

## OrganicYieldsUP project reflects Europe's dedication to Improving Organic Cropping Systems

The [OrganicYieldsUP](#) project, funded by the European Union, unites 17 partners from across Europe to develop this EU-wide initiative that aims to address challenges faced by the organic farming sector. Through the generation of new knowledge and strategic planning, the project seeks to increase organic yields and drive positive change in the organic farming sector.

With the European [Green Deal](#), the [Farm-to-Fork](#), and [Biodiversity Strategy](#), the European Union has set a [target](#) of having at least 25% of its agricultural land under organic farming by 2030. Achieving this target requires tripling the current organic farm area, with an estimated 700,000 farmers expected to enter the organic sector.

OrganicYieldsUP project **addresses a key obstacle in organic farming: lower yields compared to conventional methods**, which holds back more farmers from adopting organic practices. One of the main goals is to increase organic crop yields sustainably by gathering and assessing existing knowledge, creating effective strategies, and promoting collaboration among stakeholders and policymakers, across Europe. The four-year project (2024-2028) will leverage the partners' extensive experience in farm advisory and extension. With established long-term experimental stations and farm networks, they have accumulated significant data and knowledge over the years. **This background will play a crucial role in establishing a European-wide network of testing, experimentation, and demonstration sites covering 11 regions/countries.** These sites will represent a diverse range of pedo-climatic and structural conditions, allowing for comprehensive research and analysis. By fostering **collaboration across the entire organic value chain, including scientists and practitioners**, the project will collectively identify and refine organic yield increase strategies, paving the way for future research agendas and the development of EU policies relevant to organic production.

"We are pleased to embark on this journey towards improving organic crops systems" said Gabriele Ridolfi ([FiBL](#), Project Coordinator). "By bringing together expertise from across Europe, we aim to overcome challenges faced by organic farmers and drive positive change in the agricultural sector."

Currently, the project is gathering relevant data on yields and the impact of yield-increasing strategies from 11 regions / countries. This information will be structured into a database and will soon be accessible to the public through the official website currently in development.

The project outcomes will be widely disseminated to stakeholders within and beyond the organic community, ensuring that valuable insights and recommendations reach those who can most benefit from them.



Caption: OrganicYieldsUp partners in Kick-off Meeting  
FiBL Office, Switzerland (Frick, February 2024)

**About OrganicYieldsUP:**

The OrganicYieldsUP project is a collaborative initiative aimed at increasing yields in organic cropping systems while adhering to the principles of organic farming. Through comprehensive research, experimentation, and stakeholder engagement, the project seeks to drive sustainable change in the agricultural sector and support the EU's goal of expanding organic farming by 2030.

**Involved organizations in OrganicYieldsUP:**

**Relevant links:** Landing Page: [www.organicyieldsup.eu](http://www.organicyieldsup.eu)

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