
ORGANIC ACTION PLAN

The European Action Plan for Organic Food and Farming – news and current status of implementation and policy analysis

Introduction and overview about the project

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Programme

I. Opening and Introduction

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- - Introduction and overview about project: Otto Schmid, FiBL, CH

II. European Action Plan

- - **The European Action Plan – how is the state of implementation:** Maria Fladl, DG AGRI, Unit F.5 - Organic Farming, European Commission
- - **ORGAPET – ORGAP Evaluation Toolbox** and its application to the European Action plan: Dr. Nicolas Lampkin, Aberystwyth University, UK
- - **Policy analysis of EU Action Plan implementation:** Prof. Raffaele Zanolli and Daniela Vairo, University (UPM), Italy
- - **Future of policies for organic farming:** Prof. Stephan Dabbert and Christian Eichert, University of Hohenheim, Germany

III. National Action plans – interesting developments

- - **Spain – Andalusia Action plan:** Victor Gonzalez, IFOAM EU Group
- - **France – Action plan:** Catherine Rogy, French Ministry of Agriculture

General final discussion

- will be chaired by Otto Schmid, ORGAP project coordinator
 - *Rapporteur of the discussion: Anamarija Slabe, Slovenia.*
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Goals for this session

- 1. To inform about the state of implementation of the European Action plan for organic food and farming (EUOAP)**
 - 2. To give an overview about the project outcomes**
 - 3. To inform about the potentials to use the evaluation toolbox (ORGAPET) to develop or assess action plans**
 - 4. To get feedback to a policy analysis**
 - 5. To inform about interesting developments on national level (Spain and France)**
 - 6. To inform about the project dissemination activities (Manual, newsletter, internet forum, etc.)**
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Background for the project

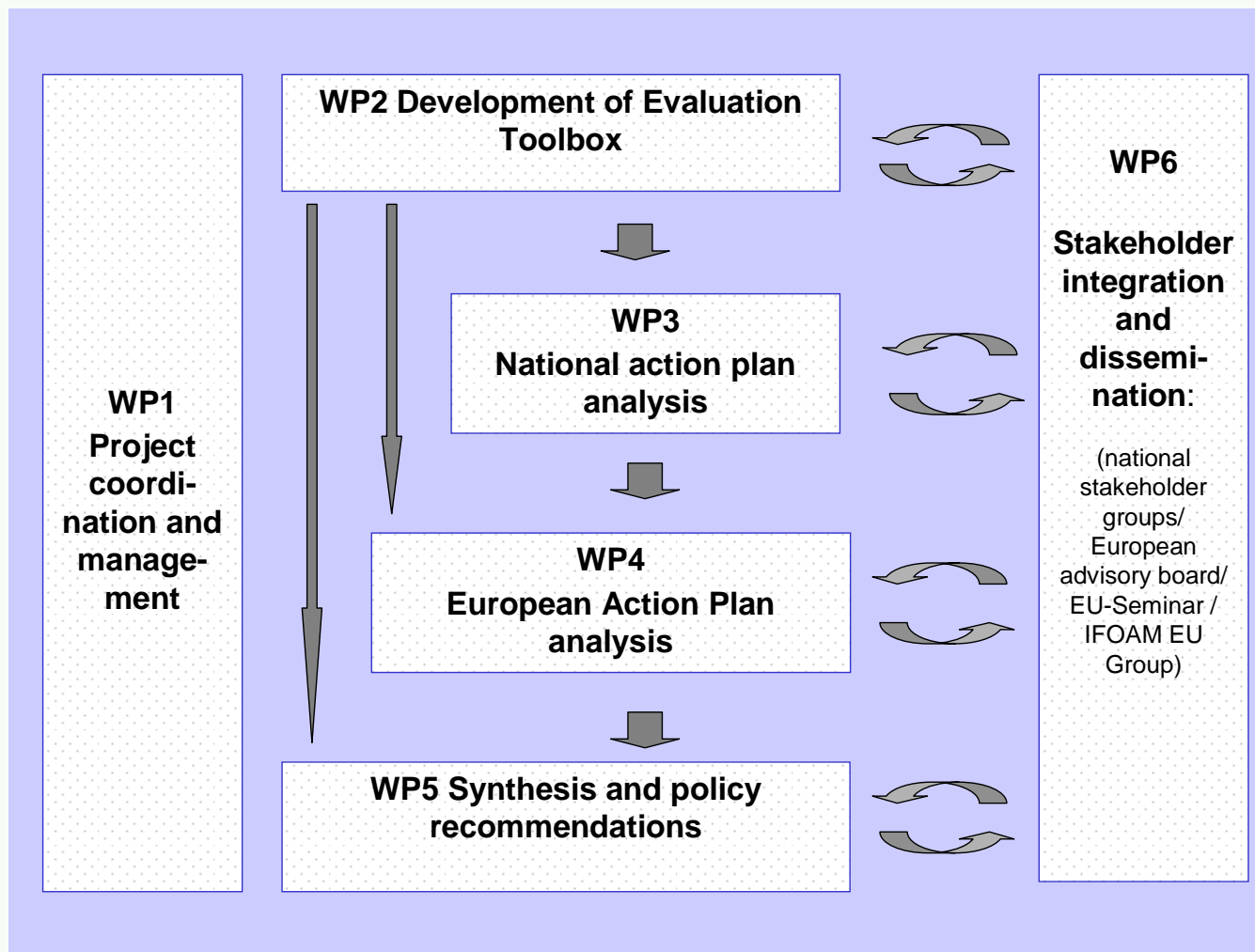
- The European Commission released in June 2004 the European Action Plan for Organic Food and Farming (EUOAP).
 - In May 2005 the 3-year, EU funded research project ORGAP (“Evaluation of the European Action Plan for Organic Food and Farming”) started.
 - 10 partners from 9 countries (CH, UK, DE, IT, DK, SI, CZ, NL, ES) and IFOAM EU Group.
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Objectives and methodology

The overall objective of this project is:

- to give scientific support to the implementation and evaluation of the EU Organic Action Plan for organic food and farming (OAP).
 - This was achieved by the identification of a set of suitable indicators and concepts as a basis for the development of an integrated evaluation tool to assess the long-term and short-term effects of the implementation of the EUOAP as well as national action plans/policy measures
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Project structure



What are the main results?

- **Comparison of national organic action plans (Report)**
- **Meta-evaluation of evaluations of national organic action plans (DE, NL, UK DK)**
- **ORGAPET development (see presentation Nic Lampkin)**
- **Focus group discussions on the national implementation of the EUOAP – synergies and conflicts (Report)**
- **Policy analysis of the European Action plan (draft report)**
- **Recommendations (still to be finalized)**
- **Project website, newsletter and forum (public “hot” topics)**

All reports can be downloaded from the Project website:

www.orgap.ch .
