





Sustainable Rural Development Training Days, Dublin, 23-25 April 2013

A new green agenda for farming and rural areas in Europe

Fostering Organic Farming, High Nature Value farmland and sustainable rural economies under the new Rural Development Programmes

- Excursion: Green Businesses on the Green Island, 23 April
- Public Seminar: A new green agenda for farming and rural areas in Europe, 24 April
- Training Workshop Rural Development and Innovation Policies in Practices, 24 April
- Strategy Meeting Farming Experts Exchange on CAP and EU policy process, 25 April

Registration page:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dDdzdHhFQUIIS0phMjRCOE1W0EYwYUE6MA#gid=0 Website: http://www.ifoam-eu.org/events/CAP/RD-Training-Days.php

23 April – Excursion: Green Businesses on the Green Island

Departure Dublin City Centre 9:30 <u>sharp</u> Meeting Point: 26-27 Saint Stephen's Green across road from Adam's Auctioneers and the Shelbourne Hotel <u>map</u>)



Farm Walk and presentation of "Ballard Organic Farm", Ballard, Kilbeggan, Co Westmeath. Ballard Organic Farm converted to organic production in 1999. The farm has been in the Lalor family since 1844 and is also an open visitor farm which offers educational visits to a diversity of groups. The farm is involved in the organic production of cereals and in finishing beef. Since January 2011, Ballard Organic Farm has also been producing porridge from

their own organic oats which is gaining world-wide recognition and has won numerous awards. It is being sold as Kilbeggan Organic Porridge (www.kilbegganorganicfoods.com); Ballard Farm is also trialling oat-based organic biscuits. Ballard Farm uses solar and wind energy for generating electricity and also uses solar energy for heating water. www.ballardorganicfarm.ie

Farm walk and lunch at "Coolanowle Country House and Organic Farm", Ballickmoyler, Co Laois. The 100-hectare farm was converted to organic farming in 2001. It produces milk, beef and pork, processes meat on farm, selling products through direct sales and at farmers markets.

www.organicmeat.ie Coolanowle also offers bed and breakfast, wellness treatments and a venue for events. www.coolanowle.com





Dinner in the renowned **BrookLodge Hotel**, Macreddin Village, Aughrim, Co Wicklow which features the organically certified Strawberry Tree Restaurant. The BrookLodge Hotel & Wells Spa – which is located amidst beautiful scenery in Co Wicklow – has been organically certified by the Organic Trust since 2001 and has been the recipient of many prestigious awards. www.brooklodge.com

Keynote: The role of the Organic Sector in Food Tourism, Gavin Lynch, PR & Development Officer, Organic Trust 21:30 Arrival (Dublin City Centre)

Transport by coach will be arranged by the organisers. The excursion includes refreshments, lunch and dinner. The recommended donation for the excursion is 60 euro per person.



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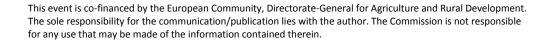


24 April - Public Seminar: A new green agenda for farming and rural areas in Europe - Rural Development towards 2020 (Organic stakeholders and civil society)

