.

Organic public catering



Strengthening the Flemish Organic Research and Knowledge Network as a hub for demand-driven research



FARMERS AT THE HEART OF THE FLEMISH ORGANIC RESEARCH & KNOWLEDGE (FORK) - NETWORK

Recent policy changes and their implications for organic R&I - Flanders

Organic Strategic Plan 2023-2027

- Yearly funding (300 000 euro applied research)
- CCBT projects – practice-oriented research (whole sector) (300 000 euro)
- Farmers' networks BioForum

Agricultural Research funding in Flanders

- Flanders Innovate and Entrepreneurship Fund VLAIO – LA trajectory (open/thematic) will end funding for Flemish projects from 2027 on -> no specific funds for applied agricultural research
- VLAIO – Research & Development project (O&O projects) (no specific topcs defined)) private companies in collaboration with research organisations

Partnership Agroecology:

- Flanders Innovate and Entrepreneurship Fund, VLAIO has stopped funding in 2026
- budget Flemish Ministry of Agriculture (ALV) for project dedicated to organic production

CAP until 2027

- CAP (EIP, COOP) – Operational groups (free/thematic subject– mini living labs) max 100-150 000 euro/project
- CAP (KNOW) - Demonstration projects (thematic)
- CAP knowledge exchange : funding meetings
- CAP (KNOW) 'knowledge e-wallet': trainings, advice, meetings

Other funding: provinces, EU interreg, LEADER, Horizon Europe 2027

Opportunities

- Organic farming remains an important pillar within the European and Flemish sustainability and agriculture strategy
- Growing interest in topics as
  - climate robust production systems, biodiversity and soil health, local protein crops, short chain and market development, digitalization, …
- Strong Flemish research- and knowledge networks with close link to farmers
- Increasing attention to living labs and lighthouse farms as promising initiatives

Challenges

- Limited growth of the organic sector and bottlenecks in organic processing, marketing and consumption
- Keeping organic research visible within a broadening sustainability agenda. 'Organic' overshadowed’ by "agroecology", "regenerative agriculture” and other “eco-friendly alternatives”
- Securing fundign for research, knowledge exchange but also for practical uptake

Promising developments

- Multi-stakeholder involvement and cocreation in Horizon project and Partnership Agroecology

- Living labs and lighthouse farm networks and other organic and agroecological innovation networks

>*Future EU funding should make participation more feasible for farmers and smaller organic research networks so that future EU funding remain accessible to farmer-led organic research and innovation*

