

IFOAM EU meets business Bringing the organic food industry together

30 October 2018, Brussels, location TBC

Description of the event:

IFOAM EU and its Interest Group of Organic Processors and traders (IGOP) work on a variety of issues impacting their work, with the aim of shaping strategies and policies that advance the organic sector. This meeting will be an opportunity for IFOAM EU, IGOP and interested food companies who work with organic products to discuss relevant topics in the organic sector, to share information and exchange on best practices, to understand each other's perspectives and most importantly to debate and shape the direction to take in the next working period.

The event will start with an information sharing session where participants will present their organisations and their interests and subsequently be introduced to the work of IFOAM EU and IGOP. This session will be followed by a plenary on the new regulation, focusing on residues and contaminants.

After the coffee break the setting will shift to workshops (open space), where participants will be able to attend all workshops. The workshops will be briefly introduced, and the topics – which are regularly touched upon within IGOP – will subsequently be discussed in depth in order to share information and best practices, to raise the issues currently faced, and to develop a strategy and a way forward.

- Workshop 1: **Trade: import, export, and Brexit**
- Workshop 2: **Quality assurance, traceability, raw material availability, and fraud: measures to take and systems available**
- Workshop 3: **Market development: how to reach 50% organic?**

A participation fee will be required: Dinner the day before (29/10): 40€; Participation at the event on 30/10 (including lunch and coffee breaks): 100€.

Agenda of the event:

TIME	ITEM
09.00	Arrival of participants
09.30	Introductory session - Tour de table - Introduction of IFOAM EU - Introduction to the work of IGOP
10.15	PLENARY New regulation with a focus on residues and contaminants - Looking at insurance in case of contamination - Understanding different perspectives – Towards a harmonized approach?
11.15	Coffee break
11.45	Workshop sessions – open space
12.45	Lunch
14.15	Workshop sessions – open space
16.15	Wrap up & final remarks
16.30	End of the meeting