

## EU CAP Network

### CAP Implementation Contact Point

# Strengthening the position of farmers in the organic food supply chain

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## Draft Agenda

As acknowledged by the Action Plan for Organic Production in the EU, organic farming can be characterised by its scattered nature, with **producers having limited access to markets**. Imbalances in the food chain can limit the bargaining power of organic farmers even as the overall market share of organic products in the food sector increases.

Businesses are often reluctant to convert to organics due to **the lack of organised and efficient organic commercial supply chains**. Solutions can come in many forms, including through collective actions such as **Producer Organisations**, which may support the creation of market opportunities, strengthen short supply chains, and maintain the integrity of organic qualities. Recent regulatory changes under EU Regulation 2018/848 also provide opportunities for small organic farmers introducing a system of 'group certification' to reduce red tape, strengthen local networks and improve market outlets. The Common Agricultural Policy also offers the potential to play a key role in organic supply chain development, providing significant opportunities to enhance organic value chain.

### Aims of the meeting

The main objective of the Thematic Group (TG) is to identify ways in which the role of the **organic producer in the organic value chain can be strengthened through co-operation**. **To this end, the second TG meeting will aim to:**

- Share Member State policy experiences aimed at growing the organic value chain.
- Identify potential areas of intervention that can support collective actions across the organic value chain and in doing so strengthen the role of organic farmers.



Timing	Agenda Items
8.30 – 9.00	<b>Registration</b>
9.00 – 9.10	Welcome participants and agenda of the day
9.10 – 10.20	Enhancing cooperation in the organic supply chain Member State experiences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Gerber Van Vliet, Ministry of Agriculture, Viticulture &amp; Rural Development, Luxembourg</li> <li>▪ Åsa Lannhard Öberg, Swedish Board of Agriculture, Sweden</li> <li>▪ Lars Holdensen, Danish Agriculture &amp; Food Council, Denmark</li> </ul> <b>Group Discussion</b>
10.20 – 10.35	<b>Coffee Break</b>
10.35 – 11.45	<b>Introduction to working groups</b>  Parallel group discussions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Which targeted actions could best support organic supply chain cooperation?</li> <li>▪ How do we ensure such actions strengthen the role of producers in the supply chain?</li> </ul>
11.45 – 12.00	<b>Reporting back from group discussions</b>
12.00 – 12.50	Panel Discussion - Reflections & key conclusions from TG members  <b>Followed by Group discussion</b>
12.50 – 13.00	<b>Next steps &amp; end of the meeting.</b>

