

# CORE organic

Coordination of European Transnational Research in Organic Food and Farming  
Denmark-Switzerland-Germany-United Kingdom-Finland-Austria-Sweden-Norway-The Netherlands-Italy-France

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The Austrian Federal Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water  
Management (BMLFUW)  
as representative of the ERA-NET CORE Organic Funding Initiative  
is pleased to invite to the

## Kick-off Meeting of Transnational Research Cooperation in Organic Food and Farming & CORE Organic Meeting

**Date:** 13 – 14 September 2007

**Time:** 13 September 2007: 9.00 to 17.30  
14 September 2007: 9.00 to 16.00 (for CORE Organic members only)

**Venue:** BMLFUW, Saal II (“Gobelinsaal”)  
Stubenring 1  
1013 Vienna  
Austria

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## INTRODUCTION

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Organic food and farming (OFF) may offer solutions to a number of difficulties experienced in connection with the common agricultural policy (CAP), where sustainable development of agriculture, environment and the rural districts are seen as key policy objectives.

CORE Organic is a Coordination Action in organic food and farming initiated in 2003 as part of the European Commission's ERA-NET scheme, which intends to step up cooperation between national research activities. The CORE Organic project comprises 13 national partners from 11 countries.

The overall objectives of CORE Organic have been to enhance quality, relevance and utilisation of resources in European research in organic food and farming and to establish a joint research programme. For more information please see [www.coreorganic.org](http://www.coreorganic.org).

In September 2007, the current ERA-NET project period will come to an end; at the same time 8 transnational research projects initiated under the auspices of CORE Organic will be launched. In order to start the new research projects, a two-day kick-off meeting is held in Vienna on 13-14 September 2007.

- On 13 September, the new transnational research projects will be presented and potential benefits and constraints for transnational research cooperations in OFF through an ERA-NET will be discussed.
- On 14 September, an internal CORE Organic meeting will be held, focusing on the outputs, findings and the "lessons learned" during the 3-year period of the ERA-NET project CORE Organic.

### Objectives of the meeting:

- to present the main achievements of CORE Organic
- to present the collaborative research projects funded from the CORE Organic pilot call – added value through transnational collaboration
- to share experiences and discuss strategic issues on how to improve and support further research cooperation
- for project participants to get the opportunity to meet

### The meeting is particularly addressed at<sup>1</sup>:

- CORE Organic ERA-NET project partners
- coordinators of CORE Organic pilot projects
- other interested project participants from the CORE Organic pilot projects
- EU commission (DG Reserach)
- national research authorities and funding bodies who are interested in research cooperation in organic food and farming
- representatives of other EU funded ERA-networks

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<sup>1</sup> Participation is free of charge but no reimbursement of travel and accomodation costs can be provided.

# PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME FOR THE KICK-OFF MEETING

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## Wednesday, 12 September 2007

19.00            **Informal get-together** with food and drinks

## Thursday, 13 September 2007

8.30-9.00        **Registration and Coffee / Tea**

9.00-9.10        **Welcome**

*Reinhard Mang, BMLFUW Secretary General (t.b.c.)*

9.10-9.40        **Results and achievements of three years of cooperation in the ERA-NET CORE Organic**

*Erik Steen Kristensen, DARCOF, project coordinator of CORE Organic*

9.40-10.20      **Future challenges of sustainable agriculture – role and importance of transnational research cooperation**

*Timothy Hall, European Commission, Directorate - Biotechnologies, Agriculture, Food (t.b.c.)*

10.20-10.45     **Coffee / Tea**

10.45-11.00     **Added value from working together**

*Urs Niggli, FIBL Schweiz*

11.00-12.15    **Presentation of CORE Organic pilot projects** (15 min presentation each)

*Moderator: Kristin Danielsen, The Research Council of Norway*

Project coordinators will highlight

- motivation for working transnationally & expectations
- common use of research facilities

Risks and Recommendations Regarding Human Pathogens in Organic Vegetable Production Chains

