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**EIP-AGRI WORKSHOP**  
**CONVERSION TO ORGANIC FARMING**  
**22-23 JUNE 2022 - FLORENCE, ITALY**

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**EIP-AGRI Workshop 'Conversion to organic farming:  
innovative approaches and challenges'**

The deadline for applying to this workshop is **Monday 11 April 23:59 CET**.

If you have already applied to this workshop, then please ignore this email.

**Call for expression of interest to participate in the EIP-AGRI  
workshop 'Conversion to organic farming: innovative approaches  
and challenges'**

The European Commission's Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI) and the Support Facility for Innovation & Knowledge exchange | EIP-AGRI are organising the **EIP-AGRI workshop 'Conversion to organic farming: innovative approaches and challenges'**, and we are looking for participants!

This one-and-a-half day event will take place in Florence, **Italy, on Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 June 2022**.

The workshop will focus on exchanging knowledge and sharing innovative, inspirational practices that can support farmers in successful conversion to organic farming. You can find all information and a draft programme outline [on the event webpage](#).

If you are **interested in participating and actively sharing your knowledge, experience and innovative ideas, please apply before 11 April 2022, 23:59 CET**.

[Click here to submit your application  
before 11 April 2022, 23:59 CET](#)

[More information on the event webpage](#)

Please feel free to forward this open call to others who may be interested in attending and contributing to the event.

The **workshop will be very interactive**. Participants will have the opportunity to exchange ideas and experiences with innovative projects, initiatives and stakeholders along the value chain ("from farm to fork") working on organic farming and conversion issues across Europe. It will also allow to discuss research needs in the field of organic farming and conversion.

**We are looking for participants from the following target groups:** farmers in conversion or considering converting, organic farmers, advisors, researchers,

representatives from organic farmers' associations, cooperatives, control bodies, chambers of agriculture, local authorities, industry, processors, retailers, consumer organisations, other public, private and managing bodies, and agricultural journalists.

The number of participants will be limited. Therefore, it will not be possible to accommodate all requests for participation. The organisers will assess the applications received and will confirm the attendance of those who will be selected.

If required, travel and accommodation (hotel) costs for selected participants may be covered by the European Commission. Please do not make any reservation in the meantime. Further information about these arrangements will be shared with selected participants at a later stage.

For any questions, please contact [workshop@eip-agri.eu](mailto:workshop@eip-agri.eu)

Yours sincerely, on behalf of the organising team

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## **Applications to the organic farming awards now open!**

The first #EUOrganic Awards reward excellence along the organic value chain. They will recognise the best and most innovative organic actors who contribute to reducing the impact of agriculture on the environment and climate, and who can help achieve the EU Biodiversity and Farm to Fork targets.

Are you an organic farmer (male or female) with an inspiring innovative approach? Then apply by 8 June 2022!

The EU Organic Awards recognise achievements in 7 categories:

- Best organic farmer
- Best organic region
- Best organic city
- Best #biodistrict
- Best organic SME
- Best organic food retailer
- Best organic restaurant

You can send in your application and get more information [on the EU Organic Awards webpage](#).



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