

# WINNERS OF THE 2025 EUROPEAN ORGANIC AWARDS

## ADDING VALUE TO ORGANIC PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION

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The 23 of September 2025, on the occasion of EU Organic Day 2025, the European Commission announced the winners of the fourth edition of the EU Organic Awards.

The awardees of the 2025 Edition uphold the high standards set by previous winners, showcasing innovative and sustainable projects across Europe's organic value chain. Their work demonstrates how organic farming and production can deliver added value, create communities and jobs in rural areas, turn ambitious sustainability goals into reality, and strengthen resilient, future-oriented food systems. In the [new CAP proposal](#), the EU will maintain strong policy support for organic farming, ensuring the sector can continue to grow and thrive.

More than 100 applications were received from across the EU for this year's edition, with [21 candidates shortlisted from 13 countries](#). The EU Organic Awards feature 6 categories and 7 individual awards, recognising innovative, sustainable, and inspiring projects that add significant value to organic production and consumption. The awards are organised by the European Commission, the [European Economic and Social Committee](#), the [European Committee of the Regions](#), [COPA-COGECA](#) and [IFOAM Organics Europe](#), with support from the European Parliament and the Council. The jury for the awards consists of representatives from these organisations, as well as representatives from the European Parliament and the Council of the EU. The jury selected the winners in each category by judging their projects against the award criteria.

The winners of the 2025 edition of the EU Organic Awards are the following actors. Each winning practice is presented on the website by a short video.

**Category 1: Best organic farmer.** The objective of this award is to reward a farmer (one female and one male). This award is organised by COPA-COGECA and IFOAM Organics Europe.

**Best organic farmer (female).** *Albina Yasinskaya, Rozino organic farm, Rozino, Plovdiv region, Bulgaria.* At Rozino Organic Farm, Albina leads Bulgaria's first environmental, social and governance (ESG) certified farm with a fully closed production cycle. Producing organic dairy, meat, and ice cream, the farm follows permaculture and zero-waste principles while boosting local employment and education. As a national trendsetter, Albina shows how transparent, sustainable farming can be adapted and applied successfully worldwide.





**Best organic farmer (male).** *Lieven Devreese, Het Polderveld, Knokke-Heist, Flanders, Belgium.* Lieven runs Het Polderveld, a community-supported organic farm near the Belgian-Dutch border. Supplying food to families and even a hospital, this farm shows how agriculture can nourish both people and communities. With fair wages, mental health initiatives, and direct links to consumers, Het Polderveld proves that farming is about relationships between soil, farmers and society.



**Category 2: Best organic region/bio-district.** The objective of this award is to reward a region or bio-district. This award is organised by the European Committee of the Regions. *Võru County, Estonia.* Located in south-eastern Estonia, Võru County is building a sustainable organic food supply chain. By 2024, they had successfully integrated at least 20% organic food in all schools and kindergartens, and every educational institution now proudly displays an eco-label. The Võru County Organic Agreement boosts local economies, supports rural entrepreneurship, creates new jobs, and raises awareness about healthy, organic diets.



**Category 3: Best organic city.** The objective of this award is to reward a city. This award is organised by the European Committee of the Regions. *Valpaços, Alto Tâmega, Vila Real, Portugal.* Valpaços is a rural municipality in northern Portugal with more than 14 500 inhabitants. It is a national leader in organic farming and integrated sustainability, with 516 certified organic producers, the highest number in Portugal. Education on sustainability, environmental measures, and innovation are at the forefront, supported by political leadership, inter-institutional cooperation, and inclusive strategies. Valpaços' organic treasures include award-winning PDO and PGI products like wine, olive oil, almonds, chestnuts, and honey.



