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Latest news about the organic seed sector and LiveSeeding project activities!



LiveSeeding is fostering the growth of organic seed sector by reaching the target of 100 % organic seed!

LiveSeeding: Transforming organic seed systems

Over the next **4 years**, 37 multidisciplinary actors from **16 European countries** will join forces to contribute to the transition towards more sustainable local food systems by delivering high-quality organic seeds of diverse cultivars adjusted to organic farming for a wide range of crops.

LiveSeeding will work with a holistic, multi-actor, and multi-stakeholder approach to reach the **100 % organic seed target by 2036** to increase and

optimize crop diversity to be used in organic farming systems, to increase the transparency of the organic seed market, to increase the supply of organic seed, to promote the competitiveness of the organic seed and breeding sector, and to promote organic breeding supported by value chain partners and society!

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You will read about



Policy & stakeholder dialogues



Training activities



Upcoming events

LiveSeeding Hosts First 'Pathway to Impact' Workshop



Workshop outcomes and future goals

On 29 January 2025, the LiveSeeding project held its first **Pathway to Impact workshop**. The session brought together project partners to reflect on the value of their work and

define how LiveSeeding contributes to long-term change in the organic seed sector.

The programme included a presentation of **survey results** highlighting progress in areas such as crop diversity, new breeding initiatives, and reduced use of derogations.

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Insights from the 2nd EU LiveSeeding Webinar

Marketing & Organic Seeds: From Local to Strategic

On February 2025, LiveSeeding held its second EU webinar, focusing on **how to market and promote organic seeds** effectively at local level. The session supported small and emerging initiatives with concrete tools for communication, product positioning, and customer outreach. Experts shared experiences from the seed sector, while some initiatives presented their business models and challenges. Discussions highlighted the importance of storytelling, trust-building and adapting to local contexts.



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Live reenactment at BIOFACH 2025



From Field to Fork: Organic Seeds Matter

This year's BIOFACH hosted a unique **LiveSeeding session** that brought the discussion on organic seeds to life. Instead of a traditional panel, the session "From Field to Fork: Organic Seeds Matter" was delivered as a **live reenactment**, highlighting the **perspectives of farmers, retailers, and policymakers** in a collaborative effort to boost the use of organic seeds. The full session is available to watch on the BIOFACH Digital Platform.

[Watch now](#)

1st European Symposium "Fostering Cultivated Biodiversity through Local Food Policies"

A Manifesto for local food policies rooted in diversity.

On 29–30 April 2025, Granollers (Spain) hosted the **1st European Symposium on Cultivated Biodiversity and Local Food Policies**. Organised by LiveSeeding and the Spanish Network of Municipalities for Agroecology, the event brought together 130 participants, including policymakers, researchers and farmers, to explore how cities can champion agrobiodiversity. The symposium concluded with a public **manifesto calling for stronger municipal action** to support seed diversity, short value chains, and resilient food systems.



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Eucarpia Conference 2025 was held in Coimbra, Portugal!



Conference on breeding to meet environmental & societal challenges

Held in **Coimbra from 26–28 May**, the EUCARPIA section “Organic and Low-Input Agriculture” brought together leading researchers and breeders from across Europe and beyond.

Presentations ranged from **technical innovations** to reflections on **holistic and participatory approaches** to plant breeding.

The programme also included **field visits** to local farms demonstrating intercropping, compost production, and agroforestry systems.

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3rd European Organic Seed Policy Conference

Spotlight on Portugal's national strategy for organic seed

Held on 29 May at the Polytechnic Institute of Coimbra, the third **European Organic Seed Policy Conference** gathered diverse stakeholders to address

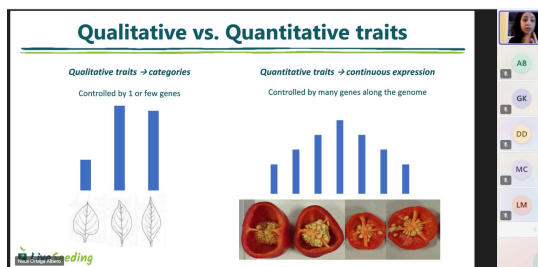
challenges in the organic seed sector – from high derogation rates to limited national coordination.



Participants explored **policy pathways** to gradually phase out derogations by 2036, align certification frameworks with **farmer's needs**, and strengthen communication between producers, administrations, and researchers.

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LiveSeeding held its first training in organic breeding



Capacity-building for future organic breeders

LiveSeeding has successfully completed its first full training in organic breeding.

The **five-module programme** covered topics ranging from plant genetic resources and phenotypic methods to molecular tools and the development of organic heterogeneous material (OHM).

Participants from over 25 countries joined the sessions, reflecting strong interest across research, breeding, and policy.

All training materials are now available online.

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SAVE THE DATE!



Registration now open for the LLDD Forum 2025

From **4 to 6 September 2025**, **Luxembourg** will host the Let's Liberate Diversity! Forum, a major event bringing together farmers, seed savers, researchers, policymakers, and activists.

This year's edition will feature several **LiveSeeding workshops**, including sessions on seed legislation, local food policies, and practical on-farm seed system resilience.

[More info & register](#)

Watch LiveSeeding general project video!



Watch the video to see how our project's multi-actor & multi-stakeholder approach is working in practice to achieve the goal of 100% organic seed use in organic farming!

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