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## *Climate Change Mitigation, Organic Agriculture and Human Health: Status Quo and New Data*

Wednesday, 23 May 2018 – European Parliament, Brussels

Room A5E1- 14:30 – 18:00

It is well known that climate change and its manifestations impact societal sectors, such as agriculture, food, and health. Actions focused on climate change mitigation at the local and regional level are of utmost importance for the Mediterranean region. Mediterranean-based projects, such as the ORGANIKO LIFE+ ([www.organikolife.com](http://www.organikolife.com)) among others demonstrate the need for revamping organic agriculture and its products in the context of climate change mitigation strategies. At the same time, organic market is a growing food sector in the EU, globally, while the possible benefits of a systematic organic diet on human health have yet to be documented.

This event will showcase the findings of the ORGANIKO LIFE+ project in the pillars of climate change mitigation and human health. Further, it will highlight the policy impact of the above initiatives at the EU level.

You are kindly invited to attend.

To register please send, **not later than Friday 11 May 2018**, an e-mail to Ms. **Corina Konstantinou**, *Cyprus University of Technology, Cyprus International Institute for Environmental and Public Health*: [corina.konstantinou@cut.ac.cy](mailto:corina.konstantinou@cut.ac.cy)



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### 14:30 – 15:30: Climate change mitigation: where we stand and where we should be after the *Paris Agreement*

*Climate change mitigation in the Mediterranean, the Interreg MED COMPOSE project and IPCC.*

**Lučka Kajfež Bogataj**, Climatology Professor, University of Ljubljana - 2007 IPCC Nobel Peace Prize winner

*Comparative greenhouse gas emission rates from organic farming vs conventional plots: the Organiko findings.*

**Ioannis M. Ioannides**, Head of Agrobiotechnology Department, Agricultural Research Institute - Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment of the Republic of Cyprus

*A European Parliament perspective.*

**Bas Eickhout**, Member of the European Parliament - Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety

*Climate change mitigation: the role of the EU*

**Neoklis Sylikiotis**, Member of the European Parliament - Conference of Delegation Chairs and Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

Participants' remarks - Questions & answers

**Moderator:**

**Sergio Andreis**, Director – Kyoto Club

### 15:30 – 17:00: Organic agriculture in the context of climate change mitigation strategies

*The European Commission's land management priorities in agriculture*

**Andrea Vettori**, Deputy Head of Unit - Land Use & Management Unit – DG Environment - European Commission

*The SOLMACC, Organic farmers countering climate change results*

**Eric Gall**, IFOAM EU Deputy Director – Policy Manager



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**Elena Visnar Malinovska**, Head of Unit - *Adaptation to climate change, cities and least developed countries/small islands Unit* - DG Clima - European Commission - **Invited**

**Peter Liese**, Member of the European Parliament - Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety - **Invited**

Participants' remarks - Questions & answers

**Moderator:**

**Floriana Cimmarusti**, Secretary General - SAFE – *Safe Food Advocacy Europe*

### 17:00 – 18.00: Is the organic diet better for the climate and for human health ?

*The ORGANIKO LIFE+ children health project results: a cross over trial using organic diet for 40 days for about 150 children in Cyprus.*

**Konstantinos C. Makris**, Associate Professor of Environmental Health - *Cyprus University of Technology, Cyprus International Institute for Environmental and Public Health*

*The organic farming contribution to climate change mitigation and human health.*

**Floriana Cimmarusti**, Secretary General - SAFE – *Safe Food Advocacy Europe*

*The impact of organic food on human health.*

**Momchil Nekov**, Member of the European Parliament - Committee on Culture and Education – Substitute: Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development – **Invited**

Participants' remarks - Questions & answers

**Moderator:**

**Eric Gall**, IFOAM EU Deputy Director – *Policy Manager.*