**Organic Farm Knowledge** **– Online hub for European organic farmers and advisors**

*Joining the Editorial Board*

**Background**

Farmers are increasingly looking for more sustainable farming practices such as organic[[1]](#footnote-1). The European Commission recognises the potential of organic farming and has set forth the target of achieving at least 25% organic farmland in the EU by 2030 in its Farm to Fork strategy as part of the European Green Deal[[2]](#footnote-2). To leverage research to achieve this target, the new EU Organic Action Plan[[3]](#footnote-3) pledges to allocate at least 30% of the budget for research and innovation (R&I) in the field of agriculture, forestry, and rural areas[[4]](#footnote-4) to topics specific to or relevant for the organic sector. This is crucial since organic farming systems rely on knowledge rather than external inputs

**Organic Farm Knowledge – Practical tools & knowledge exchange to enhance organic farming**

[Organic Farm Knowledge](https://organic-farmknowledge.org/) is on its way to becoming the European reference hub for practical knowledge on organic farming. Providing access to a wide range of organic farming tools and resources, the platform also aims to serve as a virtual meeting place for cross-border learning and promote knowledge exchange between farmers, farm advisors and scientists to increase the productivity and quality of organic farming across Europe. By bringing together all practice-based materials such as factsheets, guides, calculation tools, and videos in one place, the platform helps both organic and conventional farmers to improve their practices and provides an ideal solution to find relevant information quickly. By allowing users to comment, discuss and interact on social media, Organic Farm Knowledge helps farmers and advisors become more innovative. Organic Farm Knowledge clearly fills a need among organic farmers and extension workers, evidenced by the ever-growing number of visitors.

**Responsibilities of members of the Editorial Board**

The Editorial Board is responsible for the quality control of the tools and materials uploaded on Organic Farm Knowledge. It keeps the overview of the tools, identifies tools for the platform, prepares tool descriptions, translates tool descriptions and web pages of Organic Farm Knowledge, revises tools of other platforms, keeps the tools up-to-date and promotes Organic Farm Knowledge, particularly on a national level.

As a pre-condition to joining the Editorial Board, the organisation agrees to an in-kind contribution of at least 0.5 PM/year. The logo of the organisation will be visible on the dedicated [page for the Editorial Board](https://organic-farmknowledge.org/about/editorial-board) on Organic Farm Knowledge.

Should you wish to join our Editorial Board, please [fill in this form](https://organic-farmknowledge.org/fileadmin/Medien/about/OrganicFarmKnowledge_Membership_Agreement_Editorial_Board.docx)and send it to Bram Moeskops and Lauren Dietemann.

1. European Commission (2020). Organics at a glance. Available at <https://ec.europa.eu/info/food-farming-fisheries_en> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. European Union (2020). Farm to Fork Strategy. For a fair, healthy and environmentally friendly food system. Available at <https://ec.europa.eu/food/sites/food/files/safety/docs/f2f_action-plan_2020_strategy-info_en.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. European Commission (2021). [Organic Action Plan](https://ec.europa.eu/info/food-farming-fisheries/farming/organic-farming/organic-action-plan_en?utm_campaign=5922d206a2a6d332b3003570&utm_content=605c5ea9e4f2520001cb12e5&utm_medium=smarpshare&utm_source=twitter#organicsintheeu). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. i.e., calls related to Intervention Area 3 ‘Agriculture, forestry and rural areas’ of Cluster 6 of Horizon Europe [↑](#footnote-ref-4)