



# EU ORGANIC DAY – EU ORGANIC AWARDS CEREMONY 2024

MONDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2024

SCHUMAN ROOM

BERLAYMONT BUILDING, RUE DE LA LOI, 149, 1000 BRUSSELS

## PROGRAMME

- 14H30: Start of registration/coffee
- 15H00: Opening remarks by moderator
- 15H05: Keynote speech by Commissioner for Agriculture J. Wojciechowski
- 15H15: Award ceremony

- Best organic farmer (female) award - Handed out by Mr M. Jakopovic (Vice-President COPA-COGECA)
- Best organic farmer (male) award - Handed out by Mr J. Plagge (President, IFOAM Organics Europe)
- Best organic region, city and biodistrict awards - Handed out by Ms K. Bille (Member of the European Committee of the Regions)
- Best organic food processing SME, food retailer and restaurant/food service awards - Handed out by Mr O. Röpke (President, European Economic and Social Committee)

16H00: Moderated roundtable discussions (20 minutes each):

- **#1: Achievements of the EU Action Plan for the Development of Organic Production and the future development of the sector**

Commissioner for Agriculture Janusz Wojciechowski, MEP D. Nardella (European Parliament), Mr. O. Ökrös (Mr. Oszkár Ökrös (Hungarian Deputy of State for International Relations of the Ministry of Agriculture Hungary), Mr P. Schmidt (President, NAT Section, European Economic and Social Committee), Mr K.U. Petersen, (Chair of the Commission for Natural

Resources, European Committee of the Regions), Mr M. Jakopovic (Vice-President, COPA) and Mr E. Cuoco (Director IFOAM Organics Europe)

- **#2: Working as an organic farmer today and in the future**

Representative of the best organic farmer (female), Representative of the best organic farmer (male), Mrs Lone Andersen (Chairwoman for Working party Organic - COPA-COGECA) and Mr J. Plagge (President, IFOAM Organics Europe)

- **#3: Local and regional authorities fostering organic production and consumption**

Representative of the best organic region, Representative of the best organic city, Representative of the best organic bio-district and Mrs K. Bille (Member of the European Committee of the Regions)

- **#4: Organic food processors, retailers and restaurants connecting with consumers**

Representative of the best organic food processing SME, Representative of the best organic food retailer, Representative of the best organic restaurant/food service and Mr P. Schmidt (President, NAT Section, European Economic and Social Committee)

17H30: Q&A

17H45: Cocktail

18H45: Dinner hosted by Commissioner for Agriculture J. Wojciechowski for award winners and invited guests.