*Angela Sessitsch, Austrian Research Centres (AT)*

Potential improvement of the salutary effect of organic dairy milk by forage species and by supplementation

*Anne-Maj Gustavsson, Sveriges Lantbruksuniversitet (SE)*

AGronomical and TEChnological methods to improve ORGanic wheat quality (AGTEC-Org)

*Christophe David, ISARA Lyon, Agro systems Env. Production Dept. (FR)*

Quality analysis of critical control points within the whole food chain and their impact on food quality, safety and health (QACCP)

*Johannes Kahl, University of Kassel, Department for Organic Agriculture (DE)*

# PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME FOR THE KICK-OFF MEETING

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- 12.15-12.45     **Marketplace**  
Poster presentation of CORE Organic pilot projects
- 12.45-14.15     **Lunch**
- 14.15-15.30     **Presentation of CORE Organic pilot projects** (15 min presentation each)  
*Moderator: Stéphane Bellon, INRA*
- Prevention of selected diseases and parasites in organic pig herds - by means of a HACCP based management and surveillance programme  
*Marianne Bonde, University of Aarhus (DK)*
- Minimising medicine use in organic dairy herds through animal health and welfare planning  
*Mette Vaarst, Danish Institute of Agricultural Sciences, Department of Animal Health, Welfare and Nutrition (DK)*
- Innovative Public Organic food Procurement for Youth (Acronym: iPOPY)  
*Anne-Kristin Løes, Bioforsk - Norwegian Institute of Agricultural and Environmental Research (NO)*
- Farmer Consumer Partnerships  
*Ulrich Hamm, University of Kassel (DE)*
- 15.30-16.00     **Coffee / Tea**
- 16.00-17.30     **Panel Discussion** on practical experiences from overcoming barriers in transnational research cooperation with 5-minute introductory comments based on a set of guiding questions  
*with CORE Organic members, CORE Organic pilot project coordinators, EC representative, and other experts*  
*Moderator: Stefan Lange, BLE*
- 17.30            **Closing remarks**  
*Anita Silmbrod, BMLFUW*
- 19.00            **Dinner**

## PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME FOR THE WORKING SESSION FOR CORE ORGANIC PILOT PROJECT PARTICIPANTS

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Friday, 14 September 2007

9.00-10.15 **Communicating trans-national research**

What are the challenges of communicating research projects trans-nationally and how do you manage this communication?

*Signe H. Poulsen, DARCOF*

How to take advantage of the CORE Organic communication tools: project websites, Organic Eprints, CORE newsletter.

*Claus Bo Andreasen, DARCOF*

10.15-10.45 **Coffee / Tea**

10.45-11.30 **Administrative issues**

*Lizzie Melby Jespersen, DARCOF*

11.30-12.00 **Informal Information exchange for project participants**

*CORE Organic pilot project coordinators*

12.00-13.00 **Lunch**

## PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME FOR THE INTERNAL CORE ORGANIC MEETING

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Friday, 14 September 2007

9.00-16.00 **Governing Board Meeting & Management Board Meeting**

# VENUE

The Kick-off meeting of research projects within the ERA-NET CORE Organic takes place in the

**FEDERAL MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE,  
FORESTRY, ENVIRONMENT AND WATER  
MANAGEMENT (BMLFUW)**

“Gobelinsaal” (Saal II) (1<sup>st</sup> floor)

