

Invitation to the Workshop
„Large scale low input organic milk and meat production and processing”
11th-15th October 2011, Dresden, Germany

Organisers: EkoConnect - International Centre for Organic Agriculture of Central and Eastern Europe e.V., Germany

With the support of: Research Institute for Organic Agriculture (FiBL), Switzerland
 Swiss Confederation, Switzerland

The aim of the workshop: To make farmers, processors and consultants from Central and Eastern Europe familiar with the requirements, some best practice examples and the chances and limitations of large scale (≥ 200 ha, ≥ 300 milking cows, ≥ 5 t/day milk processing, ≥ 12 fatstock/week) organic low input milk and meat production and processing according to EU law. There should also be the possibility for exchange of experience and networking.

The workshop language: Russian (Polish and German on request)

Target group: Producers and processors of milk and meat from Central and Eastern Europe with interest in organic production.

The registration fee for the workshop is 450 EUR

- It includes: costs for excursions, meals during the workshop
- It does not include: accommodation and meals, traveling expenses to Dresden and visa costs (organizers will support participants regarding visa issues)
- Organizers will also support with finding accommodation with breakfast and dinner in Dresden for the participants according to their wishes

The participants will get:

a thorough understanding of the requirements for the large scale production and on farm processing of low input organic milk and meat (conversion planning, organic techniques of production and processing, necessary investments)

first hand practical examples of organic milk and meat production (≥ 200 ha, ≥ 300 milking cows) and processing (≥ 5 t processed milk/day, ≥ 12 animals slaughtering capacity/week)

all the necessary knowledge so they would be able to estimate risk factors and opportunities in starting the processing

an opportunity to discuss specific questions concerning their own situation with experienced organic farmers, processors, organic experts and advisors



Preliminary programme of the workshop *

Day	Activity
October 11	Arrival during the day, evening get-together at 19:00
October 12	Lectures of organic experts and milk producers on farm 1: how to get started with organic producing and processing of organic milk
October 13	Lectures of organic experts and meat producers on farm 2: how to get started with organic producing and processing of organic meat
October 14	Lectures and visits of 2 other milk and meat production farms, discussions
October 15	Departure

* Updated programme will be available on www.ekoconnect.org and www.fibl.org from July 2011

Registration for the workshop:

In order to register, please fill in the registration form and send it by e-mail or fax to:

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Registration deadline:
August 30, 2011

Right before the workshop (October 8-12) there is a possibility to visit the world's biggest fair for food and beverages "ANUGA" (www.anuga.de) in Cologne. Right after the workshop (October 15-16) there is also a possibility to visit "BioNord" (www.bionord.de) in Hannover, one of the biggest fairs for organic products in Germany. The visit of both fairs is not a part of the workshop. The interested participants should make all the necessary arrangements themselves.

We will be happy to see you in Dresden!

**With warm regards, the organising team
 FiBL and EkoConnect**

