
Action 3: Statistical data

What is the content?

Strengthen research on organic agriculture and production methods.

What has been done? What was achieved?

The EU concerted action project "EISfOM" (www.eisfom.org) has developed proposals, how to improve the collection of data in a conference in Brussels (10th -11th November 2005) and in the recommendations submitted to DG Agriculture and Rural Development on the 31st January 2006.

The final report from EISfOM (September 2006) summarises the most relevant findings of the project and suggest ways in which organic data collection and processing systems (DCPS) can be improved (see <http://orgprints.org/8961/>). The final recommendations included:

- Improvement in the current situation of data collecting and processing systems for the organic sector;
- Innovation in data collection and processing systems for the organic sector;
- Integration of conventional and organic data collection and processing systems.

The new Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007 of 28 June 2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 2092/91 has created a legal basis for collection of data by EUROSTAT.

What is planned? What is on the way?

EUROSTAT is planning to integrate a chapter on organic farming in the next farm census in 2010, building on the Farm Structure Survey data collected in 2000, 2003, 2005 and 2007. The NIROF(=new implementing rules on organic farming) article 94 – lays down more detailed provisions on statistical data on organic production, Data collection via farm data survey is recommended, close coordination between statistic group and SCOF. Market data: private or national data collection and providers (see ZMP in DE).

Comments

While production level statistics are improving, market data relating to supply chain, retailers and consumers still needs attention.

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