



WEDNESDAY | 24th September

18:30 - 20:30 **Organic Reception**

L42, 42 Rue de la Loi | 1040 Bruxelles 

THURSDAY | 25th September

Organic Market Conference

European Economic and Social Committee, Rue Belliard 99 | 1040 Bruxelles 

- 09:45 Welcome words by Aurora Abad, Secretary General OPTA Europe and Anne Baumann, Executive Director AöL
- 10:00 Opening remarks by Commission representative (*invited*)
- 10:20 The future of organic foods and how we can step up consumption by [Decebal-Stefăniță PADURE](#) (EESC Member and rapporteur)
- 10:45 **Session 1: Trends and drivers of organic consumption in EU markets**
- Spain | David Caré – [Asobio](#) – Asociación Española de Elaboradores y Comercializadores Ecológicos (*confirmed*)
 - The Netherlands | Elise Bijkerk – [BioNederland](#) (*confirmed*)
 - Poland | Karol Przybylak – [PIZE](#) – Polska Izba Żywności Ekologicznej (*confirmed*)
 - France | Alexandra Pignot – [Synabio](#) (*invited*)
- 12:45 Lunch at the European Economic and Social Committee
- 13:45 **Session 2: Public policies to support the development of the organic sector**
- EU promotion & trade tools to support agri-food exporters – Directorate General Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission (*invited*)
 - Revision of Public Procurement Directives – Directorate General Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, European Commission (*invited*)
 - Best practice: Denmark's public policies mix to support organics – Denmark Permanent Representation to the EU (*invited*)
- 15:30 Closing remarks