

# Multi-actor culinary breeding methodologies: from theory to practical examples in Europe

Network "Young Professionals in Organic Plant Breeding"

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*European  
Consortium for  
Organic  
Plant  
Breeding*

Initiating, supporting and maintaining **organic plant breeding programmes**

Developing and investigating **the concepts, scientific basis and financial tools** for organic plant breeding

Developing and promoting appropriate **standards, practice and legal frameworks** for organic plant breeding

Providing a **platform for exchange of knowledge and experience on organic plant breeding** to European

breeders, farmers, researchers and policy makers, as well as other IFOAM organisations

Carrying out **meetings and workshops** on organic seed and organic plant breeding issues

Providing **discussion papers** on plant breeding issues to support decision making processes

# 22 years of ECO-PB – 2001 to 2023

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**Full Membership** (including voting rights):  
Open to organisations and enterprises that are predominantly engaged in the development and promotion of organic plant breeding, seed production or organic agriculture.

The annual membership fee is € 1000.

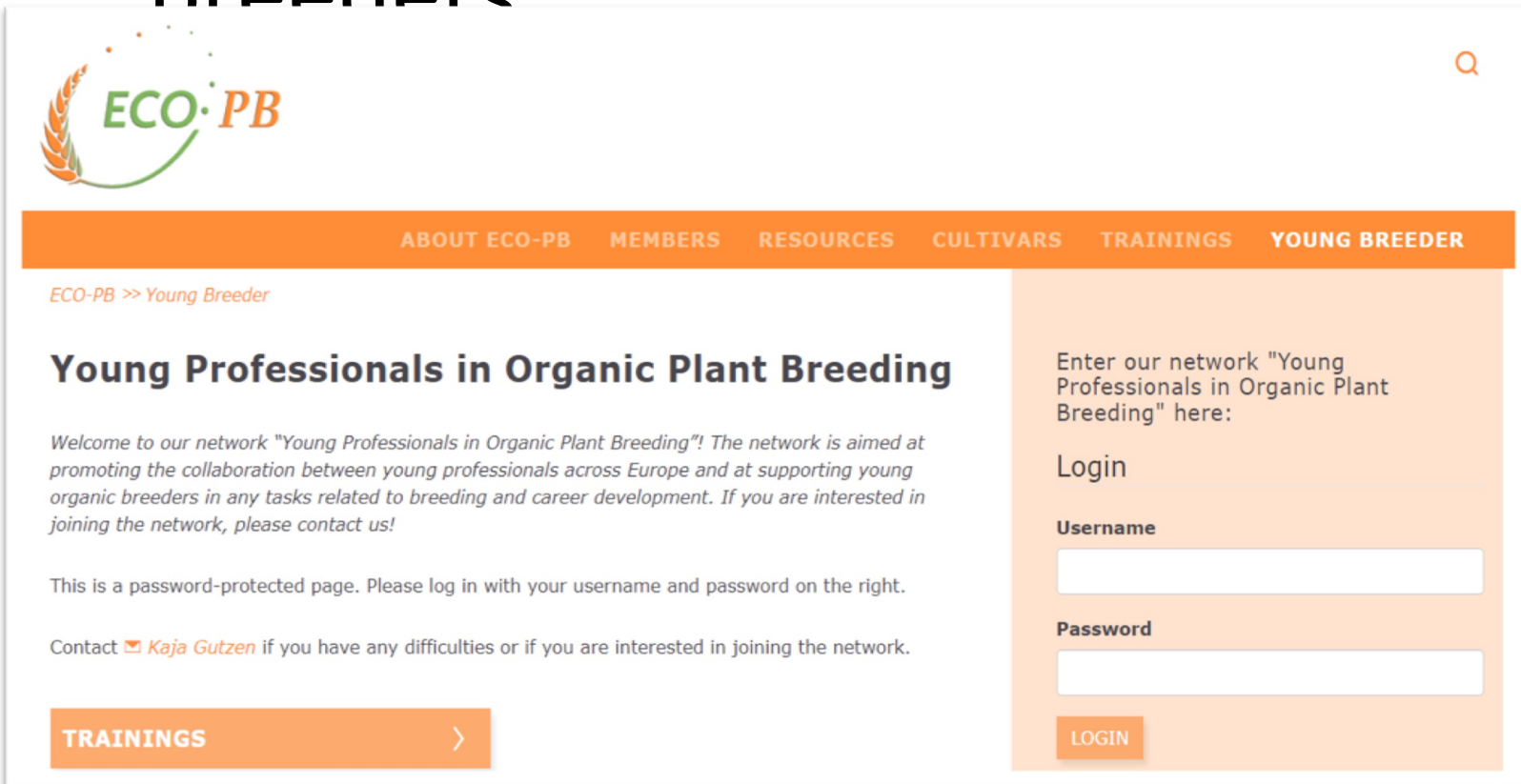
**Associate Membership** (without voting rights):

Open to all persons and organisations that are predominantly engaged in the development and promotion of organic plant breeding, seed production or organic agriculture such as farmers, breeders, researchers, and persons involved in education, consulting, certifying, promotion, and advocacy.

The annual membership fee is € 50.



# ECO-PB aims to support young organic breeders



The screenshot shows the ECO-PB website interface. At the top left is the ECO-PB logo, which consists of a stylized green and orange plant icon next to the text 'ECO·PB'. To the right of the logo is a search icon. Below the logo is a navigation bar with orange background and white text, containing the following menu items: ABOUT ECO-PB, MEMBERS, RESOURCES, CULTIVARS, TRAININGS, and YOUNG BREEDER. Below the navigation bar, the page title is 'ECO-PB >> Young Breeder'. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column has a heading 'Young Professionals in Organic Plant Breeding' and a paragraph of introductory text: 'Welcome to our network "Young Professionals in Organic Plant Breeding"! The network is aimed at promoting the collaboration between young professionals across Europe and at supporting young organic breeders in any tasks related to breeding and career development. If you are interested in joining the network, please contact us!'. Below this text is a note: 'This is a password-protected page. Please log in with your username and password on the right.' and a contact instruction: 'Contact ✉ [Kaja Gutzen](mailto:kaja.gutzen@fibl.org) if you have any difficulties or if you are interested in joining the network.' At the bottom left of the page is an orange button with the text 'TRAININGS' and a right-pointing arrow. The right column contains a login form with the text 'Enter our network "Young Professionals in Organic Plant Breeding" here:'. Below this text is the label 'Login' and a horizontal line. Underneath are two input fields: the first is labeled 'Username' and the second is labeled 'Password'. At the bottom of the login form is an orange button with the text 'LOGIN'.

52 young breeders  
8 mentors

## Do you want to join?

For free, independent of the  
subscription to ECO-PB

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# Past events (1)



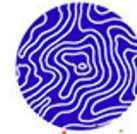
Organic World  
Congress 2021

Pre-conference

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# Past events (1)





# Past events (1)





# Past events (2)



ECO-PB Summer School Tuscany 2022

**Young Breeder – Mentor workshops**

*1 – 4 June 2022*







# Past events (2)





# Past events (2)





# The co-organising Horizon Europe project



# LiveSeeding

## Organic seed and plant breeding to accelerate sustainable and diverse food systems in Europe

- 37 partners from 15 European Countries
- Total 6.6 Mio €
- 4 years (Oct 2022 – Sept 2026)
- Sister project: InnOBreed on organic fruit breeding



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