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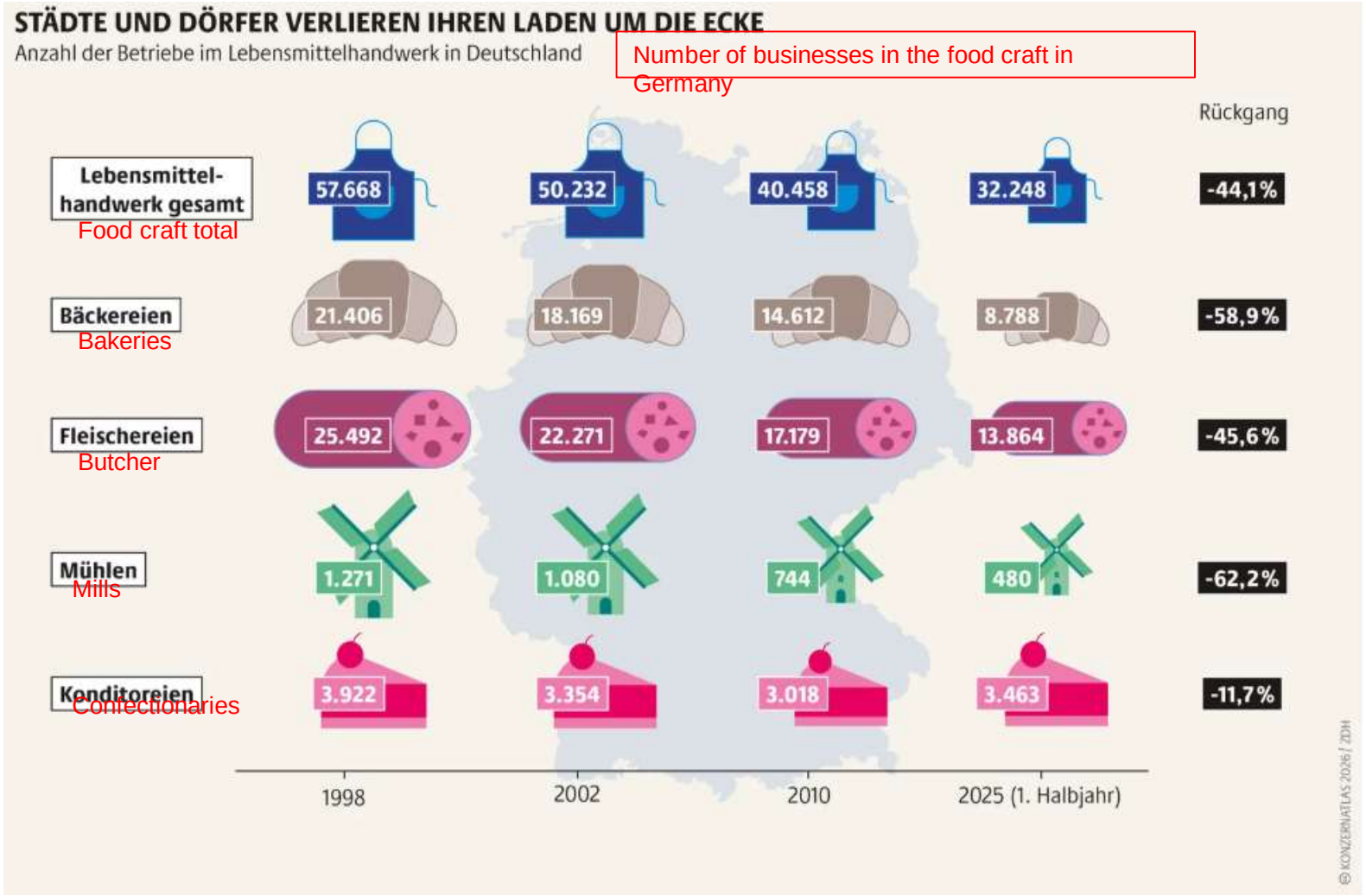
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CZECH TECHNOLOGY PLATFORM FOR ORGANIC AGRICULTURE

Current state of organic research and innovation in the Czech Republic

Andrea Hrabalová
Czech Technology Platform for Organic Agriculture

TP Organics - Stakeholder Forum, 3.11.2026

Czech Technology Platform for Organic Agriculture

- **established** in line with the European Commission's initiative on creation of TP (COM (2004) 353 final) and TP Organics initiative **in 2009**
- promotes and develops the knowledge system in organic farming and organic food production (**support knowledge transfer = AKIS**)
- its activities are **supported by national subsidies of 2.5 mil. CZK** (100 000 EUR) „Support of technological platforms within MoA“

In the field of research:

- platform's core document is the Strategic Research Agenda, which defines priority research areas for OF (**advocacy**)
- **presents projects related to OF** (research, demonstration farms, EIP) on the platform's website: https://www.ctpez.cz/cz/v-a-i
- organizing **Colloquium on R&D in OF** to promote collaboration
- **promotes platforms**: Organic eprints and Organic Farm Knowledge

National support for agricultural research

- research funding **comes from the state budget**, which is approved by the government every year
- **total budget** for research, development and innovation amounts to around **46 billion CZK** (2025), foreign sources 12 billion CZK
- **half of budget is devoted to supporting research institutions** (ratio increased to 60%), the rest to targeted research projects

