Programme FiBL OPEN DAY Organic transformation of food systems

Join our full-day online event to explore the extensive expertise of the FiBL Group, a pioneer in organic agriculture research for over 50 years.

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Thematic clusters legend:

Supporting policies for sustainable food and farming

Building future proof farming systems

Assessing environmental impact of the food system

New practices to improve animal husbandry

Sharing knowledge to enable the transition

Revealing deeper insights on food and ecosystems

Data and digital solutions for sustainable farming

Strengthening organic value chains

8:45 - 9:00

Welcome note by the Chairman of the Management Board of FiBL Switzerland, Jürn Sanders.

Concurrent sessions | 9:00 - 10:00

Macro-regional cooperation for the transition to circular bioeconomies – experiences from the BOOST4BIOEAST project.

Korinna Varga, Valéria Csonka, Barna Kovács (ÖMKi, Agricultural Policy Research Department).

Facing climate change: Strategies to overcome heat and drought stress in crops.

Hans-Jakob Schärer (FiBL Switzerland, Crop Sciences Department), Laurène Fito (FiBL France), Michael Friedli (FiBL Switzerland, Crop Sciences Department), Michael Riemann (FiBL Switzerland, Crop Sciences Department).

The long-term impact of farming methods on soil health.

Chloé Durot, Milka Kiboi (FiBL Switzerland, International Cooperation Department), Hans-Martin Krause (FiBL Switzerland, Soil Sciences Department), Judit Berényi Üveges (ÖMKi, Arable Crops Department).

Microbiome research at FiBL.

Natacha Bodenhausen (FiBL Switzerland, Soil Sciences Department), Valentin Gfeller, Anja Logo (FiBL Switzerland, Crop Sciences Department), Geoffrey Masbahi (FiBL Switzerland, Livestock Sciences Department).

How can digital technology support grazing livestock?

Aliz Márton (ÖMKi, Animal Husbandry Department).

Concurrent sessions | 10:00 - 11:00

Policy and market measures towards 100% organic seeds in Europe.

Freya Schäfer (FiBL Germany, Sustainable Farming Systems Department), Ilsa Phillips (IFOAM OE).

Climate and Agriculture - the crucial role of carbon.

Lin Bautze, Hans-Martin Krause, Markus Steffens (FiBL Switzerland, Soil Sciences Department)

Plastic use in agriculture: observations from the MINAGRIS project.

Joelle Herforth-Rahmé (FiBL Switzerland, Crop Sciences Department), Ildiko Heim (FiBL Austria, Sustainability Assessment Department).

Seed health: research on seed treatments for organic agriculture.

Javier Palma-Guerrero (FiBL Switzerland, Crops Sciences Department).

Can digital food traceability support the transition towards more sustainable food systems?

Olivier Ejderyan, Cristina Laurenti (FiBL Switzerland, Food System Sciences Department).

Concurrent sessions | 11:00 - 12:00

The potential of agroecology and organic agriculture to contribute to local livelihoods and produce sustainable food in the tropics.

Lauren Dietemann, Amritbir Riar (FiBL Switzerland, Extension, Training & Communication Department).

Development of agroforestry systems.

Flore Araldi (FiBL Swisse Romande), Johanna Ruëgg (FiBL Switzerland, International Cooperation Department), Martin Trouillard (FiBL France).

Biodiversity and functional biodiversity in Agroecosystems – from an arthropod perspective.

Lara Reinbacher (FiBL Switzerland, Crop Sciences Department), Roxane Muller (FiBL Switzerland, Extension, Training & Communication Department), Dani Lucas-Barbosa (FiBL Switzerland, Crop Sciences Department).

Plant nutrition in organic horticulture: experiences from Hungary.

Ferenc Tóth, Orsolya Papp, Flóra Milibák, Emese Gyöngyösi (ÖMKi, Horticultural Department).

Data on organic agriculture and voluntary sustainability standards for better policies and market support.

Helga Willer (FiBL Switzerland, Extension, Training & Communication Department), Bernhard Schlatter (FiBL Switzerland, Food System Sciences Department).

12:00 - 13:00 | Lunch Break

13:00 - 14:00

FiBL's role in transforming today's food system.

Panel discussion with representatives of the FiBL Group.

Concurrent sessions | 14:00 - 15:00

The impact of dietary change in Austria on land use, animal husbandry and climate change.

