Thank you very much for supporting us!

Please fill out the following form carefully. If you have any questions regarding the membership admission process, please do not hesitate to contact the Membership departments at membership@ifoam.bio or at ifoameu_membership@ifoam-eu.org

Requirements for joining IFOAM - Organics International & IFOAM EU

Applicant organisations must:

- Endorse our mission and goals, as well as the Principles of Organic Agriculture;
- Be an organisation or a department of an institution, subsidiary;
- Have at least 3 people employed or active in the organisation.

My organisation would like to join:

- Both IFOAM - Organics International & IFOAM EU;
- IFOAM EU only as a trial member (max. 2 years);
- IFOAM EU (you already are an affiliate of IFOAM - Organics International);
- IFOAM - Organics International (you already are an affiliate of IFOAM EU)

1. Contact Information

| Name of organisation*: | ________________________________ |
| English name (if applicable): | ________________________________ |
| Address*: | ________________________________ |
| Country*: | ________________________________ |
| Phone*: | ________________________________ |
| Fax: | ________________________________ |
| Website: | ________________________________ |
| Name and position of primary contact*: | ________________________________ |
| E-mail of primary contact*: | ________________________________ |
| Work phone number of primary contact: | ________________________________ |
| Name of legal representative: | ________________________________ |
| E-mail of legal representative: | ________________________________ |
| Work phone number of legal representative: | ________________________________ |
| Name of accountant: | ________________________________ |
| E-mail of accountant: | ________________________________ |
| Work phone number of accountant: | ________________________________ |
| Additional contacts: | ________________________________ |
| E-mail of additional contacts: | ________________________________ |

* Mandatory fields
2. Information on your Organisation

A. Brief description of your organisation and activities (500 characters maximum). The information provided will be published in the IFOAM - Organics International & IFOAM EU E-Directory.*

B. Number of people working in your organisation: ____________________________

C. Year of Foundation: ____________________________

D. Type of Organisation I:

☐ (Semi-)Governmental  ☐ Non-Governmental (NGO) / Civil Society  ☐ Private Sector

E. Type of Organisation II:

☐ General membership-based organisation

Please specify (farmer, consumer,...) ________________________________________

☐ Umbrella Organization ¹

☐ Company

Please specify (retailers, processing, certification body...) ________________________________________

☐ Processing/Trade/Business Association ²

☐ Foundation

☐ Institute of Higher Education/ Research

☐ Other _____________________

1. An umbrella organization is made up of at least 51 % membership based organizations.

2. A Processing/Trade/Business Association is made up of at least 60% of processing/distribution companies, certification bodies, other business, consultancies, etc. (but excluding farmers associations), also all trading cooperatives (but not worker cooperatives).

F. If you are an association or an umbrella organisation, please indicate the number of members you represent:

Number of Member Organisations____________________

Number of Individual Members____________________

Total Number of Members ________________________

G. Scope of Organization

☐ Local /Regional  ☐ National  ☐ International

3. Membership Category and Fee

Last year’s or foreseen total budget/turnover (in Euros)*: ____________________________

Last year’s or foreseen budget/turnover related to Organic activities (in Euros)*: ____________________________

If your organisation is a Processing / Trade / Business Association, last year’s budget/turnover of your members (in Euros): ____________________________

**Please refer to the Terms & Conditions for information about the calculation of your membership fee.
Requirements for Membership

- Our Affiliates should endorse the mission & goals of IFOAM - Organics International and the Principles of Organic Agriculture;
- Affiliates can be individuals (Supporters), organizations or departments of an institution/subsidiary (Members and Associates);
- Only organizations or departments of institutions/subsidiaries can become Members or Associates;
- In the case of organizations, at least three people must be employed or active in the organization applying for membership;
- To become a Member (with voting rights in the General Assembly), the applicant organization must be predominantly organic, i.e. dedicate over 50% of its budget/activities to organic. Organizations not fulfilling this criterion may become Associates (no voting rights);
- The completed application form must be submitted;
- First-time applicants must pay a one-off registration fee;
- Membership fee payments are due annually and are approved by the General Assembly.

Application

Submission: Membership applications may be submitted at any time, all year round. Applications are only complete when:

- The application form is filled out and signed by the legal representative (Organizations) or Supporter;
- The membership fee and one-off registration fee (except Supporters) are paid.

