

European Workshop on Organic Seed Regulation 21./22.September 2011

The Organic Research Centre, Elm Farm, Hamstead Marshall near Newbury, RG20 0HR, UK

Aim of the meeting

The aim of the meeting is to commonly evaluate the progress made over the last few years in seed derogation policies and practices in Europe. A special attention is paid on the achievements since the last meeting in 2008 (see http://www.eco-pb.org/09/Report_ECO-PB_Organic_Seed_meeting_NL_08092526.pdf). The central question is how can we (further) harmonize regulations on a European level and create a level playing field among (groups of) EU countries. The meeting finally aims at negotiating and attuning the specific minimum of required variety assortment with the possibilities of the committed seed producers.

We welcome:

- Representatives from the National Ministries
- Representatives from the EU Commission
- Advisors/scientists working in the area of organic seed production or regulation
- The official control bodies/departments managing the derogation system
- Seed companies involved in organic seed production
- Farmers and growers

Organisation

The meeting is organised by the European Consortium for Organic Plant Breeding (ECO-PB)

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Local organization is done by the Dr Thomas Döring, Organic Research Centre.

Programme

The meeting will start at lunchtime on the 21/9 and run until lunchtime on the 22/9 to allow travel from abroad and back on these days. An additional session of talks will be held on the afternoon of the 22/9. A detailed programme will be published by the end of May 2011.

Participation fee (dinner included): 150 € per person

Travel directions: see separate attached document (ECOPB seed workshop2011-travel directions)

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Accommodation options will be published with the final programme end of May.