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European transnational organic research

CORE Organic Cofund is a collaboration between 27 partners in 19 countries/regions on initiating transnational research projects in the area of organic food and farming. CORE Organic Cofund has initiated twelve research projects based on funds from participating countries and funding from the European Commission.





Joint forces for organic research

CORE Organic is an ERA-NET – a network of European ministries and research councils funding research in organic food systems at national levels established in 2004. The main focus is to join forces and fund transnational research projects, to support a focused and coordinated research and innovation effort covering the most important challenges along the organic value chains.

The network receives funding from the EC under the Horizon 2020, to support transnational research and additional activities.

During 15 years of joint collaboration, ERA-NET CORE Organic partners launched six transnational calls under CORE Organic I, CORE Organic II, CORE Organic Plus and CORE Organic Cofund for around 48M EUR of funding.

Funding twelve research projects

In 2016, CORE Organic Cofund consortium, including 26 partners from 19 countries, launched the 6th call supporting the European transnational research in organic food and farming. The selected projects will run until 2021 and are distributed across four thematic areas: 1) Plant production systems, 2) Animal feed, 3) Livestock systems, and 4) Organic food processing.

BIOVINE – creating diversified vineyards with lower input needs

The project BIOVINE will exploit biodiversity in viticultural systems to reduce pest damage and pesticide use, and increase ecosystems services provision.

DOMINO

– new strategy for sustainable fruit orchards and vineyards

By dynamic sod mulching and use of recycled amendments to increase biodiversity, the DOMINO project will improve resilience and sustainability of intensive organic fruit orchards and vineyards.

GREENRESILIENT – will improve organic greenhouse production

The project GREENRESILIENT will create sustainable and resilient organic and biodynamic vegetable production systems in low-energy greenhouses.



SUREVEG – new diversified cropping systems for vegetables

Strip-cropping and recycling of waste as the basis for biodiverse and resource-efficient intensive vegetable production will be explored in the SUREVEG project.

ProRefine – new methods for locally produced feed

ProRefine will explore refined forage legumes as local sources of protein feed for monogastrics and high quality fibre feed for ruminants in organic production.

GrazyDaiSy – to promote health and mother-infant contact in organic dairy farming

GrazyDaiSy will develop innovative and sustainable grazing-based dairy systems, integrating cows and young stock.

FreeBirds – improving chicken health and environmental problems in free-range production

The project FreeBirds will work with optimization of the use of the free-range as a key to improve organic chicken production.

MIX-ENABLE – improving organic mixed livestock farming

MIX-ENABLE will develop the sustainability and robustness of organic animal production on mixed livestock farms in Europe.

POWER

– to strengthen welfare and resilience in organic pig production

The project POWER will contribute to remove significant obstacles in organic pig farming by focusing on the young pigs.

PROYOUNGSTOCK

– research for improved organic young stock rearing

PROYOUNGSTOCK will explore ways to promote young stock and cow health and welfare by natural feeding systems.

ProOrg

– Developing a Code of Practice for organic food processing

ProOrg aims to develop a code of practice that will provide strategies and tools for decisions making for food processors and organic labelling organizations.

SUSORGPLUS – developing smarter organic processing chains

The SUSORGPLUS project will develop smart and low energy input processing chains, natural food additives and colourants, and supportive material for a code of practice to increase sustainability and consumer acceptance of organic food stuffs.



CORE Organic Cofund & SUSFOOD2 joint call 2019

In 2019, CORE Organic Cofund in collaboration with ERA-NET SUSFOOD2 launched a joint call on sustainable and organic food systems. The network consists of 21 funding bodies from 18 countries/regions committing approximately 9.5M EUR for transnational research.

Stakeholder involvement and targeted dissemination



To assure relevance of the research projects and usefulness of the results, the stakeholders are involved as partners together with the researchers already from the start of the projects. Transparency and the willingness to share must be the overall guiding principle, and dissemination should be considered as a part of the research process. Every project has to present a dissemination plan to show how results will be disseminated and implemented on national and international level.

On the international level, the projects can be followed at:

- ▶ **CORE Organic News** – an electronic newsletter 3–4 times/year.
- ▶ **Project websites and leaflets**
- ▶ **Facebook and Twitter** accounts CORE Organic/@CORE_Organic
- ▶ All can be found on the **CORE Organic website**:
<http://projects.au.dk/coreorganiccofund/>

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