Membership Fees

Fee Schedule: The Membership year is from January to December of each year. Individuals or organizations joining in the course of the year pay the full membership fee; those joining after July only pay half the fee. Membership in IFOAM - Organics International is active as soon as the first membership and one-off registration fee of 80 Euros (except Supporters) are paid. Membership is renewed automatically on January of each year. Invoices are sent out every year in November.

Calculation of Membership Fee: The yearly membership fee is determined by the General Assembly and, in the case of applicant organizations, is calculated according to the organization's turnover/budget related to organic activities:

- **Member / Associate**
  - < 30,000 Euros: 100 Euros
  - < 200,000 Euros: 300 Euros
  - < 800,000 Euros: 1000 Euros
  - < 2,000,000 Euros: 2000 Euros
  - < 5,000,000 Euros: 3000 Euros
  - > 5,000,000 Euros: 4000 Euros

- **Supporter**
  - Regular income: 100 Euros
  - Irregular income: 50 Euros
  - Students: 20 Euros

Early Fee Payment: Fee payments received by February 28th of the year to which the invoicing refers, benefit from a 5% reduction, as detailed on the invoice.

Admission

Approval: IFOAM - Organics International approves new Affiliates (organizations) and their level of affiliation. After approval, new Affiliates are sent a membership package with a range of information material.

Rejection: IFOAM - Organics International may reject applications if it deems the activities of the applicant counter our mission or goals, e.g.:

- Advocating or supporting the use of GMOs or intentionally using GMOs in organic production systems;
- The use of chemicals that threaten the integrity of organic production and processing, including the production of agrochemicals for such use;
- Cruelty to animals;
- Violation of human and laborers' rights.

In the rare case of an application not being approved by the World Board (see reasons for rejection above) the membership fee will be fully refunded. The Registration fee is non-refundable.

Termination of Membership

By the Affiliates: Membership is renewed automatically every year. Affiliates may terminate their affiliation at any time by sending a written notice of termination to membership@ifoam.bio. Paid affiliation fees are non-refundable upon membership termination.

By IFOAM - Organics International: Affiliates' Membership can be terminated by us in case of:

- Non-compliance with the affiliation requirements;
- Engagement in activities, that are counter to our mission, goals and objectives;
- Misuse of our name, logo or seal;
- Damage to the image of IFOAM - Organics International, its Affiliates or Organic Agriculture in general;
- Non-payment of the membership fee;
- Other serious reasons, as determined by the World Board or the General Assembly.

Group Membership

Group membership is available to organizations with branch and satellite offices. The mother organization/company pays the normal fee according to the membership fee scheme, while the branches pay a flat fee of just 100 per person, regardless of their budget/turnover. Branches do not have to pay the registration fee.

Confidentiality

In compliance with the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), IFOAM - Organics International guarantees the confidentiality of all the data provided in the application form. Your data is collected solely for us to communicate with you, and is not shared with third parties. By joining IFOAM - Organics International, you agree to receive electronic communications from us such as membership-related communication, our newsletter, event invitations and similar communications. Your organization’s profile (phone number, email address of the main contact person, website) will be published in our e-directory. You may withdraw your consent at any time by sending an email to membership@ifoam.bio.

Miscellaneous

Membership-related questions: Please address your questions to membership@ifoam.bio

IFOMA - Organics International Office Hours: Head office is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., German time.

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Definition and Principles of Organic Agriculture

Definition of Organic Agriculture:

Organic Agriculture is a production system that sustains the health of soils, ecosystems and people. It relies on ecological processes, biodiversity and cyclic adapted to local conditions, rather than the use of inputs with adverse effects. Organic Agriculture combines tradition, innovation and science to benefit the shared environment and promote fair relationships and a good quality of life for all involved.

Principles of Organic Agriculture:

- **Health**: Organic Agriculture sustains and enhances the health of soil, plant, animal, human and planet as one and indivisible.
- **Ecology**: Organic Agriculture is based on living ecological systems and cycles, work with them, emulate them and help sustain them.
- **Fairness**: Organic Agriculture builds on relationships that ensure fairness with regard to the common environment and life opportunities.
- **Care**: Organic Agriculture is managed in a precautionary and responsible manner to protect the health and well-being of current and future generations and the environment.

Mission and Goals of IFOAM - Organics International

Our mission is leading, uniting and assisting the organic movement in its full diversity.

