

European Organic Congress III Madrid 7th June

**“Green New Deal
for Sustainable Food Chains”**

--- Registration is open now! ---

Brussels, 15/04/2010 – Participants can now register for the 3rd European Organic Congress (1) “Green New Deal for Sustainable Food Chains” to be held on 7th of June in Madrid.

Registration link:

[Congress Registration “Green New Deal for Sustainable Food Chains”
7th June, Madrid\(2\)](#)

The European Organic Congress III “**Green New Deal for Sustainable Food Chains - The strategic role of the organic food sector to promote efficient use of natural resources and sustainable jobs in rural areas**” is organised by the IFOAM EU Group (3) and SEAE (4), with EFFAT (5) and Countdown 2010 (6) as partners.

It will focus on the question how to best use and promote the potentials the organic sector has to offer to contribute to the mitigation of climate change, the halt of biodiversity loss and the creation of jobs.

High level speakers, such as Rareş-Lucian Niculescu, Vice-Chair of the Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development in the European Parliament, have already confirmed their participation in the Congress.

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3rd EUROPEAN ORGANIC CONGRESS

MADRID, 7 June, 2010
ROME, 21-22 June, 2010

NOTES:

(1) **The European Organic Congress of the IFOAM EU Group** is the third after the European Organic Congress in 2007 and 2009, providing a platform to discuss present developments that are of high concern for the organic sector. In 2010 the European Organic Congress will for the first time take place outside Brussels in two different locations; Spain (Madrid) and Italy (Rome). More information to be found at: www.organic-congress-ifoameu.org. (The second part of the European Organic Congress III that will evaluate the first year's performance of the EU regulation for organic food and farming (EC 834/2007) will take place in Rome on 21 and 22 June 2010 and has a separate website and registration: http://www.organic-congress-ifoameu.org/Congress_Rome.aspx.)

(2) Full registration link in case of problems with the hyperlink: <https://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dFFsbTBxbENXT2NTYm9PNVVMck1Nd3c6MA>

(3) 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.

(4) **SEAE** – Sociedad Española de Agricultura Ecológica (Spanish Society of Organic Farming) is a non-profit association with more than 800 members, amongst them researchers, teachers, advisors, certifiers, and also traders, farmers and processors from all over Spain, working to encourage, coordinate and facilitate research, education, advice and dissemination of all aspects related to organic farming, agro-ecology and sustainable rural development. (www.agroecologia.net)

(5) **EFFAT** is the European Federation of Trade Unions in the Food, Agriculture and Tourism sectors, representing 120 national trade unions from 35 European countries. EFFAT is an autonomous European trade union federation. As a member of the ETUC, EFFAT is promoting the members' interests jointly and with strength regarding all the European interprofessional issues. (www.effat.eu)

(6) **Countdown 2010** is a network of active partners working together towards the 2010 Biodiversity Target. Each partner commits to specific efforts to tackle the causes of biodiversity loss. The Countdown 2010 Secretariat – hosted by the IUCN Regional Office for Pan-Europe – facilitates and encourages action, promotes the importance of the 2010 Biodiversity Target and assesses progress towards 2010

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