

# 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: 8.30 to 16.00 CORE Organic MB/GB Saal II  
10.00 to 13.00 CORE Organic pilot projects Saal III

**Venue:** BMLFUW, Saal II ("Gobelinsaal"), First Floor  
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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 Research)
- 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 accommodation costs can be provided.

# PROGRAMME FOR THE KICK-OFF MEETING

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## Wednesday, 12 September 2007

18.30-21.30 **Informal get-together** with food and drinks (Weinbörse, Parkring 4, 1010 Vienna)

## Thursday, 13 September 2007

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

9.00-9.10 **Welcome**  
*Elfriede Fuhrmann, BMLFUW (AT)*

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 (DK)*

9.40-10.20 **Future challenges of sustainable agriculture – role and importance of transnational research cooperation**  
*Jean-François Maljean, European Commission, DG Research – Directorate E "Food, Agriculture and Biotechnology", Unit "Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries and Aquaculture" (BE)*

10.20-10.45 **Coffee / Tea** (Saal III)

10.45-11.00 **Added value from working together**  
*Urs Niggli, FIBL Schweiz (CH)*

11.00-12.15 **Presentation of CORE Organic pilot projects** (15 min presentation each)  
*Moderator: Kristin Danielsen, The Research Council of Norway (NO)*

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)*

## PROGRAMME FOR THE KICK-OFF MEETING *contd.*

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- 12.15           **Group picture** in Saal II
- 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 (FR)*

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** (Saal III)
- 16.00-17.30   **Panel Discussion** on practical experiences from overcoming barriers in transnational research cooperation with 5-minute introductory comments  
*Moderator: Stefan Lange, BLE (DE)*

*Urs Gantner, SCAR Member, CORE Organic Governing Board (CH)*

*Morten Laurrup-Larsen, CORE Organic Governing Board (DK)*

*Ann-Kristin Løes, CORE Organic Pilot project coordinator (NO)*

*Annamaria Marzetti, CORE Organic Management Board (IT)*

*Edith Petitot, coordinator of ERA-NET EuroTransBio (FR)*

*Andreas Pichler, ERA-NET CRUE (AT)*

*Ewa Rembalkowska, agricultural scientist (PL)*

*Wolfgang Wittke, EC, DG Research / Directorate B, Unit B1: Coordination of National Research Programmes, manager of the ERA-NET Initiative (BE)*

- 17.30           **Closing remarks**  
*Anita Silmbrod, BMLFUW (AT)*

- 18.00           **Departure to a "Heurigen"** from BMLFUW (by bus)

- 19.00-22.00   **Dinner** at a typical Viennese Heurigen -  
**Invitation by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management**



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## AGENDA FOR THE WORKING SESSION FOR CORE ORGANIC PILOT PROJECT PARTICIPANTS

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**Friday, 14 September 2007, Saal III (“Ludwig Baumann Saal”)**

- 10.00-10.30 **Administrative issues**  
*Manuela Kienegger, BMLFUW (AT)*
- 10.30-10.45 **Coffee / Tea** (Marmorsaal)
- 10.45-12.30 **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 (DK)*  
How to take advantage of the CORE Organic communication tools: project websites, Organic Eprints, CORE newsletter.  
*Claus Bo Andreasen, DARCOF (DK)*
- 12.30-13.00 **Informal exchange of information for project participants**  
*CORE Organic pilot project coordinators*
- 13.00-14.00 **Lunch** (Marmorsaal)

## DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE INTERNAL CORE ORGANIC MEETING

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**Friday, 14 September 2007, Saal II (“Gobelinsaal”)**

- 8.30-13.00 **Governing Board Meeting & Management Board Meeting**
- 13.00-14.00 **Lunch** (Marmorsaal)
- 14.00-16.00 **Governing Board Meeting & WP Leaders Meeting**

*Please find further details concerning this Agenda on an extra leaflet.*

# 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)**

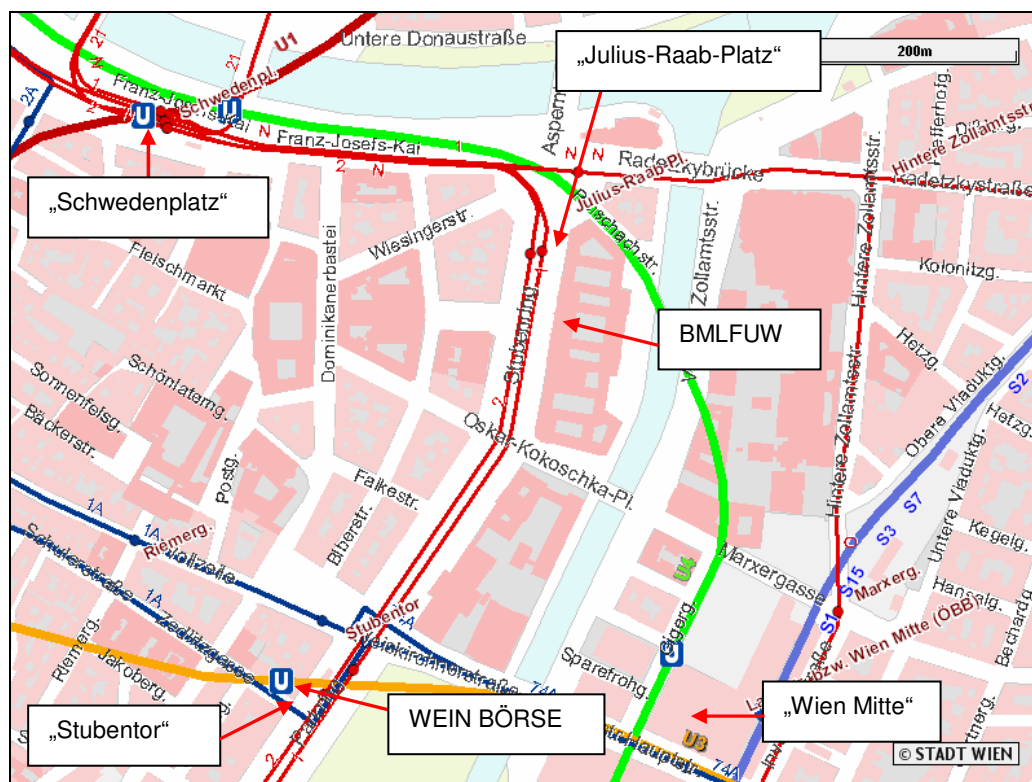
“Gobelinsaal” (Saal II) (1<sup>st</sup> floor)

Stubenring 1

1012 Vienna



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").



**Get-together:**  
WEIN BÖRSE  
Parking 4  
1010 Vienna

WEIN BÖRSE can be reached by U3 (stop "Stubentor") or by tram 1 and 2 (stop "Stubentor").