

## Action 7: Research

### What is the content?

Strengthen research on organic agriculture and production methods.

### What has been done? What was achieved?

Several projects have been funded under the 6<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme (see list of EU research projects on <http://forschung.oekolandbau.de/service-links-eu-projekte.html>). DG Research is financing the project "CORE-Organic", which is focussing on co-ordinating national research funding (see [www.coreorganic.org](http://www.coreorganic.org)). First projects started in June 2007. End May 2006 there was a conference about organic farming research in Denmark (see [www.organic-congress.org](http://www.organic-congress.org)).

The Work Programme 2007 of the 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme was published in December 2006.

In the first call only one topic was related to organic agriculture (costs of certification). In the second call there is a topic on animal breeding in organic/low input farming.

### What is planned? What is on the way?

In the call 2007, the societal impacts of organic farming and biodiversity indicators for organic/low-input farming were included.

### Comments

IFOAM EU, the organic research community and several Member States have addressed their concerns about the decreasing support for organic farming research in the 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme compared with the 6<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme in letters to DG Research (October 2006 and in July 2007).

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