

Popular scientific project description for project funded by Ekhagastiftelsen

Popular scientific project description is to be submitted within 2 months of project grant.

Application number:	2019-73
Project title:	Pesticide contamination: ensuring favourable environment for organic operators through EU legislative frameworks
Receiver of grant (name, address):	IFOAM EU (International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements EU Group) Rue du Commerce 124, 1000 Brussels, Belgium
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Project start (yyyy-mm-dd): *	2020-01-01
Project end (yyyy-mm-dd): *	2021-06-30
By Ekhagastiftelsen granted sum:	SEK 910.000 for 1 ½ years

Project description: (max 150 words)

Pesticide use and contamination has become a major issue in the EU over the last few decades. Given the dominance of intensive agriculture that employs them, there is a substantial risk of contamination, which raises a challenge for organic sector, where their use is prohibited. The current Organic Regulation (EU) 2018/848 does not harmonize how to deal with residues of non-allowed substances in organic products. By end 2024, the European Commission shall present a report on the implementation of the Article 29 on the presence of non-authorised products and substances, which might be accompanied by a legislative proposal for further harmonisation in all Member States and Third Countries. The organic movement aims at: (i) understanding the contamination level that affects organic food chain, how the organic operators are currently dealing with situations when contamination occurs, (ii) reaching a common approach of the movement on how to deal with residue findings and propose it to the European Commission (iii) Reaching a legislative framework that is fair and harmonized for the organic sector in the context of existing contamination (iii) Achieving better integration of the principles of organic farming defined by IFOAM into EU legislative frameworks regulating pesticide use.

* Dates for project start and end should be the dates for which the grant is received (Not dates for total project if longer than period for which grant is received)