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through stronger **N**ETworks

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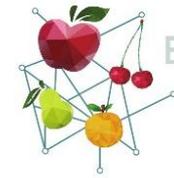
- Project in programme Horizon 2020
- RUR-15-2018-2019-2020 - Thematic networks compiling knowledge ready for practice
- Project type: CSA (Coordination and Support Action)
- GRANT AGREEMENT NUMBER 862850
- project duration: 36 months (November 2019 – October 2022)
- € 1 999 302.50 overall budget (EU contribution 100%)
- RBIP Holovousy Ltd. EU contribution € 63 812.50
- Coordinator NATURLAND (Germany), 15 participants, 11 countries
- Innovarum (Spain) – responsible for preparation of project proposal (1.5 % from approved budget)





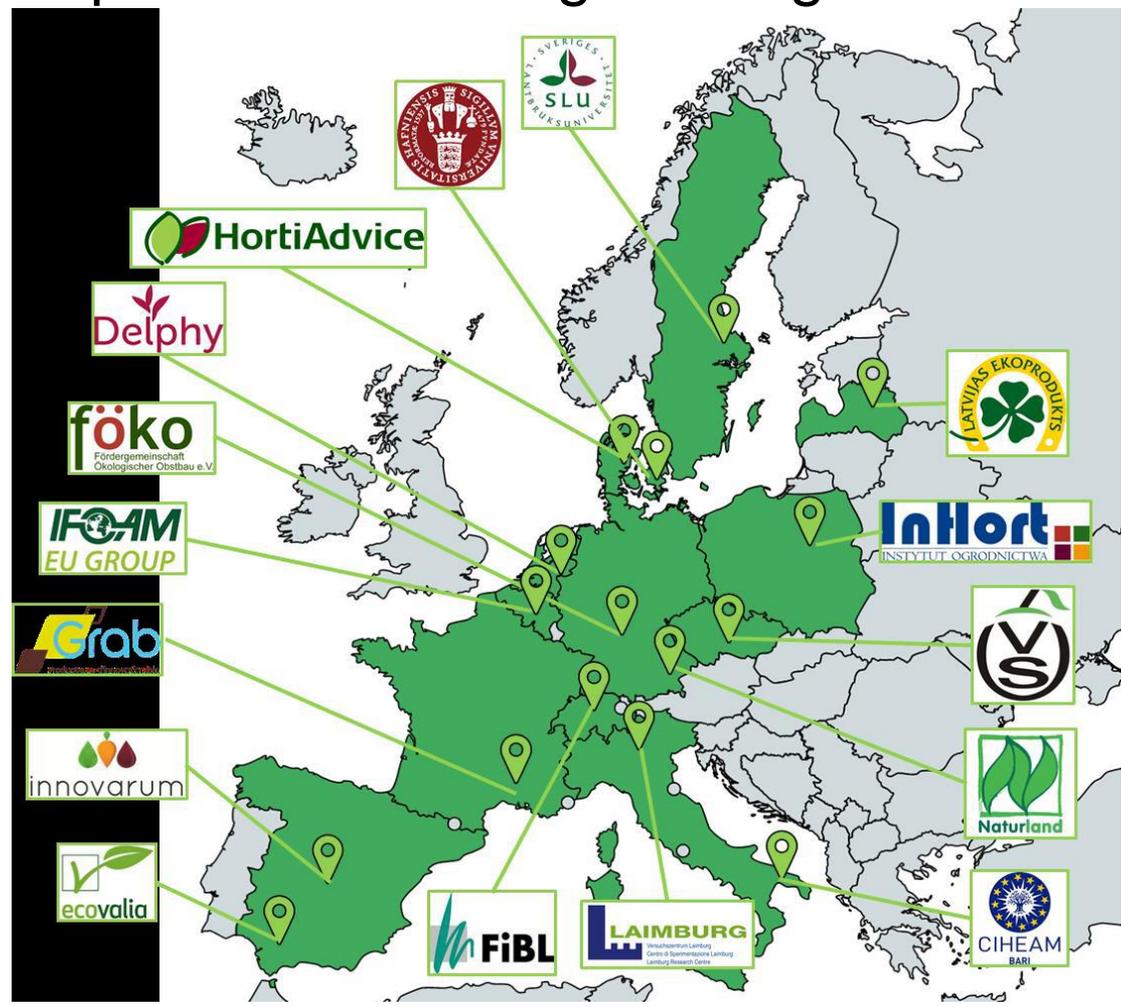
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Country		Responsible Partner for info collection
1	CZECH REPUBLIC	VSUO
2	DENMARK	HAS
3	FRANCE	GRAB
4	GERMANY	FÖKO
5	ITALY	LAIMBURG
		CIHEAM-IAMB
6	LATVIA	ALOA
7	NETHERLANDS	DELPHY
8	POLAND	IO
9	SPAIN	ECOVALIA
10	SWEDEN	SLU
11	SWITZERLAND	FIBL
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12	AUSTRIA	FÖKO
13	BELGIUM	DELPHY
14	GREECE	CIHEAM-IAMB
15	TURKEY	CIHEAM-IAMB
16	PORTUGAL	ECOVALIA
17	LITHUANIA/ESTONIA	ALOA
18	ROMANIA/BULGARIA	VSUO

