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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



Seed diversity & breeding



Biodiversity & Communities



Policy and networking

LiveSeeding releases 2nd Policy Brief on Organic Plant Breeding and Variety Registration

Policy Brief | September 2025

Definition of Organic Plant Breeding for registration of Organic Varieties suitable for organic production

Illustrated by explaining different breeding strategies ¹

KEY POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Organic farmers need access to a large portfolio of cultivar types that are well-adapted and suitable for organic conditions and diverse local contexts. Suitable varieties for the organic sector can be developed through different breeding strategies, such as 'conventional plant breeding', 'breeding for organic' and 'organic plant breeding'.
- 'Organic Varieties suitable for organic production' (OV), as defined in the [Organic Regulation \(EU\) 2018/848](#), may have higher phenotypic or genetic diversity than common varieties. The current adapted protocols for variety registration created by Implementing Directives ([EU 2022/1647](#) & [2022/1648](#) [1st July 2023 - 31st Dec 2030]) must be perpetuated and expanded to all species to facilitate OV registration and integrated in the new EU Plant Reproductive Material (PRM) Regulation.
- The possibility to notify Organic Heterogeneous Material (OHM), which by definition does not qualify

Timely input for EU seed law discussions

As EU Member States negotiate the new Regulation on Plant Reproductive Material (PRM), LiveSeeding's latest **Policy Brief #2** outlines key recommendations for the organic seed sector. It highlights the importance of a **EU-wide definition of Organic Plant Breeding (OPB)** and of extending adapted DUS and VCU testing to more crop species.

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Granollers Manifesto presented at the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact Global Forum

Promoting cultivated biodiversity in European municipalities

At the **Milan Urban Food Policy Pact Global Forum**, the Spanish Network of Agroecological Municipalities (RMAe) and LiveSeeding co-organised the session “Local Food System Transformation through Agroecology - Tools and Successful Cases from South America, Africa and Europe”.

During the event, María Carrascosa (RMAe) presented the **Granollers Manifesto**, which outlines **32 practical actions** to foster cultivated biodiversity through local food policies and calls for supportive frameworks at municipal, national, and EU levels.



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Field to Plate Festival celebrates its 10th edition in Rennes



Cultivated biodiversity at the heart of citizen food action

From 12 to 14 September 2025, Rennes hosted the 10th edition of the Field to Plate Festival, a vibrant citizens' summit dedicated to food transition and ecology. Supported by LiveSeeding and INRAE, the “**Village of Territorial Initiatives**” showcased how cities like Montpellier, Lyon,

Avranches, Rouen and Rennes are **integrating cultivated biodiversity into local food strategies**. The event celebrated seeds, culture, and community as the roots of resilient food systems.

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LiveSeeding Annual General Meeting 2025 was held in Germany

Partners align strategies and plan lasting impact

From 29 September to 2 October 2025, LiveSeeding partners gathered in Einbeck, Germany, for the project's **Annual General Meeting** hosted by



KWS and Bingenheimer Saatgut AG. The meeting combined strategic planning, workshops, and field visits to strengthen collaboration and ensure the project's legacy. Discussions focused on organic seed supply, cultivar evaluation, and strategies for 100% organic seed use across Europe.

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LiveSeeding at the Let's Liberate Diversity! Forum 2025



Workshops on seed policy, health, and quality in Luxembourg

At the 14th **Let's Liberate Diversity! Forum** (4 - 6 September 2025, Luxembourg), LiveSeeding partners led **three interactive workshops** on local food policies, seed health, and technical seed quality. The sessions

showcased project results from across Europe, connecting research, practice, and policy to strengthen cultivated biodiversity and resilient organic seed systems.

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Updated roadmap towards 100% organic seed use in Europe

Guiding the transition to resilient and biodiverse seed systems

The LiveSeeding project has published a **new roadmap** to support the phase-out of non-organic seeds in organic farming by 2036.

Drawing on **six national strategies from across Europe**, the report offers insights into what makes a successful transition: multi-actor collaboration, reliable data on seed supply and demand, and strong institutional support. The roadmap **provides national authorities with a practical tool** to help make 100% organic seed a reality.



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Cross-country exchange with seed suppliers



Insights from across Europe

LiveSeeding partners recently held an online exchange bringing together **seed suppliers, the European Commission, and Euroseeds** to discuss progress towards 100% organic seed use in Europe.

Key messages included the need to **close the gap between organic farmland and seed supply**, improve transparency in national data, and support farmers and suppliers through tailored solutions for each crop and region.

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Portugal registers its first Organic Heterogeneous Material (OHM)



Sementes Vivas leads the way with two innovative fava bean populations

In June 2025, **Sementes Vivas** officially registered Portugal's **first Organic Heterogeneous Material (OHM)** with two fava bean populations developed within the LiveSeeding project.

'**Marro**', selected for its culinary quality, and '**Aurora Violeta**', bred for soil fertility, mark a milestone for organic seed innovation. Their genetic diversity helps crops adapt to local conditions, boosting resilience and sustainability across Europe's organic farming systems.

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Visit BIOFACH 2026!

From **10 to 13 February 2026**, the organic sector will once again gather at **BIOFACH**, the world's leading trade fair for organic food, at the **Exhibition Centre Nuremberg**.

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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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