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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



Upcoming events



**Biodiversity &
Communities**



**Policy and
networking**

LiveSeeding at the European Parliament: shaping the future of seed diversity



Practitioner input as PRM trilogue begins

As EU institutions enter the final stage of negotiations on the new **Plant Reproductive Material (PRM) Regulation**, a panel at the European Parliament brought together farmers, breeders, and seed organisations to present what is at stake. Riccardo

Bocci of Rete Semi Rurali, speaking on behalf of LiveSeeding, called for local varieties of newly bred agricultural species to remain available across all crop types not just fruit and vegetables. Edwin Nuijten (ECO-PB) highlighted LiveSeeding's work developing adapted registration protocols for organic varieties as practical evidence for the upcoming regulation. A political agreement is expected by June 2026.

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New features on seeds4organic enhance organic seed market transparency

Better data, better decisions for the organic seed sector

The LiveSeeding project has rolled out new features on the **seeds4organic**

platform. A new Derogation Categories overview lets users compare national species classifications across EU Member States and anticipate regulatory changes. The Annual Reports section provides access to Member State submissions to the European Commission on organic seed availability and granted derogations. Connections with national databases in the Netherlands and Lithuania have been automated, and enhanced cultivar descriptions now allow suppliers to share trial results and quality traits. **Join the online presentation and stakeholder panel discussion on 3 June 2026 to learn more!**



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Registrations open for Let's Liberate Diversity! Forum 2026 in Scandicci



Cultivated biodiversity in practice: from farmers' rights to NGT

The 15th edition of the Let's Liberate Diversity! Forum takes place in Scandicci (Florence area), Italy, from 23 to 25 May 2026, hosted as part of the **"72 Hours of Biodiversity" festival organised by Rete Semi Rurali**. Designed as a working forum rather than a conference, the programme centres on farmers'

rights and patents, participatory and organic plant breeding, and the implications of new genomic techniques.

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IV EU LiveSeeding webinar: Business Models and Business Plans Development

Practical tools for financially sustainable organic seed businesses

The fourth webinar in the LiveSeeding EU training series takes place online on **13 and 14 May 2026**. Aimed at existing and emerging organic seed and plant breeding initiatives, the two-day programme introduces three practical frameworks: the Business Birdview, the Business Model Canvas, and the Business Plan, alongside an overview of funding sources. Each session combines expert input with guided exercises on participants' own cases. Registrations are open.



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SAVE THE DATE!

LiveSeeding Summer School 2026: Pre-registration closes 8 May!

13-17 July 2026 | Universitat Politècnica de València, Spain

A 5-day training on organic plant breeding for early-career breeders, seed producers, researchers, and advisors. 30 places available.



Register now



LiveSeeding Final Conference | 10 June 2026 | Brussels

The LiveSeeding Final Conference will bring together project partners, stakeholders, and policymakers to reflect on **four years of results in organic seed systems and discuss their relevance for the future of organic plant breeding in Europe.** Further details on the programme and speakers will be available [here soon!](#)

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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