



# **CORE Organic Cofund FreeBirds project 'Encouraging organic chickens and hens to be more outdoor'**

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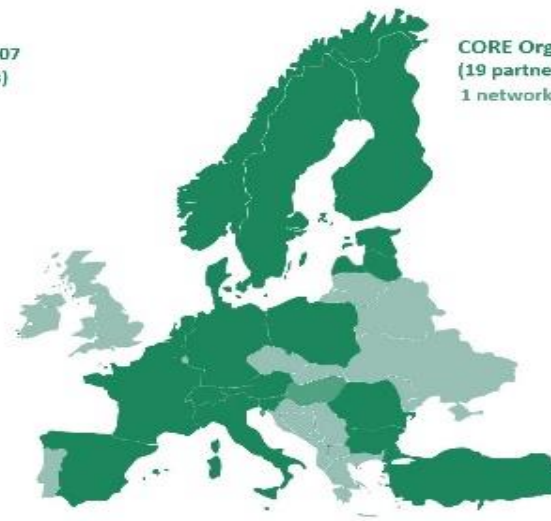
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The CORE Organic Cofund is an **network of 27 European ministries and research councils from 19 European countries/regions** funding research in organic food and farming on transnational level.

The network was **funded in 2004** and the topic was **proposed by the organic sector**. It is coordinated by **International Centre for Research in Organic Food Systems (ICROFS, DK)**. The 17 years of activity was supported as ERA-NET: CORE Organic I and II (2004-2007/ 2010-2013), CORE Organic Plus (2013-2018) and on-going phase as CORE Organic Cofund (2016-2022). **The network launched 8 research calls with 57 research projects for 57.8M EUR.**



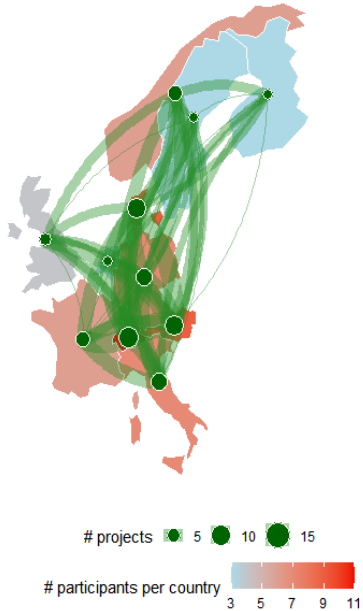
CORE Organic I - 2007  
(11 partner countries)



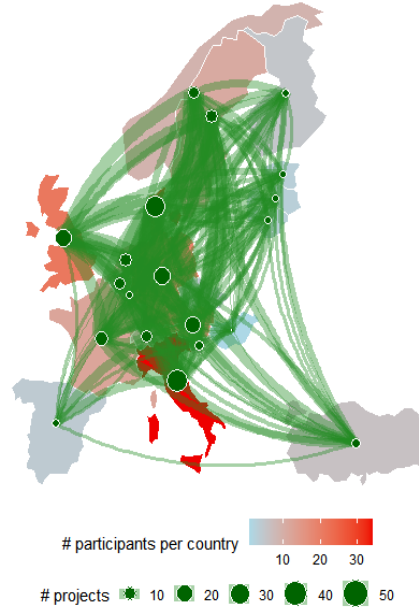
CORE Organic Cofund - 2016  
(19 partner countries/regions  
1 network member)