Venue: European Union House, 18 Dawson Street, Dublin 2 map

Time	Speaker	Topic		
9.00	Registration/Tea and Coffee			
9:30	Jan Plagge, Chairman IFOAM EU Farmer	Welcome note and assessment of the CAP		
	Sector Group	reform and future Organic Action Plans		
Expert par	nel: Innovation in the food chain - an investment i	nto the future of the rural economies		
9:45	Tom Kelly, Director of Knowledge Transfer,	The Irish EU Presidency's Agenda for Innovation		
	Teagasc, Irish Agriculture and Food	in the Food Chain and Rural Areas		
	Development Authority			
10:00	Cristina Micheloni, TP Organics	Embedding organic farming in the Horizon 2020		
		and the European Innovation Partnership		
10.15	Samuel Féret, ARC 2020	Agro-ecological in farming - a boost for rural		
		economies and sustainability		
10:30	nn, Glenisk (tbc)	Food Chain Innovation: An Organic Food		
		Company Perspective		
10:45	Moderation: Marco Schlüter, Director, IFOAM	Discussion		
	EU Group			
Policy mal	kers panel: "The CAP post 2013 - new opportunitie	s for rural regions"		
11:15	Frank Macken, Irish Department for Food,	The CAP reform post 2013 - the Irish EU		
	Agriculture and the Marine	Presidency's sustainability agenda		
11.30	Marian Harkin, Member of the European	A new CAP for farmers and rural areas - the		
	Parliament, Alliance of Liberals and	European Parliament's position on CAP reform		
	Democrats for Europe			
11.45	Gillian Westbrook, Irish Organic Farmers and	The state of the CAP reform - priorities for		
	Growers Association	organic farmers in the Trilogue Negotiations		
12.00	Patrick McGurn, European Forum on Nature	The state of the CAP reform – Possibilities for		
	Conservation and Pastoralism	supporting high nature value farmland in the		
		Trilogue Negotiations		
12:15	Moderation: Thomas Fertl, Vice-President,	Discussion		
	IFOAM EU Group			
12.45	Lunch	<u> </u>		
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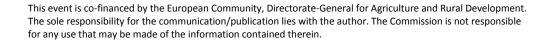


24 April - Training Workshop: Rural Development and Innovation Policies in Practice (Organic stakeholders and civil society)

Venue: European Union House

14:00	Registration	
14:15	Welcome note	Moderation: Jan Plagge
14:30	The Common Strategic Framework and Rural Development Implementation: What is stake?	Thomas Fertl, IFOAM EU Group
14.45	RDP measures, combinations and the potential of new sub-programmes and innovation partnerships	 Expert Input (max 10 min each) Nic Lampkin, Organic Research Centre UK, How can the Organic sector influence the design and implementation of new rural development programmes? Patrick McGurn, European Forum on Nature Conservation and Pastoralism: Local solutions to biodiversity conservation in new rural development programmes: A HNV farming perspective Bram Moeskops, TP Organics, Unlocking the potential of European Innovation Partnerships
15.15		Discussion
16:15	Tea and Coffee Break	
16.45	Opportunities for Sustainable Approaches in Rural Areas - Community-led local Development and Organic Action Plans	Expert input (max 15 mins each) - Ryan Howard, CEO, South East Cork Area Development: LEADER and the potential for future Community-led local Development - What's working in Ireland - Paul Holmbeck, Organic Denmark: National Organic Action Plans - What's working in Denmark
17:15		Discussion
18. 15	Conclusions of the day	Antje Kölling, Policy Manager, IFOAM EU Group
18.30	Close	
19:00	Networking Dinner	













25 April – Strategy Meeting: Rural Development Implementation and Farming Experts Exchange (IFOAM EU Group members)

Venue: European Union House

9:00	Registration/Tea and Coffee	
9.30	Targeting policymakers in the implementation	Moderation: Thomas Fertl
	process - barriers, opportunities and strategies	
	to well-designed national/regional RDPs	
10:30	EU Policies linked to CAP - Developing farming	Moderation: Jan Plagge
	perspectives on the Review of Organic	
	Regulation and control systems.	
11:30	CAP beyond 2020: Exploring new ways to	Moderation: Andrea Ferrante and Kees van
	support organic farming and rural areas	Zelderen
	including fairer pricing mechanisms	
11:30	Planning for the future: Organic farming and	Moderation: Antje Kölling and Stephen Meredith
	the EU policy process.	
12:30	Lunch	
13:45	AOB	
14:30	Conclusions and Wrap-up	tbc
15:00	Close	

Accommoda	tion Options
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<u>Buswells Hotel</u> 26 Molesworth St Dublin 2 <u>map</u> <u>Essex Street West</u> Temple Bar Dublin 2 <u>map</u>

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106 euro per night (incl breakfast)

Please Quote: IFOAM EU Group

69 euro per night (incl breakfast)

Please Quote: IFOG230413

Rooms have to be booked on individual basis but pre-reservations have been made to guarantee a certain

number of rooms are available.