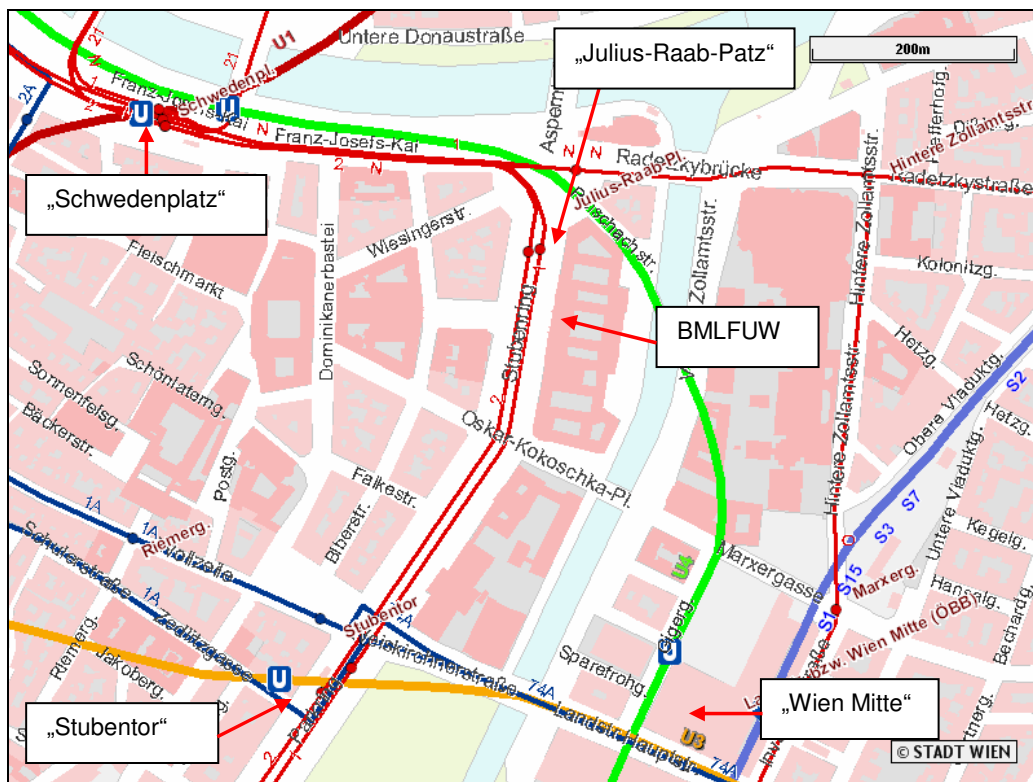
Stubenring 1

1010 Vienna



The main building of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management is located at Stubenring, which is a part of the Viennese Ringstraße in the first district of Vienna (please see the city map).

BMLFUW can be reached in a 5-minute walk from the railway station "Wien-Mitte" (station / stop "Wien-Mitte"), the U3 stop "Stubentor" and the stops of U1 and U4 "Schwedenplatz". By tram you can get there using tram No. 1 or 2 (stop "Julius-Raab-Platz").



# TRAVEL INFORMATION

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## Arrival at Airport

- SCHNELLBAHN (suburban train): at the airport take S7 in the direction of Vienna and get off the train at the station “Wien-Mitte“. Use the exit “Marxergasse” and walk approx. 250 m to BMLFUW. Trains leave every 30 minutes from the airport, the travel time is approx. 20 – 25 minutes. Tickets can be purchased at ticket machines on the platform (2-Zone Ticket, ca. € 3,60 (one way)).
- TAXI travel time: 30 min, costs: approx. € 30,-
- CAT (City Airport Train): at the airport take CAT and get off at the terminus “Wien-Mitte” (single ticket € 9,-). Use the exit “Marxergasse” and walk approx. 250 m to BMLFUW.

## Arrival by train

- From WESTBAHNHOF: take the underground U3 (orange) in the direction of “Simmering” until the station “Landstrasse-Wien Mitte”. Tickets for the underground can be purchased at the ticket machine (one way: EUR 1,80).
- From SÜDBAHNHOF: take seven stations on the tramline “O” in the direction of “Praterstern”, get off at “Marxergasse” and walk approx. 250 m to BMLFUW. Tickets for the tram can be purchased at the ticket machine (one way: EUR 1,80).

