

Organic Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation System (AKIS) actors in Hungary

Problem

The Hungarian organic advisory system lacks independent, personalised advisory services with cross-regional specialisation and comprehensive coverage available to support farmers in the transition to organic.

Solution

The organic Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation System (AKIS) in Hungary relies on several dedicated actors supporting organic farming development with technical support, administrative assistance, and trainings.

Benefits

This practice abstract lists current trusted providers of organic advisory services for farmers in transition to organic in Hungary (Figure 1).

Applicability box

Theme

Farm management - Standards, regulations and certification

Keywords

Organic advisory services, conversion factors, AKIS, advisory service

Context

Hungary

Practical recommendations for strengthening the organic advisory services

The following organisations are recommended for farmers to contact for advice:

Technical support:

- Personalised support in the transition phase with a focus on professional and technical areas and opportunities for collaboration in co-creation, Living Labs, and on-farm experiments: Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (ÖMKi).
- Advice and participation in on-site trials to measure and improve the efficiency of organic plant protection products: Manufacturers, e.g., Biocont Kft.

Information on certification requirements: Certification bodies (Biokontroll Hungária Kft., Bio Garancia Kft.) and the Organic Farming Association (Magyar Biokultúra Szövetség).

Strengthening the innovation network: EU CAP Network led by the Institute of Agricultural Economics (AKI).

Free or low-cost training programmes on organic farming at different levels of the education system: Universities (e.g., MATE, Debrecen University, Széchenyi István University).

Administrative assistance: mainly in the application process for organic subsidies: Advisors working in the network of Chamber of Agriculture, independent advisors.



Figure 1: Who can farmers turn to for advice in Hungary?

Further information

Videos

- [Biokontroll Hungária Nonprofit Kft.'s YouTube channel: General information on the transition to organic \(HU\).](#)
- [ÖMKi's video on the National Action Plan for the Development of Organic Farming \(Az új Nemzeti Cselekvési Terv az Ökológiai Gazdálkodás Fejlesztéséért \(Ágazati Nap 2022\)\), \(HU\).](#)
- [ÖMKi's video on Knowledge transfer and expert advice in the new CAP, \(Tudásátadás és szaktanácsadás az új KAP-ban \(Ágazati Nap 2022\)\), \(HU\).](#)

Further reading

- [National Action Plan for the Development of Organic Farming \(HU\).](#)

Weblinks

- Check the [Organic Farm Knowledge platform](#) for more practical recommendations.

Other useful links

- [Research Institute of Organic Agriculture \(ÖMKi\)](#)
- [Chamber of Agriculture - about the advisory network](#)
- [Organic Farming Association; Bio Garancia Kft. Documents - information documents and forms](#)
- [Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences \(MATE\)](#)
- [University of Debrecen \(DU\) - Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences and Environmental Management](#)

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