Our goal is the worldwide adoption of ecologically, socially and economically sound systems that are based on the principles of Organic Agriculture.

Name, Logo, Membership Emblem and Seal of IFOAM - Organics International

Name & Logo

The name “International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements” as well as the acronym “IFOAM” are registered trademarks.

The IFOAM - Organics International Logo is defined as follows:

Our name and logo cannot be used as a product mark and may be used by our Affiliates (Members, Associates, and Supporters) at conferences, events, publications, web pages and other activities only under a contract to be signed with IFOAM - Organics International in accordance with the requirements of relevant policies. Our logo may not be used in any communication materials unless specifically authorized by IFOAM - Organics International.

The name may be translated from English to the language of the Affiliate, the acronym “IFOAM” may not be translated.

Membership Emblem

Our Emblem is defined as follows:

The IFOAM - Organics International Membership Emblem cannot be used as a product mark and may be used by our Affiliates (Members, Associates, and Supporters) only. The Membership Emblem identifies our Affiliates (Members, Associates, and Supporters) who are committed to our Mission, Goals as well as to the Definition and Principle of Organic Agriculture (Health, Fairness, Ecology and Care). The Emblem can be used in the Affiliate’s communication materials, as follows:

- Stationery (letterheads, envelopes, business cards);
- Promotional materials (brochures, leaflets, books, posters) which do not refer to any kind of products;
- Web Pages;
- Electronic Communications (email signatures, etc.).

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IFOAM EU MEMBERSHIP TERMS & CONDITIONS

IFOAM EU Membership Requirements

• The membership in IFOAM EU is open to all IFOAM affiliates in EU Countries.
• The membership is also open to other organisations in EU Countries that are not IFOAM members, but otherwise fulfil the criteria to be an IFOAM member (in accordance with the IFOAM Statutes), for a trial period of two years only (called IFOAM EU Trial Member).
• The membership is also open to all IFOAM affiliates in other European countries and to supporting associates (that are not IFOAM affiliates but otherwise fulfil the criteria to be an IFOAM affiliate in accordance with the IFOAM Statutes) in EU Countries (called Observers).

Voting Rights

To become an IFOAM EU Member with voting rights, the applicant organization must be predominantly organic, i.e. dedicate over 50% of its budget/activities to organic. If not fulfilling this criterium, an organization can still become member of IFOAM EU as an Associate.
IFOAM EU Members with voting rights are entitled to cast the following numbers of votes:
• Membership based organisation with national or wider scope: 3 votes
• Non-membership based organisation, and membership based organisation with local or regional scope which is part of an overlying national structure: 1 vote

Type of IFOAM EU Membership

The following terminology is used to differentiate the type of members when joining IFOAM EU and/or IFOAM Organics International.

1. IFOAM EU Full Member, when the organization is part of both IFOAM EU and IFOAM Organic International and has voting rights (having more than 50% of organic budget)
2. IFOAM EU Associate, when the organization is part of both IFOAM EU and IFOAM Organic International but with no voting rights (having less than 50% of organic budget)
3. IFOAM EU Trial Member, when the organization is part of IFOAM EU only (max. 2 years)
4. IFOAM EU Supporting Associate: when the organization stays part of IFOAM EU only but not IFOAM - Organics International Global affiliates. They have no voting rights and pay an additional fee of 20%, which is transferred to IFOAM - Organics International.

Confidentiality

IFOAM EU attaches a great importance to protecting the personal privacy of all people whose data we compile. We treat and protect this data with the utmost care, in accordance with the applicable laws in Belgium. We do everything to protect the data supplied to us against loss, destruction, publication, unauthorised access or improper use.

In compliance with the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), IFOAM EU guarantees the confidentiality of all the data pro-vided in the application form. Your data is collected solely for us to communicate with you, and is not shared with third parties.