## Public Transport

- <http://www.wienerlinien.at/> (only in German)
- For a map on the **Underground** network use the following link:  
[http://www.wienerlinien.at/WienerStadtWerke/DOWNLOAD/SVP\\_7.pdf](http://www.wienerlinien.at/WienerStadtWerke/DOWNLOAD/SVP_7.pdf)

## ACCOMODATION

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Please find in the following for your convenience some information about hotels located in the vicinity of BMLFUW. Please arrange your hotel reservation well in time, except for some provisional pre-bookings (see below) no arrangements were made by the organisers in advance.

- (1) NH Belvedere (★★★★☆)  
<http://www.nh-hotels.com>; <http://www.nh-hotels.com/nh/en/hotels/austria/vienna/nh-belvedere.html?action=search>;  
Rennweg 12a, A-1030 Vienna, +43 1 20611  
Room rates (single room): ~ € 109  
(For this reduced price, booking is requested **by 31 July!** Please quote **booking code "CORE ORKM"**)
- (2) Hotel - Pension Arenberg (★★★★☆)  
<http://www.arenberg.at>;  
Stubenring 2, A-1010 Vienna, Tel.: +43 1 512 52 91  
Room rates (single room): ~ € 98 (-118)
- (3) Hotel Capricorno (★★★★☆)  
<http://capricorno.schick-hotels.com/de-index.htm>  
Schwedenplatz 3-4, 1010 Wien; Tel: +43 1 533 31 04-0  
Room rates (single room): ~ € 113
- (4) Hotel Stefanie – Wien (★★★★☆)  
<http://stefanie.schick-hotels.com/de-index.htm>  
Taborstrasse 12, Vienna 1020, Tel: Tel: +43 1 211 50-0  
Room rates (single room): ~ € 123
- (5) Carlton Opera Hotel Wien (★★★★☆)  
<http://www.carlton.at>;  
Schikanedergasse 4, A-1040 Vienna, Tel.: +43 1 587 53 02  
Room rates (single room): ~ € 97-99

For the following hotels a pre-booking was arranged **until 31 July**; for final booking (Tel.: +43 1 40 40 20) please quote **booking number: 30889!**

- (6) Hotel Clima City (★★★★☆)  
<http://www.inthotels.com/k4937/>  
Theresianumgasse 21a, 1040 Vienna  
Room rates (single room): ~ € 90
- (7) Hotel Cristall (★★★★☆)  
[http://www.laterooms.com/de/hotel-reservations/91674\\_hotel-cristall-wien.aspx](http://www.laterooms.com/de/hotel-reservations/91674_hotel-cristall-wien.aspx)  
Franzensbrueckenstrasse 9, 1020 Wien  
Room rates (single room): ~ € 99
- (8) Mercure Josefshof (★★★★☆)  
<http://www.josefshof.com/>  
Josefsgasse 4-6, 1080 Wien  
Room rates (single room): ~ € 139 excl. breakfast

More information about accommodation possibilities in Vienna is available e.g. via the following websites:

