



THURSDAY | 25th September

Organic Market Conference

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



- 09:45 Welcome words by Stefan Hipp, President OPTA Europe
- 10:00 Opening remarks by [Maxi Espeter](#), cabinet of Commissioner for Agriculture and Food
- 10:20 The future of organic foods and how we can step up consumption by [Kerli Ats](#) (EESC co-rapporteur and organic farmer)
- 10:45 **Session 1: Trends and drivers of organic consumption in EU markets**
- Spain | David Caré – [Asobio](#) – Asociación Española de Elaboradores y Comercializadores Ecológicos
 - The Netherlands | Elise Bijkerk – [BioNederland](#)
 - Poland | Karol Przybylak – [PIZE](#) – Polska Izba Zywnosci Ekologicznej
 - Denmark | Birgitte Jørgensen – [Organic Denmark](#)
- 12:30 Lunch at the European Economic and Social Committee
- 14:00 **Session 2: Public policies to support the development of the organic sector**
- EU promotion & trade tools to support agri-food exporters – Nadia Loddo, Directorate General Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission
- 14:30 The future of organic food and what can be done at EU level to step up consumption - Maria Noichl, Member of the European Parliament
- 15:00 Closing remarks by Anne Baumann, Executive Director AöL