

## “Agriculture in times of climate change – organic farming approaches to face the challenge”

European Parliament, Brussels

18 October 2011, between 1 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. (exact start and end time to be confirmed)



Farm and food sectors need to adapt to the effects of climate change and play an active role in climate change mitigation. To contribute to the climate debate, MEP Elisabeth Köstinger (EPP), Bio Austria and the IFOAM EU Group, in cooperation with the International Round Table on Organic Agriculture and Climate Change (RTOACC), invite participants to discuss the role organic farming can play in reaching the EU climate change goals. This event offers an opportunity for policymakers, civil society and other stakeholders across the food and farming sector to exchange the latest information and research findings. The aim of the seminar is to discuss further strategies and measures to meet the climate challenge in agriculture within the EU Policy Framework and the role of organic farming can play in reaching this goal.

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**DRAFT Agenda**

*Under the patronage of Elisabeth Köstinger (MEP, EPP)*

**13.00 – 13:30** Registration

(please allow for registration and security checks, which may take some time.)

**13.30** Opening session

- Elisabeth Köstinger, MEP, EPP
- Rudi Vierbauch, Chairman Bio Austria
- Marco Schlüter, IFOAM EU Group

**14.20 – 15.10 Agriculture in times of climate change: How sustainable farming systems can contribute to the EU low carbon economy 2050**

*Keynote speech (20 min):*

- *Annette Freibauer (tbc), chair of Foresight Expert Group 3 of the EU Standing Committee on Agriculture Research: Greenhouse gas management in European land use systems*

*Short speeches (10 min each):*

- Peter Wehrheim (tbc), European Commission, DG CLIMA: Agriculture in the EU climate strategy.
- Thomas Lindenthal, FiBL Austria (tbc): Organic soil cultivation as a key practice in climate change mitigation
- Eduardo Aguilera, RTOACC: „Soil carbon sequestration and greenhouse gas emission in organic and conventional farming systems”

Moderation: NN, RTOACC

**15.10 – 16.00 Discussion: Which political framework is necessary to meet the climate challenge?**

Panellists are the speakers plus

- MEPs from EPP, S&D, ALDE and Green/EFA Groups (tbc)
- Comments and questions from the floor

Moderation: Marco Schlüter, Director IFOAM EU Group

**16.00-16.20** Conclusions

- Elisabeth Köstinger, MEP
- Rudi Vierbauch, Chairman Bio Austria
- NN, IFOAM EU Group



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