



Seeds in the new organic regulation

What will change the new organic regulation regarding seed?

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Current situation in Europe regarding organic seed

According to the current organic Regulation 834/2007, the use of **organic seed is mandatory** (art. 12).

But the regulation allowed **some flexibility** (art. 22 and art. 45 Regulation 889/2208).

- Current state of play: **untreated conventional seed is still used in different countries.**
- Derogation policy implemented in different ways by Member States
- Not sufficient organic seed available
- Not the suited varieties in organic available
- Not real functioning databases in some Member States
- No data on organic seed produced or used

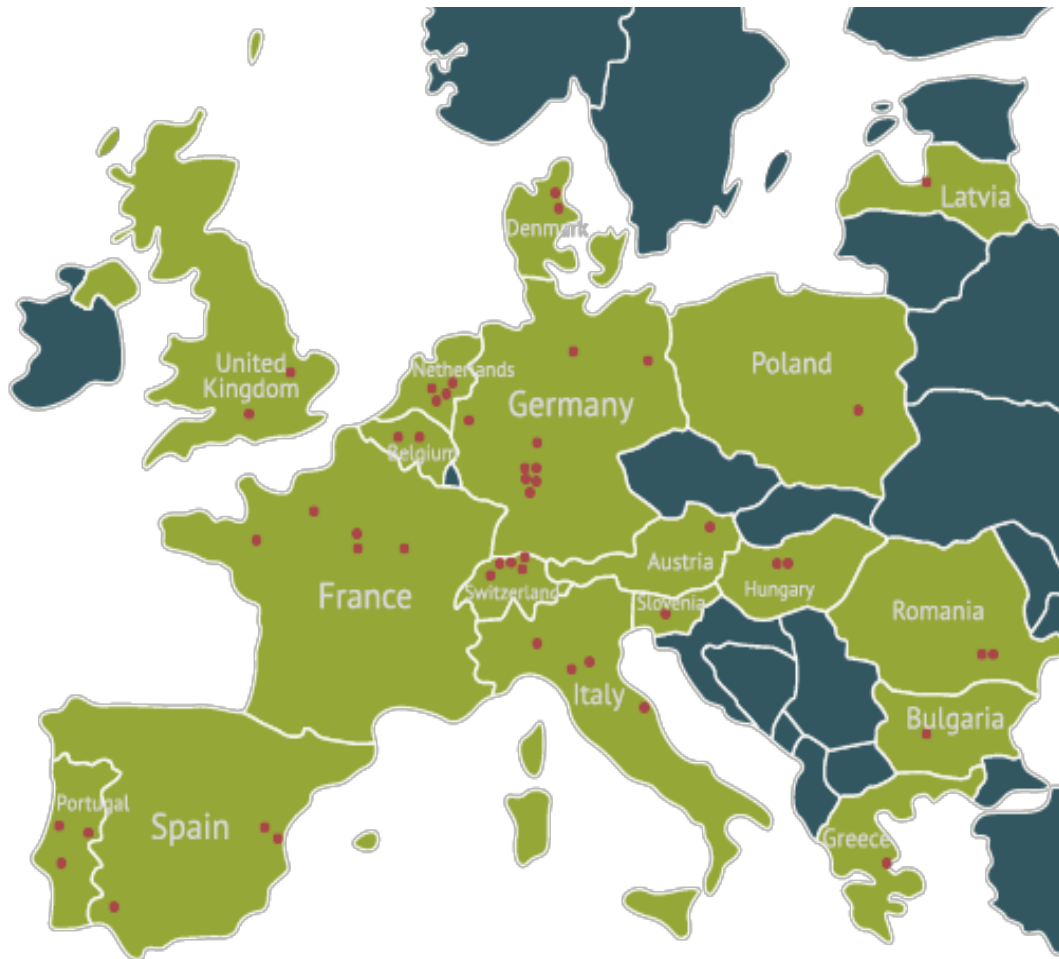


Aim of LIVESEED project

- Boosting organic plant breeding across Europe and reach 100% organic seed of adapted cultivars



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49 partners
18 countries

23 breeding & research institutes
7 breeding companies
8 seed companies
11 org. associations



LIVESEED activities to boost organic seed

- National visits in 8 different countries
- Seed supplier survey to estimate organic seed production (autumn 2018)
- Farmers survey to get insights in their motivations and needs (winter 2018/19)
- 8 national workshops to discuss the issue of organic seed in Baltics, Hungary, Spain, Bulgaria, Romania, Greece, Poland, Italy (2019)
- Business modelling for organic seed systems



The New Organic Regulation 2018/848

- This new regulation is an important step towards the increase and diversification of the seeds/plant reproductive material available for organic farmers.
- Article 53 Regulation 2018/848:
 - derogations should be phased out
 - only organic seed should be used by 2036 (extension possible)
- but all depends on the implementations of the new provisions (delegated & implementing acts, interpretation notes or guidelines).



New Organic Regulation - content

The new Organic Regulation defines different options for Plant Reproductive Material (PRM) available for organic farmers:

- **Organic Plant Reproductive Material (PRM)/seeds & vegetative material**
 - organic varieties suitable for organic production multiplied under organic conditions
 - organic heterogeneous material
 - farm saved seed for own use
 - conventional varieties multiplied under organic conditions
- **In-conversion Plant Reproductive Material**, when derogation is granted (not after 2035).
- **Untreated conventional Plant Reproductive Material**, when a derogation is granted (not after 2035).



New Organic Regulation – IFOAM EU's advocacy work

- Organic Heterogeneous Material
- Organic varieties suitable for organic production
- Breeding techniques
- Organic seed database for plant reproductive material
- Derogation process



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