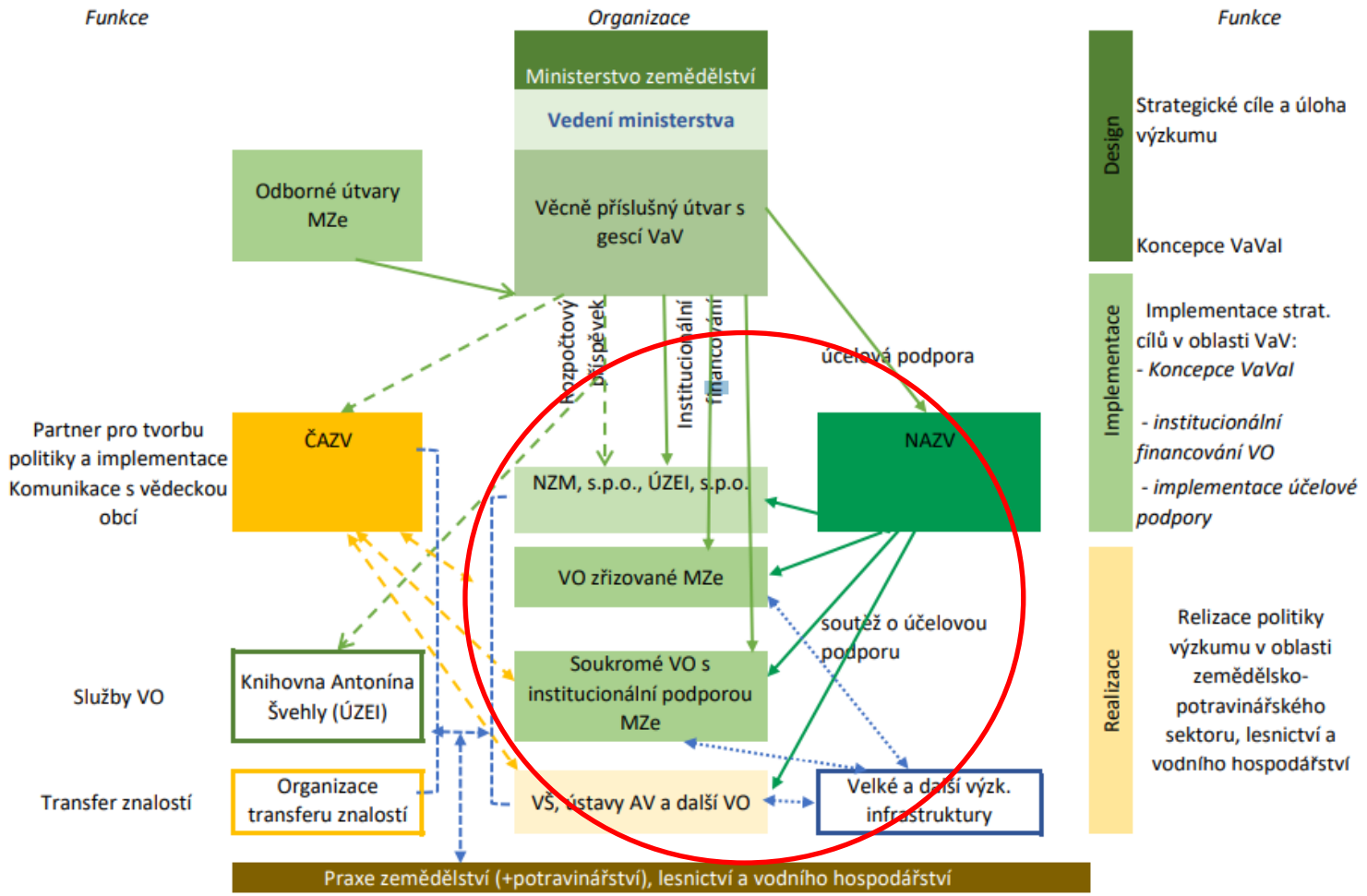
- agricultural research is mainly carried out by MoA and is provided by **NAZV = National Agency for Agricultural Research**
- **MoA has less than 3% of the total research budget** (around 1 billion CZK ≈ 46 million EUR), half is devoted to institutional support and half to project calls

- OF research **represents approx. 7%** of the budget for project calls (5-year average), i.e. **35 mil. CZK and 10 projects per year**

National support for agricultural research

- MoA has **R&D&I Strategy 2023-2032** to define areas of research topics needed for the future development of Czech agricultural
  - institutional support ensure long-term development of supported research organizations (submit five-year development plans according to which are evaluated and subsequently financed)
    - **MoA supports 18 research organizations**
  - targeted support is provided through public competitions – project calls, announced mostly annually
    - R&D&I Strategy is transferred to the **MoA Applied Research Support Program (2024–2032)**
    - Subprogram II focuses on research for public sector (MoA)
    - **Outputs are mandatory recorded**: https://www.isvavai.cz/
- **OF topics are included** at the necessary points in the strategy, and therefore also in the program (thanks to SRIA based on TP Organics)

Diagram of the management structure, institutional links and roles in the field of R&D&I within the MoA



Challenges, opportunities, initiatives…

- agricultural research is a stable part of national research support, but budget is not high and half of it goes to institutional support, and we do not have a specialized research organization or departments within them focused on OF
- although OF topic has been included in the strategy and support program, few projects relevant to OF are submitted
- target for research support in Action plan for OF development has not been met (7% compared to 18%), but it is difficult to assess which projects are relevant for OF
- evaluation of projects relevant to OF of other programs is not carried out, including European projects (not monitored)
- all projects, involved actors, outputs must be registered in the national system, but information stored here is not then used (only for evaluating the organizations themselves)
- …

Challenges, opportunities, initiatives…

- **demonstration farms** – national program, 6 out of 28 demonstration farms show innovations in OF
- one project targeting OF out of a total of approx. 20 in **Subprogram II for public sector** (MoA) within NAZV is being implemented
- OF theme has gained ground among **EIP projects** (unfortunately, this approach has not been widely applied in CZ)
- involvement of Czech actors in **European projects** with agricultural topics is low, but in the OF topic the rate is higher
- **recommending crop varieties for OF -** national support to ensure independent variety trials of registered varieties of field crops (cereals)
- …

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Spanish update on:

Organic Research Policies

European Competitiveness Funds

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Current situation in Spain

- NO SPECIFIC FOCUS ON ORGANIC RESEARCH AT STATE LEVEL (Although Organic is included in the possible calls there is no advantage respecting to others. Examples like Operational Groups shows that almost none organic ones had been granted.

- No real support!

- Only some regions have permanent programs focused on organic: Problem they have not long- term view. Each year focus on concrete problems (diseases, pest, varieties, …) that get some public research funding.

At policy level

- Only one region shows a clear continuity on organic because of a law that had been approved and will support organic research development.
- MEPs: only PP Spanish MEPs (EPP Group) have been supporting the European Competitiveness Fund including organic.

Opportunities

At the moment, not so clear, due to;

- Regional level more chances than National due to the current level of support.

- Any compulsory mention from EU perspective would incentivize the national progress

Let’s talk politics and advocacy!

Objectives

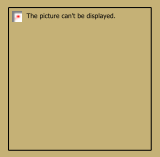
- Share knowledge and broaden understanding of the political context from each members and their country/region
- Share experiences, lessons-learnt and good practices in term of advocacy from each members
- Foster collaborations and exchanges among TP Organics members
- Identify needs from members or opportunities for TP Organics to support better its members

A few rules

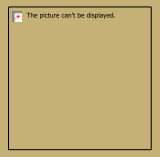
- Round-robin: Everyone gets the opportunity to speak in turn, but can pass if they have nothing to add.
- Two set of questions – a short discussion time is planned at the end of each section
- We will keep an eye on the time to ensure that everyone has a chance to contribute

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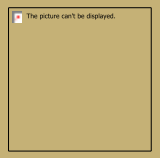
Regional and national political context



What are the main political or policy developments shaping your work on organic food and farming, agroecology, and research and innovation in your country or region?



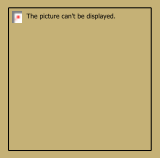
How would you describe the current level of interest and support for organic and agroecological research and innovation in your context?



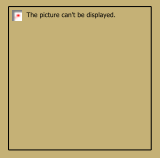
What are the main challenges and opportunities your organisation is currently experiencing, and how are they affecting your work?

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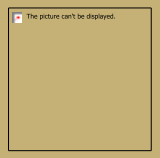
Advocacy efforts



Is there an experience, initiative or approach from your recent work that other TP Organics Members could learn from?



What input, material etc. provided by TP Organics are you currently using in your advocacy?



What could TP Organics do to help you address your challenges, seize opportunities or strengthen the impact of your work at national or regional level?

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