By joining IFOAM EU, the legitimate interest is the legal basis to process your data in order to receive electronic messages from us such as membership related communications, our newsletter, event invitations and similar communications. Your organization’s profile (phone number, email address of the main contact person, website) might be published in IFOAM OI e-directory. If you have any question regarding the processing of your data, please contact by email at ifoameu_membership@ifoam-eu.org

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Contact
IFOAM EU, Rue du Commerce 12A, Brussel, Belgium
Tel.: +32 2280 12 23 | www.ifoam-eu.org

Definitions of categories of the IFOAM EU Membership fee scheme

All organisations that represent the interest of a part of society or of the organic food chain whose organisational governance is based on membership/sector representation. These organisations mainly work on representation/campaigning/conduct for the interest of their membership and/or their societal goals. For the purposes of the membership fee system, in this category are only organisations that have national or wider scope, or regional organisations that together form a national organisation without an overlying structure. There are three sub-divisions within this category.

a) General membership based organisation

Membership based organisations where the members are (predominantly) consumers or farmers, such as, consumer associations, farmer associations, cooperatives and federations, membership charities and campaigning organisations. Also, all other umbrella organisations and trade/professional associations, and all other member based organisation that are not included by b) and c).

b) Umbrella Organisation

Umbrella organisations are defined as those with a membership consisting of at least 51% of membership based organisations or whose organisational governance is based at least on 51% membership based organisations.

c) Processing/Trade/Professional Association

Membership based organisations where membership consists of at least 60% of processing/distribution companies, certification bodies, other business, consultancies, etc. (but excluding farmers associations), also all trading cooperatives (but not worker cooperatives).

NB: In order to assess the type of member based organisations with regional chapters and similar divisional structures (e.g. federations) the underlying membership of the organisations and its divisional structure will be evaluated. Therefore, a federation is not automatically an umbrella organisation but can belong to any of the three sub-divisions, depending on its underlying membership and structure.

2. Non-membership based organisation

These are organisations that are not answerable to or representing members but whose organisational governance is based on its own primacy. They may have clients, partners, shareholders and/or funders and are normally profit-making entities but may also have societal goals. Examples are companies (including worker cooperatives), consultancies, certification bodies. Also included are research institutes, foundations and non-profit organisations not based on membership. Also included are membership based organisations with local or regional scope which is part of an overlying national structure or only existing in one out of several regions.

Special conditions

• Early fee payment: organisations that pay before 20th February get a 5% discount on their membership fee.
• Regional group fee: if all regional organisations of an organisation join the IFOAM EU Group and their national organisation is already Member of the IFOAM EU Group, the fee for each regional organisation is reduced to 60%.
• Umbrella organisations get 8% discount for each of its member-based organisation, which are IFOAM EU Group members (maximum 40% discount)
Next Steps

Thank you for completing the form. Your application will now be evaluated and approved by IFOAM - Organics International. This process takes usually one month until completion.

1. Invoicing
An invoice will be sent to the primary contact or accountant of your organisation. The reception of the invoice by e-mail and includes:

- A registration fee of 80 Euros to cover the administration and evaluation cost of your application by IFOAM - Organics International. This is a one-off payment that is only to be paid when you join.
- Two distinct fees have to be paid: one fee covers your IFOAM - Organics International membership and the other one covers your IFOAM EU membership if you join both organisations.
- The yearly membership fee is calculated based on the financial figures provided above. The membership period is from January to December of each year. If your organization submits its application before June 30th, the full membership fee amount will be charged. If your organization submits it after July 1st, only half of the membership fee will be charged.

2. Approval
Once your invoice is paid and you are formally approved as an IFOAM - Organics International and/or IFOAM EU Affiliate, you will receive a membership certificate and your organisation will appear in the on-line IFOAM - Organics International E-Directory.
When joining IFOAM EU your organization will appear in the IFOAM EU Member list published on the IFOAM EU website. Additionally, you will receive access to the IFOAM EU Member Extranet, the online platform for IFOAM EU Members only.

3. Receipt of your Membership Fee Payment
IFOAM - Organics International will send you an electronic receipt of your membership fee payment upon identification of the payment on our accounts.
Signature

We hereby declare that we fulfill the requirements for Affiliation with IFOAM - Organics International, that our activities are in line with the Definition and Principles of Organic Agriculture and that we are committed to promoting Organic Agriculture on the basis of these values. Furthermore, we have read and understood the Affiliation Terms & Conditions and will comply with those during the time of our Affiliation to IFOAM - Organics International. We also agree that our contact details (organisation name, address, website, logo, contact person’s phone and e-mail) will be published in the e-Directory and in the Online Listing of Affiliates of IFOAM - Organics International & IFOAM EU list on the IFOAM EU website and on the IFOAM EU internal database accessible only by IFOAM EU members.

Name:__________________________________

Place and Date:__________________________

Signature: