

Translation of the press release by The Senator for Environment, Climate and Science about the Organic Cities Conference, “The Future of Organic Food” on September 14.,15. 2023

Experts from all over Europe meet in Bremen to discuss sustainable nutrition

Community catering offers great potential for healthy and sustainable food as well as a large market for local agriculture. In order for more farmers to convert to organic, supply and demand must develop in harmony in the long term. At the symposium, stakeholders from politics, administration and the food industry exchanged views on the challenges and potentials.

At the conference, the Senator for the Environment, Climate and Science, Kathrin Moosdorf, emphasised the importance of sustainable nutrition for Bremen: "With its 'Action Plan 2025', Bremen is the first city in Germany to gradually convert its public communal catering to organic and, as far as possible, regional products. The symposium was an important opportunity to talk with stakeholders about challenges in the transformation of the food system and to identify common approaches to solutions. We are pleased that so many stakeholders came together in Bremen and worked together so constructively."

Organic food and regional value chains strengthen the link between producers and consumers, reduce dependence on external resources, improve food quality and diversity, protect the environment and biodiversity, support local economies and social fabric, and increase adaptive capacity to climate change. The regional solution examples presented at the symposium provide concrete starting points and tangible insights for future projects in the region and in the regions of the participants.

At the end of the conference, the Senator for Environment, Climate and Science, Kathrin Moosdorf, summed up: "The symposium 'The Future of Organic Food' was a great success and paved the way for an intensive international dialogue on the future development of the organic food industry. I am excited about the discussions, the new insights and the opportunities to achieve more together. The results of the workshops and discussions form a promising foundation for future cooperation."

In addition to intensive discussions and knowledge exchange, the "Market of Opportunities" offered 13 Bremen organic start-ups and other lighthouse projects the opportunity to present their concepts, projects and products to a broad professional audience.

About the symposium "The Future of Organic Food":

The international symposium was organised by BioStadt Bremen. BioStadt Bremen is a project of the Department 35 - Regional and Organic Agriculture at the Senator for Environment, Climate and Science. BioStadt Bremen currently holds the chair of the European Organic Cities Network Europe (OCNE) and in this context organised the symposium against the background of the European "Farm to Fork" strategy.

Among the renowned speakers were Jorge Pinto Antunes (Cabinet Member of the EU Commission), Audrey Pulvar (Deputy Mayor of Paris), Claudio Serafini (Director of the OCNE), Dr. Tina Andres (Chair of the Board of the German Organic Food Association) and Dr. Jörn Sanders (President of the Research Institute of Organic Agriculture Europe). The aim of the conference is to identify the challenges and opportunities facing the food industry and to develop solutions in the context of a cooperative exchange. Further information can be found at www.biostadt.bremen.de/

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