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The future of food and farming needs a broad societal consensus

With the economic crisis continuing its devastating impact on the European economies, it becomes increasingly apparent that public funding must present a clearer focus to deliver societal needs and expectations. For the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) this means that it must lead the way to a more efficient and effective use of natural resources, making our food system resilient to climate change, protecting biodiversity and creating employment in rural areas. Funding and resources must be allocated appropriately.

The 6th European Organic Congress will provide a platform to discuss the future of food and farming in Europe and develop ideas on how EU policies must change and adapt to meet new challenges. The programme of the two-day congress is in its final phase and is increasingly evolving with a very broad range of interesting speakers.

The programme includes plenary sessions and six workshop sessions where experts and stakeholders from across the political, agricultural and civil society sectors, including the European Commission, EEA (Environmental agency), public health, environmental and farmer's groups, as well as other food chain operators, will profoundly discuss topics that are currently on the EU and organic sector agendas. One workshop session will illuminate the European Commission proposals for a new CAP from different angles. Speakers from the European dairy sector and representatives from the organic and environmental movements will provide their interpretation and expectations for a greener and fairer CAP, including how to better integrate consumers in the debates.

Another session will specifically focus on organic integrity and credibility of the organic food system, covering issues of traceability and transparency, private standards vs. public regulation and international trade. Representatives of the organic sector including processors, traders and certifiers, together with additional panelists, will discuss the consequences and outcomes of the fraud case in Italy and what lessons can be acquired for the future.

An additional workshop will highlight and debate the current developments in the promotion of sustainable food. Representatives of health organizations and civil society will share their experiences on promoting sustainable food and present successful initiatives as good examples for green public procurement policy.

These topics will pave the way for the future debates on European organic farming and influence the future of policy and regulation within the European farming communities. To ensure your spot at the Congress please register today!

Join us in Denmark!

Early bird registration is only available until 26 February 2012!

We invite you to save the dates and book your travel now!

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