

Build up soils to cool down the climate

***IFOAM EU Group invites to discuss best climate practices in
farming at a lunch time debate in DG Environment***

Brussels, 12/04/2010 – The IFOAM EU Group (1) and DG Environment invite to an

Organic Day

"Build up soils to cool down the climate"

Time: **20 April, 2010, at 12.15 h**

Place: European Commission, Building of DG Environment and Climate Action -
Avenue de Beaulieu 5 (Metro BEAULIEU)
1160 Brussels/Ouderghem
Atrium and conference room

After a presentation of **Urs Niggli** (2) on the *potential of organic agriculture for climate change mitigation*, a discussion on how to shape EU policies to meet the climate challenge in agriculture will follow.

Panellists:

Robert Flies, Directorate Nature, DG Environment;

Maria Angeles Benitez Salas, Director for Sustainability and Quality of Agriculture and Rural Development, DG Agriculture;

Rosario Bento Pais (to be confirmed), Acting Head of Unit Adaptation, DG Climate;

Christopher Stopes, President of the IFOAM EU Group.

Please find attached more information on the programme.

In order to ensure access to the European Commission, you are requested to register before 16 April, 12h, by providing name, address, date of birth and ID card number at

<https://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dEZCUEFjY2pIVzVscXZqSGg0SUhJd2c6MQ>.

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NOTES:

(1) The **IFOAM EU Group** represents more than 300 member organisations of IFOAM (International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements) in the EU-27, the EU accession countries and EFTA. Member organisations include: consumer, farmer and processor associations; research, education and advisory organisations; certification bodies and commercial organic companies.

(2) **Urs Niggli**, Director of FiBL (Research Institute of Organic Agriculture). **FiBL** is a centre for research and consultancy on organic agriculture that links different fields of research and provides a rapid transfer of knowledge from research to advisory work and agricultural practice.
www.fibl.org



The IFOAM EU Group is the European working level within the International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements. It brings together more than 300 organisations, associations and enterprises from all EU-27, EFTA and candidate countries. IFOAM's goal is the worldwide adoption of ecologically, socially and economically sound systems that are based on the principles of Organic Agriculture.



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