

Application for the Best Organic Bio-District

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The submission of this form will only be possible from 4 March 2024. Applications must be submitted by 12 May 2024, 23:59:59 CEST at the latest through the online application form available on:

https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/farming/organic-farming/organic-action-plan/eu-organic-awards_en

No other application than the one available online will be taken into account

Instructions

Please note that your application for the 2024 edition of the EU organic awards should be submitted by using this form. All sections must be complete and all questions should be answered. Where you cannot answer a question, reasons must be provided in the relevant section. It is strongly advised to read the 2024 edition of the EU organic awards practical guide before completing this application. [The CoR opinion on the Action Plan for the development of EU organic production](#) may also be useful to consider.

Nota Bene

The generic term "bio-district" is used in this form to refer to any delineated geographical area whose local resources are managed sustainably, in accordance with the principles and methods of organic production and agro-ecology, by different actors (such as farmers, public authorities, local associations, tourism operators and citizens) operating together on the basis of a binding agreement.

Personal data

Please note that any personal data contained in the application documents (such as name and address) will be processed pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the EU institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data[1]. Unless otherwise indicated, the replies to the questions and any personal data requested to evaluate the application in accordance with the awards rules[2] will be processed solely for that purpose by the CoR.

More information on data protection rules

The European Commission, the European Committee of the Regions, the European Economic and Social Committee, IFOAM Organics Europe, Copa and Cogeca will jointly process your personal data for the organisation of the EU Organic Awards.

The Joint Controllers are committed to protect your personal data and to respect your privacy.

The Joint Controllers have concluded a Joint Controllership Arrangement. They, and their processors, collect and further process personal data pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 and Regulation (EU) 2016/679.

The privacy statement explains the reason for the processing of your personal data in the context of the awards.

[1] Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC ([OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 93](#)).

[2] The awards rules are published on the [European Commission website](#).

A. Consent form on data protection

Your consent is required for the following actions. If you opt in, you are giving us your explicit consent under Article 5(1)(d) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 or Article 6(1)(a) of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 to process your personal data for the purposes detailed in the privacy statement.

Your consent to the processing of your personal data can be withdrawn at any time by contacting EUorganicawardsCoR@cor.europa.eu

* Do you consent to the processing of your personal data submitted in the context of the EU Organic Awards as described in the privacy statement?

- Yes
 No

Your application can't be processed if you don't consent to the processing of your personal data.

* Do you specifically consent to the processing of the audio-visual data (including photos and videos) you submitted and the audio-visual data (including photos and videos) captured in the context of the EU Organic Awards as described in the privacy statement?

- Yes
 No

* In case you or the entity on behalf of which you apply win(s) one of the EU Organic Awards, do you specifically consent to the publication, on the websites of the joint controllers or on social media, of your name and surname, contact data, professional data and photos and videos containing your audio-visual data as described in the privacy statement?

- Yes
 No

* Do you specifically consent to the processing of any health data linked to access or dietary requirements you may submit in the context of your attendance to the award ceremony?

- Yes
 No

* Do you specifically consent to be contacted for the EU Organic Awards organised next year as described in the privacy statement?

- Yes
 No

B. Contact Information

Name of the applying entity/organization (if applicable):

Last name, first name of contact person for this application:

Street and street number:

City:

Zip code:

Country:

Email address:

Phone number:

C. Eligibility criteria

You confirm that the bio-district involves at least a municipality

[Show](#)

You confirm that different actors belonging to an organic agriculture-based food system are associated (organic farmers, processors, input providers, other public and private organisation, civil society organisations)

[Show](#)

You confirm that the bio-district association is legally recognised

[Show](#)

D. Questions

Please provide a general presentation of your project (including the impact of its activities, results and positive effects in particular towards the territorial development of the territory concerned).

A description of the activities and results that can be attributed to your project should be indicated. We suggest writing this section while thinking of all the positive effects that would not have happened had the bio-district not been created.

1000 character(s) maximum

How has your project developed an excellent initiative producing real added value for organic production and consumption?

Are specific sustainable development objectives clearly defined in the Articles of Association applicable to the bio-district?

- Yes
 No

Is the bio-district using the promotion of local organic quality products as a major tourist attraction?

- Yes
- No

Please explain in 400 characters maximum how your project produces real added value for organic production and consumption, including reference to the above questions?

400 character(s) maximum

How innovative is your project?

Has the bio-district developed, invested or taken part in innovative projects related to the promotion of organic products and/or production?

- Yes
- No

Please explain in max 400 characters your new approaches, new organizational methods, or the development of new (or significantly) improved results for organics, including reference to the above questions.

400 character(s) maximum

How is your project meeting each of the three sustainability (environmental, social, economic) dimensions and how does it assess its sustainability from a long-term perspective?

Does the Bio-district Association support organic short food chain initiatives?

- Yes
- No

Please explain in 200 characters maximum how your project meets the environmental sustainability criteria

200 character(s) maximum

Please explain in 200 characters maximum how your project meets the social sustainability criteria

200 character(s) maximum

Please explain in 200 characters maximum how your project meets the economic sustainability criteria

200 character(s) maximum

How could your project be transferred and replicated elsewhere in the EU?

Is the bio-district cooperating with other bio-districts towards promoting organic products and/or production?

- Yes
 No

Could the implemented projects and set targets be used on a large scale and by other bio-districts?

- Yes
 No

Please explain in max 400 characters how your project could be transferred and replicated elsewhere in the EU, including reference to the above questions.

400 character(s) maximum

E. General Information

Number of municipalities involved in the bio-district

Surface concerned by the project in km²

% of the Utilised Agricultural Land under organic farming on the concerned territory

Population concerned by the project

Organic farms associated to the project

Date of creation

Link to the register entry relating to the Bio-district Association, or to the Articles of Association applicable to the bio-district.

Please provide any other useful information on your business (for example information on the existence of presentation brochure or visual materials, links to the business' website or to relevant documents if available).

Please also provide any relevant social media handles (Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, Facebook).

F. Declaration on honour

You declare that you will immediately inform the organisers of any changes in your situation as declared in this form.

You declare that you comply with the applicable eligibility criteria set out in point C) of the contest rules, that all data provided in this form are true, accurate and complete, and that you are able to provide the necessary supporting documentation for the jury to check their validity (please note that this documentation will be requested from the pre-finalists).

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Contact

[Contact Form](#)