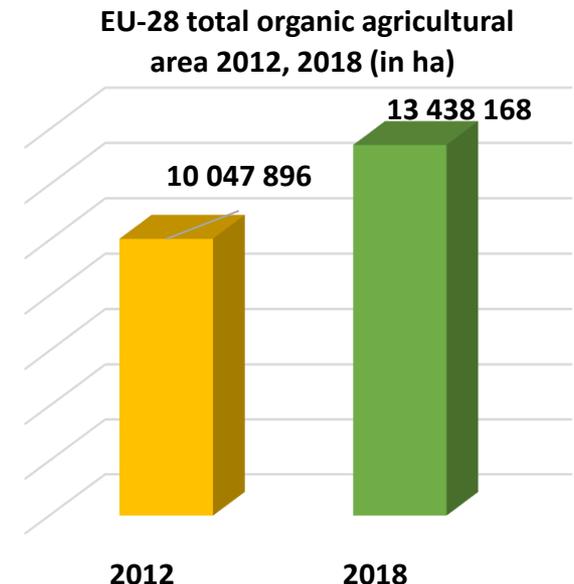
Aim of the project:

strengthen EU competitiveness in fruit organic production

Organic fruit growers must develop combination strategies for plant health care that include :

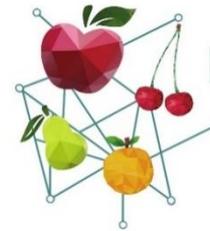
- **selection of robust varieties**
- **appropriate fertilisation and plant protection strategies**
- **enhancement of functional biodiversity**
- **measures to reduce infestation levels of pests and diseases**
- **direct control methods**

Organic fruit growing in this context plays a pioneering role to introduce such strategies also in IPM (Integrated pest management).





Need of the organic fruit sector:



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network focused on organic fruit production that bridges the gap between science and practice - pome, stone and citrus fruit

Specific objectives of BIOFRUITNET are:

- Collect and synthesize existing knowledge ready for practice
- Create a stable European innovation network
- Strengthen established networks
- Widely distribute solutions
- Extend the Organic Farm Knowledge Platform



Working packages:

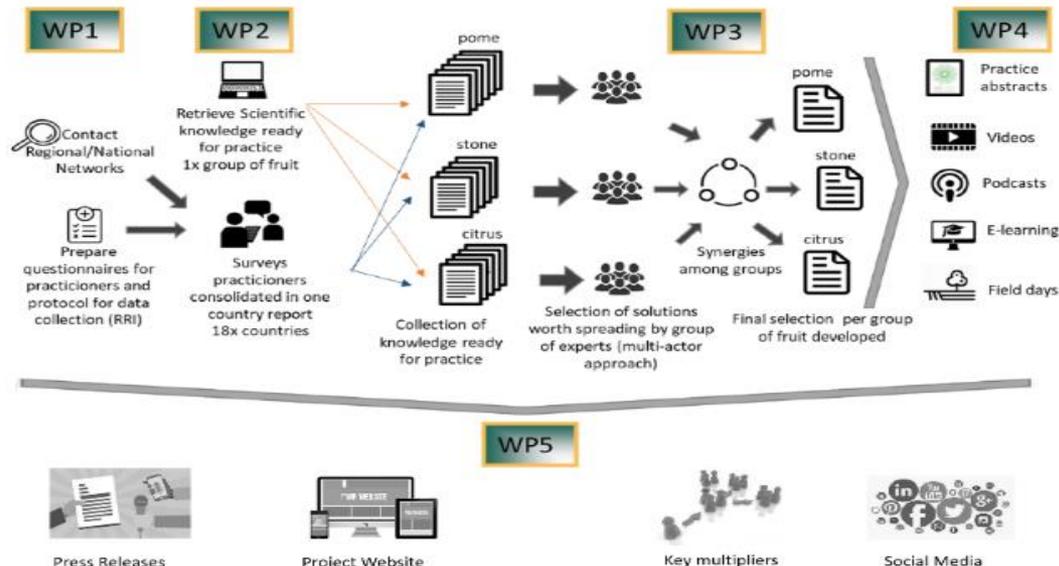
WP1: mapping exercise to find relevant networks at national level in partner countries and beyond