- <http://www.hotelsaustria.com>
- <http://www.tiscover.at/search>

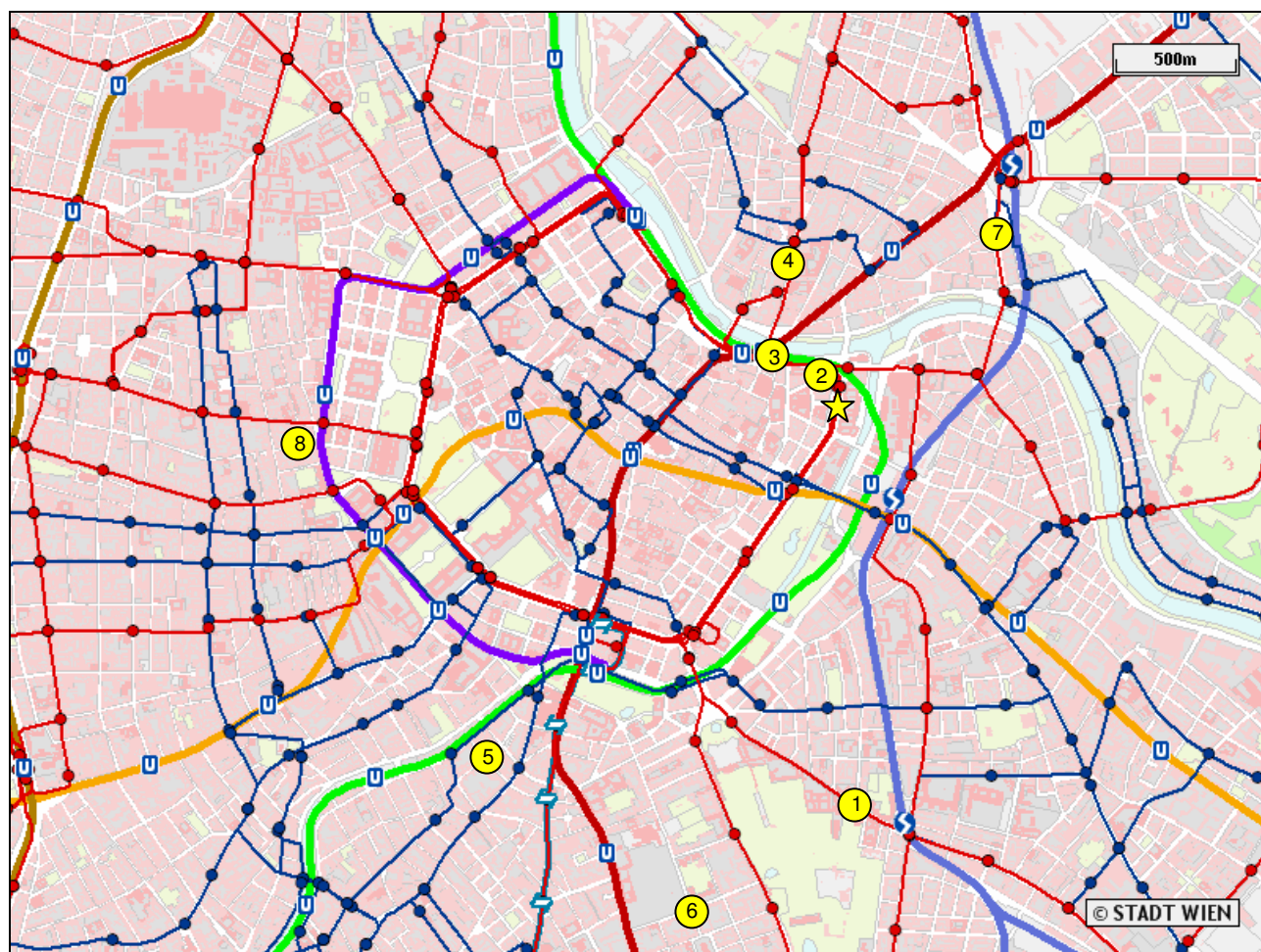
For an electronic **city map** use the following link:

- <http://www.wien.gv.at/stadtplan/>



# ACCOMODATION – LOCATION OF HOTELS

## Approximate location of hotels



## Legend

BMLFUW	★
Hotels	●
Public Transport	Symbol
U1	
U2	
U3	
U4	
Railway	
Tram	
Bus	
Stops	

## Registration Form

### ERA-NET CORE Organic: Kick-off meeting

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To register, please send the following details no later than **31 July 2007** to the meeting organiser – either via

- e-mail to      manuela.kienegger@gmx.at
- or by fax      using this form to +43 1 71100 2142  
(please mark your fax to the attention of Ms Gabriela Wurz).

Thank you in advance.

Full Name: .....

Title: .....

Organisation: .....

Address: .....

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E-mail address: .....

Please indicate whether you will have the following meals:

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|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Get-together | Wed. 12 Sept., 19:00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lunch        | Thu. 13 Sept.        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dinner       | Thu. 13 Sept.        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lunch        | Fri. 14 Sept.        |
|                                       |                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian   |                      |

Please state any special dietary requirements.