Martin Schlatzer (FiBL Austria, Climate protection Sustainability assessment Department).

Visions for a biodiversity-friendly food system - a workshop.

Rebekka Frick, Tamina Felder (FiBL Switzerland, Food System Sciences Department).

FiBL dissemination and communication tools - putting knowledge into practice.

Jeremias Lütold, Sophie Thanner (FiBL Switzerland, Extension, Training & Communication Department).

Cow-Calf Contact Systems in Europe: Description of rearing practices and impact assessment.

Caroline Constancis (FiBL France), Anet Spengler Neff, Eppenstein Rennie (FiBL Switzerland, Livestock Sciences Department).

Visionary - Food Provision through Sustainable Farming Systems and Value Chains.

Sabine Ersing, Charlotte Loos (FiBL Germany, Sustainable Farming Systems Department).

Concurrent sessions | 15:00 - 16:00

Hidden costs of the agri-food system - the Swiss case study in the FAO State of Food and Agriculture 2024 report.

Adrian Müller, Kevin De Luca (FiBL Switzerland, Food System Sciences Department).

Change Seed, grow difference! The benefits of organic plant breeding.

Claudia Meier (FiBL Switzerland, Food System Sciences Department), Mariateresa Lazzaro (FiBL Switzerland, Crop Sciences Department), Marlene Sander (FiBL Switzerland, Food System Sciences Department).

How to increase the impact of EU-funded projects through effective communication, dissemination, and exploitation.

Lauren Dietemann, Laura Kemper (FiBL Switzerland, Extension, Training & Communication Department), Ildiko Heim (FiBL Austria), Bram Moeskops (FiBL Europe), Florence Arsonneau (FiBL France), Dora Drexler (ÖMKi).

Induced lactation in non-gestating goats: success factors and impacts.

Ruggero Menci, Caroline Constancis (FiBL France).

Strengthening regional organic value chains for out-of-home catering.

Ines Bauer, Albrecht Flake (FiBL Germany).

Concurrent sessions | 16:00 - 17:00

The contribution of FiBL to the European Network of Agroecology Living Labs and Research Infrastructures in the frame of the AGROECOLOGY Partnership.

Korinna Varga (ÖMKi, Agricultural Policy Research Department), Helga Willer (FiBL Switzerland, Extension, Training & Communication Department), Bram Moeskops (FiBL Europe).

Agroecological intensification in West Africa: two case studies.

Fernando Sousa (FiBL Switzerland, International Cooperation Department), Andreas Fliessbach (FiBL Switzerland, Soil Sciences Department), Alex Heer (FiBL Switzerland, International Cooperation Department), Christian Grovermann (FiBL Switzerland, Food System Sciences Department), Harun Cicek (FiBL Switzerland, International Cooperation Department).

The CAPTIVATE Digital Knowledge Management Platform: a farmercentered training system connecting CAP requirements with proven management practices.

Richard Petrasek (FiBL Austria), Laszlo Papocsi (ÖMKi).

Antibiotic reduction in poultry production: alternative prophylactic measures.

Christian Lambertz, Nadja Hilmes (FiBL Germany, Circular Livestock Systems Department).

Strengthening organic value chains through a Public Private Partnership - the example of Ukraine.

Toralf Richter (FiBL Switzerland, International Cooperation Department).

Concurrent sessions | 17:00 - 18:00

Development and viability of market gardening in Austria.

Susanne Kummer (FiBL Austria, Sustainability Assessment Department), Anna-Sophie Wild (FiBL Austria, Crop Production and Vegetable Growing Department).

Arts-based and visual methods for food system transformation.

Moritz Egger, Mirjam Schleiffer (FiBL Switzerland, Food System Sciences Department)

OrganicAdviceNetwork - Building a European network of organic advisors.

Ana Smaranda Stephan (FiBL Germany), Bernadette Oehen (FiBL Switzerland, Extension, Training & Communication Department).

What will milk and meat production look like in the future? Intensification vs sustainable transformation.

Rennie Eppenstein, Michael Walkenhorst (FiBL Switzerland, Livestock Sciences Department).

Strengthening regional value creation in Germany and Austria.

Isabella Gusenbauer (FiBL Austria), Hannah Hattemer (FiBL Germany).