

Action 8: Defining the principles of organic farming

What is the content?

Make the regulation more transparent by defining the basic principles of organic agriculture.

What has been done? What was achieved?

On the 21st December 2005 the European Commission has published a new draft proposal for a restructured European Council regulation with a list of basic principles of organic agriculture.

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 re-adapted the objectives and principles of organic farming.

This was achieved with input from the project EEC 2092/91 (Organic) Revision. Two reports from the project are available on the project website:

- “Focus Group of value concepts of producers and other stakeholders” (see <http://www.organic-revision.org/values/D21.html>).
- Balancing and integrating basic values in the development of organic regulations and standards: proposal for a procedure using case studies of conflicting areas (D2.3)

What is planned? What is on the way?

Agreed principles were reflected in implementing rules - Commission circulated consultation document in Autumn 2007.

The new implementing rules, which supplement the Council Regulation 834/2007 with detailed production rules, have been discussed in the SCOF, which gave favourable opinion on the 2nd of July 2008.

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