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European Action Plan for Organic Food and Farming – state of play

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CAP and organic agriculture

- „Greening“ the policy, competition/liberalisation, WTO
- CAP Reform 2003 (incl. health check 2008)
 - Decoupling of direct payments
 - Cross compliance
 - Strengthening of 2. pillar – rural development
- Financial perspective 2007 - 2013



Development of organic farming

- legal framework

- EU - Treaty: Articles 33 – 37
- Council Regulation (EC) No 2091/92
(+ 44 amendments)
- European Action Plan 2004
 - Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007
 - New: Implementing rules
- Rural development programmes 2007-2013
- Research – framework programmes



European Action Plan 2004

- concept aiming at the implementation of concrete measures (21 actions)

1. Public support: recognition of public benefits on environment, **animal welfare**, creating new jobs in rural areas (RD, research)
2. Development of the market and consumer awareness (promotion, logo, statistics)
3. Improvement of the legal framework (simplification, extending scope)
4. Accompanying measures (eg. expert panel)





European Action Plan 2004

- Focus - development of the market and consumer awareness
 - Promotion campaign, obligatory EU-logo
 - Database on private and public standards
 - Statistics on production and markets (Eurostat)





European Action Plan 2004

- Focus - EU support policy
 - additional aid for fruit and vegetables
 - Rural development (EC) No **1698/2005**: food quality programme, investment aid, support of advisory services, education and training, support organic farming in sensitive areas, agro- environmental measures for conversion, maintaining organic farming, Leader-projects
94 RD-programmes (87 approved)





European Action Plan 2004

- Focus - improvement of legal framework - standards and control
 - Transparency, simplification
 - Enforcement of standards, adjustments and harmonization: new Council Regulation, new implementing rules
 - Extending the scope: aquaculture, seaweed, wine, yeast
 - Improvement of control concept (Reg. 882/2004, OFFC)
 - Rationalization of imports, third country rules: new rules on imports





European Action Plan 2004

- Focus - accompanying measures
 - Set up of independent technical support
 - Improvements of control bodies/authorities - accreditation
 - Annual reports - supervision
 - List of equivalent control bodies





European Action Plan 2004

- Currently moving:
 - Revision of legal framework:
 - Implementing rules on production, labelling and control
 - Imports
 - Yeast
 - Aquaculture and seaweed (expert groups)
 - Wine (research project: OrWine)
 - Promotion campaign
 - Statistics – Eurostatgroup
 - new EU-logo
 - Research (OrWine, OrGAP, Certcost etc)
 - Setting up of expert panel





So far:
19 actions started
and/or achieved