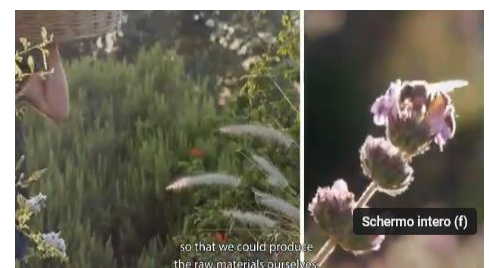
**Category 4: Best organic food processing SME.** The objective of this award is to reward a Small and Medium-sized Enterprise (SME) processing organic products. This award is organised by the European Economic and Social Committee. *Joseph Brotmanufaktur GmbH, Burgschleinitz, Lower Austria, Austria.* Based in Lower Austria, Joseph Brot is the world's largest artisan bakery, processing all its organic flour entirely by hand. Through partnerships with 24 smallholder farms, they cultivate 14 rare grain varieties while preserving biodiversity and regional ecosystems. The business has a 100% craftsmanship principle which means 100% commitment to sustainability. With a team of 84, more than half of them women, Joseph Brot champions craftsmanship, fair supply chains, and original grain culture in every loaf.



**Category 5: Best organic food retailer.** The objective of this recognition is to reward an SME food retailer selling organic products. This award is organised by the European Economic and Social Committee. *Radis&Bona eG, Regensburg, Bavaria, Germany.* This cooperative farm shop in Regensburg makes local organic products accessible to everyone. Offering a full range of fruit, vegetables, fresh and canned goods from within an 80 km radius, Radis&Bona brings together local farmers and consumers under one roof. Suppliers help set prices and can become cooperative members themselves. Powered by green energy and packaged without waste, it's a blueprint for fair, transparent, and hyper-local food systems.



**Category 6: Best organic restaurant/food service.** The objective of this award is to reward an SME restaurant/food service (standalone or part of a hotel) and/or food service (caterer or canteen) proposing organic certified references in their menu. This award is organised by the European Economic and Social Committee. *Peskesi restaurant, Heraklion, Crete, Greece.* In Heraklion, Peskesi brings Crete's culinary heritage back to life. From its own regenerative farm to the restaurant's biodynamic menu, the restaurant embraces the philosophy of "Farm to Table" and "Table to Farm", with 98% of its inputs involving local



partnerships. They also organise educational events and conform to fair trade practices. The whole enterprise is a shining example of how food can nourish both people and a community.

The EU Organic Awards were launched in 2022 as a commitment under the [Action Plan for the Development of Organic Production](#). The Awards' goal is to recognise excellence across the organic value chain, from farmers and restaurants to SMEs (Small and Medium-sized Enterprises) and cities. They also enhance the overall visibility of the organic value chain and increase the knowledge of the organic logo. This year marks the fourth edition of the Awards, featuring seven individual awards. The Awards aim to honour projects that are outstanding, innovative, sustainable, and inspiring, adding real value to organic production and consumption. Winners have the chance to present their projects to a wider audience, demonstrating best practices.

EU Organic Day was launched in 2021 by the European Parliament, Council, and Commission as a joint initiative to celebrate and promote organic farming. By producing high-quality food with a low environmental impact, organic farming plays an essential role in building a sustainable food system for Europe. The EU remains fully committed to the continuous development of its organic sector, with actions such as the EU Organic Day, the EU Organic Awards, and substantial support through the CAP Strategic Plans – providing €14.7 billion from 2023 to 2027 to help farmers convert to and maintain organic production. As a result, we now have 30% more organic farmers than in 2018. Nearly all Member States now have comprehensive organic production strategies in place, and the organic market continues to grow, with the EU now the world's second-largest market for organic products. More examples of the actions taken under the EU action plan to develop organic production are available [in this factsheet](#) (PDF).

The fourth awards ceremony of the Organic Awards was organised on 23 September 2025, as one of a range of activities and events to mark EU organic day. The winners were invited to an event in Brussels to collect their awards. This event involved representatives of the European Commission, the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union, the European Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions, COPA-COGECA and IFOAM Organics Europe.

#### To know more

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