

Popular scientific project description for project funded by Ekhagastiftelsen

Popular scientific project description is to be submitted within 2 months of project grant.

Application number:	2021 - 63
Project title:	Reaching 25 per cent of organic agricultural land by 2030 in line with IFOAM principles of organic agriculture
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Project start (yyyy-mm-dd): *	2022 – 01 - 01
Project end (yyyy-mm-dd): *	2023 – 06 - 30
By Ekhagastiftelsen granted sum:	930 000 SEK

Project description: (max 150 words)

EU's Farm to Fork and Biodiversity Strategies set up an objective of 25 per cent of the EU's agricultural land under organic by 2030. However, organic systems will not be widely adopted, unless policies change. To address this, the project will investigate the current policy expenditure on organic, provide possible scenarios towards the achievement of the 25 per cent target, analyse the bottlenecks that are currently hindering higher growth rates and highlight the potential of food and land use policies to boost future developments. Furthermore, it will produce an analysis estimating the direct and indirect environmental benefits that would be delivered in Europe by increasing the organic cultivated area. Based on the findings, recommendations will be drafted to policymakers. The project is expected to contribute to clearer scientific data on organic farming in the context of the EU policies and provide decision-makers with guidelines towards adapted programs to incentivize organic conversion.

* Dates for project start and end should be the dates for which the grant is received (Not dates for total project if longer than period for which grant is received)