

## 7. Appendix 1

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### SIXTH FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME

#### Priority 8.1 Policy-oriented Research (SSP)

Contract for:

#### SPECIFIC TARGETED RESEARCH OR INNOVATION PROJECT

#### *Annex 1 - "Description of Work"*

Project acronym:	EEC 2092/91 revision
Project full title:	Research to support revision of the EU Regulation on organic agriculture
Proposal/Contract no.:	FP6-502397
Related to other Contract no.:	
Date of preparation of Annex 1:	5 May 2004
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## 1. Project summary

Originally, organic farming was a localised, self-regulating agricultural practice driven by distinct ethical values. In the last decades organic agriculture has undergone significant growth and development, and now it exhibits organic industries and international trade. Today there is a large number of different standards, labels and certification bodies, and this is confusing for consumers, traders and the organic farming industry. The EU regulation 2092/91 can therefore be of high importance for the credibility and harmonisation of organic standards.

The overall objective of this research project is to provide recommendations for development of the EU regulation for organic agriculture.

The project will identify the basic ethical values and value differences in organic agriculture and develop a procedure for balancing and integrating the basic values in revisions of the EU regulation (WP2). It will also establish an organic standards database that enables comparison of national and international organic standards with the EU regulation, and analyse the exposed differences (WP3). It is expected that these outcomes will help identify trade barriers, provide a better understanding of the ongoing development of organic agriculture and how it can be regulated, enable regionalisation of the organic production and support harmonisation as well as simplification of the EU regulation so that it may constitute a better basis for communicating in a transparent way with consumers, producers, policy makers and other stakeholders.

The project will provide specific recommendations on the derogations of the use of conventional feed (WP4) and seed (WP5) in the EU regulation. It will assess the availability of organic seeds and propagation materials and develop information exchange and decision criteria for the seed regime. It will also survey the supply and demand of organic feeds and feed additives and develop evaluation criteria for specific feed and feed additives, thus ensuring animal welfare as well as the credibility of organic agriculture. This is expected to reduce the dependency on inputs from conventional production in organic farming systems. Implementation of the results will be by means of web-page and 3 workshops in close collaboration with the Commission (WP6).

## 2. Project objective(s)

The overall objective of this project is to

- provide recommendations for the revision and further development of the EU Regulation 2092/91 and other standards for organic agriculture.

Specific objectives are

- to identify the basic ethical values and value differences of organic agriculture in Europe and develop a procedure for balancing and integrating the basic values in developments of EU regulation (WP2),
- to compare the organic standards from national and private organisations in Europe with the EU regulation in order to give recommendations on further harmonisation of the EU regulation (WP3),
- To provide more knowledge on how to achieve 100 % organic rations in diets for livestock (WP4)
- To provide more knowledge on how to reduce the use of seed and vegetative propagation materials from conventional sources in organic farming (WP5),
- to discuss and disseminate project results with stakeholders (WP6).

### 3. Contractor list

#### List of Participants

Partic. Role*	Partic. no.	Participant name	Participant short name	Country	Date enter project**	Date exit project**
CO	1	Danish Research Centre for Organic Farming	DARCOF/ DIAS	DK	1	36
CR	2	Forschungsinstitut für Biologischen Landbau	FiBL	CH	1	36
CR	3	University of Wales, Aberystwyth	UWA	UK	1	36
CR	4	Associazione Italiana Agricoltura Biologica	AIAB	I	1	36
CR	5 <sup>b)</sup>	IFOAM EU regional group	IFOAM EU	UK	1	36
CR	6	Louis Bolk Instituut	LBI	NL	1	36
CR	7	University of Kassel	UNKA	D	1	36
CR	8	Bundesanstalt für alpenländische Landwirtschaft	BAL	A	1	36
CR	9	Lund University	ULUND	S	1	36

\* CO = Coordinator

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