

# Application for the Best Organic Region

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The submission of this form will only be possible from 25 March 2023. Applications must be submitted by 14 May 2023, 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](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 2023 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 2023 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.

## 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 Controllershship 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](#).

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### 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](mailto: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

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## 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:

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### C. Questions

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

*1000 character(s) maximum*

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

What is the percentage of regional subsidies to organic farming in the overall regional budget for agriculture?

Is the region assessing the impact of Green Public Procurement on organic farmland?

- Yes
- No

Is organics a regional development priority and does the region have a strategy for the development of organics?

- Yes
- No

Please explain in max 400 characters 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 region developed, invested or taken part in innovative projects related to the promotion of organic products and/or production?

- Yes

No

Does the region use specific guidelines or methodologies to assess the overall sustainability of the local food system?

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?**

What is the percentage of regional public organic food purchasing compared to the overall regional food purchasing?

What is the percentage of regional public local and organic food purchasing compared to the overall regional food purchasing?

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 region cooperating with other cities in the promotion of organic products and/or production?

Yes

No

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

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*

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#### **D. General Information**

Number of inhabitants

Surface of the region

% of the Utilised Agricultural Land under organic farming

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).

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#### **E. 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 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](#)