





Invitation to the LIVESEED, ECO-PB & CPVO Workshop on Heterogeneous Material and Organic Varieties directly after the annual Meeting of Examination Offices MEO on the 6th December 2018 from 13:30 till 16:30 at Terra Botanica, Route D'Epinard at Angers, France

Objective

The European Project LIVESEED on boosting organic seed and plant breeding across Europe (www.liveseed.eu) and the European Consortium of Organic Plant Breeding (ECO-PB, www.eco-pb.org) aim to discuss opportunities and challenges of registration of heterogeneous material and organic varieties with the CPVO, the national examination offices (EO) and the observers (DG Sante, ESA, Plantum, EPO, UPOV, CIOPORA, BLW, Food Safety Authority). We will present the scientific concept of heterogeneous material, first results and experiences of the running "temporary experiment providing for certain derogations for the marketing of populations" and discuss possible tools to identify, describe and trace such material. Further, we would like to discuss consequences of the new organic regulation 848/2018 with respect to (i) the notification of "organic heterogenous material" and (ii) the foreseen "temporary experiment on organic varieties suitable for organic production in order to establish the criteria for the description of the characteristics of that material and to determine the production and marketing conditions".

For whom:	CPVO, Examination offices, DG Sante, ESA, Plantum, EPO, UPOV, CIOPORA, BLW, Food Safety Authority		
Venue:	Terra Botanica, Route D'Epinard at Angers, France http://affaire.terrabotanica.fr/infos-pratiques/acces		
Organizers:	 on behalf of LIVESEED & ECO-PB: Ambrogio Costanzo & Charlotte Bickler (Organic Research Center, UK) Riccardo Bocci Rete Semi Rurali, IT) Tove Pedersen (SEGES, DK) Gebhard Rossmanith (Bingenheimer Saatgut, DE) Monika Messmer (FiBL, CH) on behalf of CPVO: Dirk Theobald 		
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Preliminary program of the LIVESEED, ECO-PB & CPVO Workshop on Heterogeneous Material and Organic Varieties

Thursday 6th December 2018

13:30 - 14:10	Part 1: Why genetically heterogeneous material?		
	Welcome of particpants	5 min	
	Concepts of heterogeneous populations and organic varieties and their inclusion in the new organic regulation (Monika Messmer, FiBL) 25 min		
	Q&A	10 min	
14:10 – 15:15	 Part 2: Experiences from the temporary experiments on heterogeneous material Challenges of commercialisation of heterogeneous material Riccardo Bocci, Rete Semi Rurali, perspective of farmer organisation 10 min Pier Giacomo Bianchi, CREA –DC, perspective of examination office 10 min LIVESEED toolbox for heterogeneous material description and identification (Charlotte Bickel, Organic Research Centre) 20 min 		
	Discussion on implementing notification of foreseen in the new organic regulation	"organic heterogeneous material" as 25 min	
15:15 – 15:30	Coffee Break		
15:30 - 16:30	Part 3: Upcoming temporary experiment on organic varieties suitable for organic production		
	Results from LIVESEED survey on organic D (Tove Mariegaard Pedersen, Seges)	US, VCU and post-registration trials 15 min	
	Concepts for adjusted DUS and VCU protoco Rossmanith, Bingenheimer Saatgut)	ols for organic varieties (Gebhard 15 min	
	Discussion on developing adjusted guidelin experiment on organic varieties	ies for upcoming temporary 20 min	
	Feedback & closing of workshop	10 min	