



EU ORGANIC DAY – EU ORGANIC AWARDS CEREMONY 2023

MONDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2023

DE GASPERI ROOM

CHARLEMAGNE BUILDING, RUE DE LA LOI, 170, 1000 BRUSSELS

PROGRAMME

- 08H00: Start of registration/coffee
- 09H00: Opening remarks by moderator
- 09H05: Keynote speech by Commissioner for Agriculture J. Wojciechowski
- 09H15: Award ceremony
- Best organic farmer (female) award - Handed out by Mr J. Plagge (President, IFOAM Organics Europe)
 - Best organic farmer (male) award - Handed out by Mr L. Pofferi (Vice-President, COGECA)
 - Best organic region, city and biodistrict awards - Handed out by Ms K. Bille (NAT Commission Member, 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)
- 10H00: Moderated roundtable discussions (20 minutes each):
- **#1: Working as an organic farmer today and in the future**
 - Representative of the best organic farmer (female), representative of the best organic farmer (male), Ms L. Andersen (President, COPA-COGECA's Working Party on Organic farming) and J. Plagge (President, IFOAM Organics Europe)



- **#2: 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 Ms K. Bille (NAT Commission Member, European Committee of the Regions)

- **#3: 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)

- **#4: 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 S. Schmiedtbauer (Member of the European Parliament), Mr F. Miranda Sotillos (Spanish Secretary-General of Agriculture), Mr P. Schmidt (President, NAT Section, European Economic and Social Committee), Ms K. Bille (NAT Commission Member, European Committee of the Regions), Mr L. Pofferi (Vice-President, COGECA) and Mr J. Plagge (President, IFOAM Organics Europe)

11H30: Q&A with journalists

11H45: Cocktail

12H30: Lunch hosted by Commissioner for Agriculture J. Wojciechowski for award winners and invited guests