

Invitation

“Workshop on improved risk management tools for organic inspectors” on 28.01.2014 and 29.01.2014 in Salzburg, Austria

Let's build a network between control authorities and bodies in the EU to support inspector's competence for risk-orientated inspections. The workshop takes place in the framework of the lifelong learning project IRM-ORGANIC www.irm-organic.eu

Aim of the workshop

The workshop shall support the competence and the knowledge exchange on risk oriented inspection approaches and on training concepts.

Background

Controls according to the EU-legislation (Reg. (EC) No. 834/2007 and implementing rules) on organic production shall assure consumer confidence into organic products in the member states of the European Union. The controls are implemented by control authorities or control bodies, accredited by an accreditation body according to EN 45011/ISO 17065 and approved and supervised by competent authorities. All control authorities and control bodies are required to conduct regular trainings for their inspectors according to the needs identified by regular performance reviews addressing the individual training needs of staff and inspectors.

In the innovation transfer project “Training on Improved Risk Management Tools for Organic Inspectors (IRM-ORGANIC)” the project partners developed a train-the-trainer concept for organic inspectors based on the results of a need analysis, current training concepts in the countries of the project partners and the training concepts in adjacent control and certification programs for food and feed.

Objective: Improvement of inspector's competence to conduct risk-oriented inspections

The aim of the project IRM-ORGANIC is to support control authorities and control bodies in Europe to mobilize their resources in a concerted way to optimize risk-oriented inspections and thus consumer protection and fair competition on the market for organic products.

IRM-ORGANIC conducted extensive research on the expectations of organic sector experts (operators, control sectors and users of organic certification) in different countries relating to



risk-oriented inspections. An online survey for organic inspectors was carried out. Training concepts of control bodies in Austria, Germany, Italy and Poland were analysed and compared. The training in official food and feed control as well as in other private certification programs for food and feed was compared. Based on this, a proposal for a curriculum of a tailor-made train-the-trainer concept for risk-based inspections was developed within the project.

During the upcoming conference in Salzburg the project results will be presented and discussed. We would be very happy about your participation!

Who can participate?

We cordially invite control authorities and control bodies all over Europe, highly valued are experienced staff members involved in the inspector training process.

Your advantages

- Information on risk-oriented inspections: Project results of a need analysis based on expert interviews and data from an online survey for organic inspectors, current training concepts in Austria, Germany, Italy and Poland and the training concepts in adjacent private certification programs for food and feed.
- What does the future hold for organic controls? Discussion and information on the revision process of the EU-legislation on organic farming.
- Be part of the network: Building up a network among control bodies in Europe. Personnel communication e.g. in cases of irregularities or infringements makes working together much easier.
- Impulse on innovative training methods.
- Each control body taking part in this workshop has two guaranteed, free of charge places in the train-the-trainer courses.

Fee

The conference is financed by the project. There is no participation fee. Travel and hotel costs shall be paid by the participants.

Where?

Hotel Heffterhof Salzburg, Maria-Cebotari-Straße 1 – 7, 5020 Salzburg, www.heffterhof.at/en



Agenda

A tour through Salzburg will be offered on the first and second day of the workshop. You can register for a free sightseeing tour in the registration form.

Time	Contents
28.01.2014 up to 14:00	Registration and Snack
28.01.2014 14:30-15:00	Welcome and Introduction By Paul Axmann, Austrian SCOF delegate and Michel Reynaud, EOCC
28.01.2014 15.15-16.00	Learning content and methodology Presentation of the results from expert interviews and online survey for organic inspectors. Defining competence targets for organic inspectors. Similarities and differences of current training concepts for organic inspectors in Austria, Germany, Italy, Poland. Strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of training concepts for organic inspectors.
28.01.2014 16.00-16.45	Different training approaches in food and feed control Presentation of the results from an analysis of training approaches in other certification schemes (GLOBALG.A.P., QS, GMP+, IFS, BRC, MSC, REDCert, UTZ certified) and public food and feed control in Austria, Germany, Italy and Poland.
28.01.2014 17.00-18.00	Discussion Round: Perspective of the organic control system in the revision process. Participants: Paul Axmann, Austrian SCOF delegate; Beate Huber, Fibl; Michel Reynaud, EOCC; IFOAM-EU t.b.c.; EU-Commission t.b.c.; CertCost-Project t.b.c.
28.01.2014 19.00-...	Dinner

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29.01.2014 08.00-08.15	Introduction of today's program
29.01.2014 08.15-11.00 Including coffee break	<p>“Curriculum Exhibition” and group work on different topics</p> <p>Interactive presentation of the planned train-the-trainer curriculum.</p> <p>A poster exhibition of the draft curriculum will be presented. Afterwards the key topics of the curriculum will be discussed in small groups. The focus will be on the following key topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Risk oriented planning of inspections 2. Defining and inspection of organic critical points 3. Role of analytics for risk oriented inspections 4. Cross checks and traceability checks 5. Soft skills of inspectors 6. E-learning & Training designs <p>Presentation of the group work</p>
29.01.2014 11.00-12.00	Feedback and closing of the workshop
29.01.2014 12.30-13.30	Lunch

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Registration

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Please return to:
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Please return this form not later than 20.01.2014!

- I will take part at the conference in Salzburg on 28.01.2014 and the 29.01.2014
- I will take part in a guided tour through Salzburg on 28.01.2014 at 10.00 am
- I will take part in a guided tour through Salzburg on 29.01.2014 at 15:00 pm
- I would like to have Lunch at the 29.01.2014
- Yes, I would like to have a free paper version of the results of the project.
- Results can be also downloaded from the homepage
<http://www.irm-organic.eu/results/workpackage-2/>

Name of the participant:	
Name of the company:	
Address:	
Phone-Number:	
Fax-Number:	
E-mail:	
Comments or questions I would like to clarify during the workshop	

Date

Signature



Accommodation

For accommodation please contact Hotel Heffterhof Salzburg directly:

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Please mention "IRM Organic Conference" when booking.

Alternative Hotels:

Hotel	Contact details	Distance to Conference
Hotel Villa Pace Garni	Sonnleitenweg 9 5020 Salzburg Tel: 0043 (0) 662 644077	1 km
Hotel Rosenvilla	Höfelgasse 4 5020 Salzburg Tel: 0043 (0) 662 621765 www.rosenvilla.com	2 km
Meininger Hotel Salzburg City	Fürbergstraße 18-20 5020 Salzburg Tel: 0043 (0) 720 883414 www.meiniger-hotels.com	2 km