WP2: compile all existing practical and scientific knowledge relevant to organic fruit farmers

WP3: selection the best practices

WP4: adapting and translating all best practices in an easy-to-understand format

WP5: disseminate the information through high impact channel



Meetings

- **Kick of meeting– December 2019**

Project month	Planned dates	Location	Responsible
M1	December 2019	Germany	NATURLAND
M13	October 2020	Spain	ECOVALIA
M24	September 2021	Czech Republic	VSUO
M30	March 2022	France	GRAB
M36	September 2022	Belgium	IFOAM EU

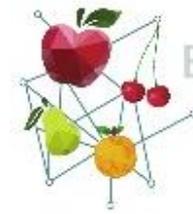


2019	Q4	Social media profiles opened and widespread. Press release kick-off meeting. Release of 1 st professional video.
2020	Q1	Website launching. Presentation of the project at ECO-FRUIT 2020
	Q2	BioFruitNET Communication Kit released and sent to the partners to distribute
	Q3	Workshop 1 in Organic World Congress (Rennes, FR). Sept.2020.
	Q4	Press release about first year.
2021	Q1	Attendance to fair/congresses. (e.g. Fruit Attraction / Fruit Logistica).
	Q2	Release of 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th professional videos.
	Q3	Launching e-Learning course.
	Q4	Field days
2022	Q1	Workshop 2 in BioFach Feb.2022 (DE). Feb.2022. / Workshop 3 ECO-FRUIT 2022
	Q2	Events at national level.
	Q3	BioFruitNET's final event. Brussels (BE). Expected in Sept.2022. Final professional video Press release final conclusions.



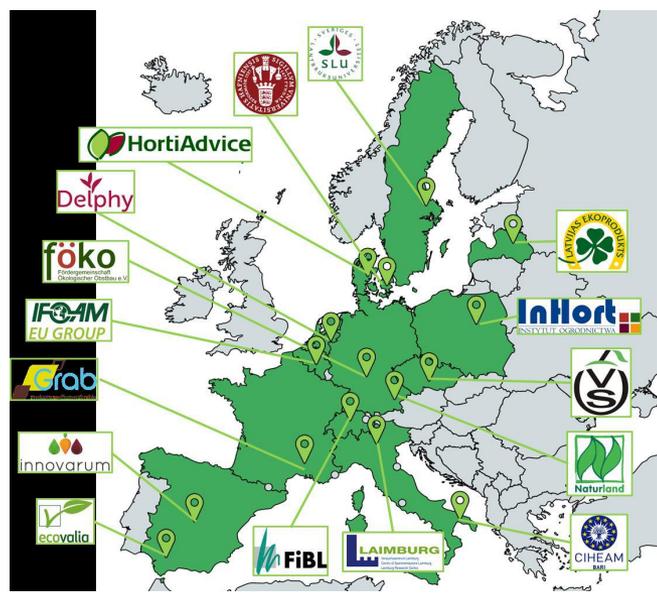
Cooperation with partners:

- Kick of meeting – December 2019 in Germany
- Steering committee – Microsoft Teams - every month
- General Assembly 2020 - Microsoft Teams - October 2020
- Final meeting in Belgium 2022



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Application and innovation of BIOFRUITNET project:



Establishment of a new web site:

- information for organic fruit growers in one place
- translation of information in European languages
- informative recommendations and solutions as (“practice abstracts”), leaflets, guidelines and audio-visual material (photos, video clips, etc.)
- Broad utilization for farmers, researchers, advisers, NGOs, public authorities in Member States, businesses, operational groups, focus groups, universities, agriculture schools and other interested parties
- Impact of the project results to fast implementation the best practices and solution in organic fruit growing



Thank you for your attention



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