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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 – 17:30

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) 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.



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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

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 – 16.30: Organic agriculture in the context of climate change mitigation strategies

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

The European Commission's land management priorities in agriculture

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



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The SOLMACC, *Organic farmers countering climate change results*
Eric Gall, IFOAM EU Deputy Director – Policy Manager

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

16:30 – 17.30: 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.

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