

FINAL SOLMACC CONFERENCE

Farmers tackling climate change: Systemic solutions for greater mitigation and adaptation of EU's agriculture sector

16 May 2018 - Representation of Hessen to the EU, Rue Montoyer 21, Brussels

Draft Agenda

9:00	Registration
9:30	Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Beatrix Tappeser, State Secretary of Hessen, Hessen Ministry of Environment, Climate, Agriculture and Consumer Protection • Martin Häusling, MEP, Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance
9:45	Changing farming methods to tackle climate change - SOLMACC project introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sigrid Griese and Dr. Stephanie Fischinger, SOLMACC national coordinators Germany, Bioland
10:10	The impact of implementing climate-friendly practices – SOLMACC project results Results from the scientific monitoring of the SOLMACC practices: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lin Bautze, SOLMACC scientific coordinator, FiBL SOLMACC farmers' perspective on the benefits of implementing the practices, opportunities and challenges faced: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kjell Sjin, SOLMACC farmer, Hånsta Östergärde, SE • Oscar Franzen, Ekologiska Lantbrukarna, and Ralf Mack, Bioland, SOLMACC advisors • Daniele Fontanive, SOLMACC national coordinator and advisor Italy, AIAB Q&A
11:45	Coffee break
12:00	Policy recommendations for greater climate change mitigation and adaptation of EU's agriculture sector – based on SOLMACC results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eric Gall, Policy Manager and Deputy Director, IFOAM EU
12:15	Panel discussion: How can the CAP drive climate change mitigation and adaptation in the agriculture sector? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faustine Bas-Defosse, Principal Policy Analyst and Head of Agriculture and Land Management Programme, IEEP • Christine Müller, Policy Officer, DG Climate Action, Unit C.3 Land Use and Innovation Finance • Dr. Andrea Beste, Institute for Soil Conservation and Sustainable Agriculture • Kurt Sannen, President. BioForum Vlaanderen, and Organic Farmer, Het Bolhuis, BE Moderator: Eduardo Cuoco , Director (IFOAM EU) Q&A
13:05	Conclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newly-elected IFOAM EU President
13:15	Organic lunch

German-English translation provided.



Event Outline

Registration:

All guests and speakers need to complete a formal registration through this [form](#). Please register before the **7th May 2018**. Places are limited so **early registration is highly recommended**.

Event objectives:

1/Present the final results of the [SOLMACC project](#); 2/Highlight the willingness of organic farmers to be part of the solution for fighting climate change by showcasing the results and impact of farmers involved in the SOLMACC project; 3/Discuss systemic solutions for the agriculture sector to achieve EU's mitigation and adaptation goals, with a focus on the CAP.

Publications presented at the event:

- [A brochure on socio-economic strategies for upscaling climate-friendly practices](#) (available in 4 languages)
- [A report on organic farming and climate change](#) with recommendations on reducing the environmental impact of EU agriculture
- An advocacy leaflet with key messages and recommendations for mainstreaming climate-friendly farming
- Policy recommendations for increasing climate change mitigation and adaptation of EU's agriculture
- 4 Videos showcasing the practices that have been implemented with farmers testimonies.

Location:

The event will take place at the Representation of the State of Hessen to the EU, Rue Montoyer 21, 1000 Brussels.

- **Access from Gare du Midi train station:** Take the Metro number 2 or 6 towards Elisabeth and get off at Trone. Walk down the rue Montoyer towards number 21.
- **Access from the Brussels Airport:** Take the train to Gare Centrale, change to the Metro number 1 or 5 towards Hermanne-Debroux/Stockel, change at Arts-Loi to the Metro number 2 or 6 towards Simonis/Roi Baudoin and get off at Trone. Walk down the rue Montoyer towards number 21.





Information on the SOLMACC project

The SOLMACC project (*Strategies for Organic and Low input farming to Mitigate and Adapt to Climate Change*) aims to promote wider adoption of farming practices that contribute to climate change mitigation and adaptation, to reduce on-farm GHG emissions, increase farmers' resilience to climate change effects, demonstrate co-benefits (e.g. positive impacts on soil quality, biodiversity) and share knowledge with key stakeholders (students, farmers, researchers, policy makers). The project has been running since 2013 and will finish in August 2018. It is co-funded by the LIFE financial instrument of the European Union.

Project partners:

IFOAM EU (day-to-day coordinator), Ekolantbruk (coordinator, SE), AIAB (national coordinator, IT), Bioland (national coordinator, DE), FiBL (scientific coordinator, DE).

Main activities:

For the last four years, 12 demonstration farms in **Germany, Italy and Sweden** have changed their farming methods to start implementing climate-friendly practices from 4 key areas:

- Agroforestry
- Optimised crop rotations
- Optimised on-farm nutrient management
- Optimised tillage management

These practices have been monitored during the entire project length to calculate the impact on GHG emission and wider environmental and socio-economic aspects. Knowledge exchange and advocacy efforts have also been a fundamental part of the project and have been targeted through field visits, seminars, roundtables, workshops, publications and media coverage.

For additional information please consult the project homepage www.solmacc.eu or contact Tereza Maarova at Tereza.maarova@ifoam-eu.org



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