# CORE Organic Transnational Cooperation

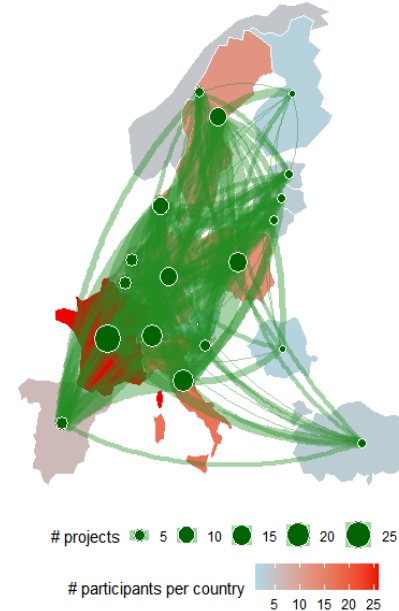
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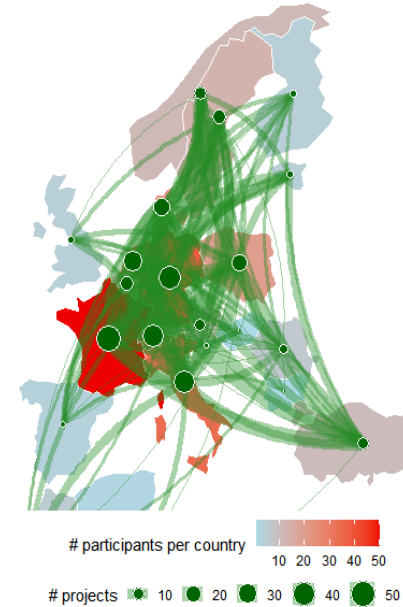
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During the CORE Organic 15 years of activity (2004-2019), not only the number of participating countries has increased, but also the interconnection between them has been reinforced, departing from the central axis to encompass all the network partners.

<https://projects.au.dk/coreorganiccofund/core-organic-15th-anniversary/>



## 2016 CORE Organic Cofund Call

26 partners, 19 countries/ regions,  
1 call (2016), around 14M EUR,  
12 projects **ONGOING**

The four research topics are:

- 1. Ecological support in specialized and intensive plant production systems
- 2. Eco-efficient production and use of animal feed at the local level
- 3. Appropriate and robust livestock systems: cattle, pigs, poultry
- 4. Organic food processing concepts and technologies for ensuring food quality, sustainability and consumer confidence

## 2019 CORE Organic and SUSFOOD2 Cofunds Joint Call

21 partners, 18 countries/  
regions, around 9.5M EUR, 12  
projects **ONGOING**

Call: 'Towards sustainable and organic food systems' launched in 2019, focusing on four research topics:

- 1. Resource-efficient, circular and zero-waste food systems
- 2. Diversity in food from field to plate
- 3. Mild food processing
- 4. Sustainable and smart packaging

## 2021 CORE Organic Third Call

13 partners, 13 countries,  
around 5M EUR **NEW CALL**

Call: 'Organic farming systems for improved mixed plant and animal production'

- 1. Robust and resilient mixed animal farming systems
- 2. Support for robust and resilient crop production systems
- 3. Eco-efficient production and use of animal feed at local level

FreeBirds





### Topic 3: Appropriate and robust livestock systems: cattle, pigs, poultry

- **FreeBirds** - Optimising the use of the free range as the key to improve organic chicken production;
- **POWER** - Proven welfare and resilience in organic pig production;
- **GrazyDaiSy** - Innovative and sustainable grazing-based dairy systems integrating cows and young stock;
- **ProYoungStock** - Young stock and cows benefit from natural feeding systems;
- **Mix-Enable** - Strategies for sustainable and robust organic mixed livestock farming.



- **EU Organic Action Plan (2004)** – call for a support of research on organic;
- **EU Organic Action Plan (2014)** – CORE Organic was included as a tool to improve coordination of research funds;
- **European Green Deal (2019)** – specific targets of at least 25% of EU agricultural land to be farmed organically until 2030 and continuous growth of the sector;
- **EU Organic Action Plan (2021)** – coordination of national organic food R&I programmes via Horizon Europe mission in the area of soil health and food, and partnerships on agroecology and food systems.

**NEW DATES!**

**6-10 SEPTEMBER 2021**

**RENNES, FRANCE**

**Couvent des Jacobins Congress Center**

- 6-7 SEPT. 2021 **PRE-CONFERENCES**
- 7 SEPT. 2021 **OPENING CEREMONY  
(IN THE EVENING)**
- 8-10 SEPT. 2021 **CONFERENCES**
- Date TBC **TOURS AND VISITS /  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
(IFOAM - ORGANICS  
INTERNATIONAL)**



**CORE Organic Programme is invited to have a session at the Organic World Congress 2021 (Stakeholder Forum). All research partners are welcome!**  
Registration at <https://owc.ifoam.bio/2021/registration>





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**Thank you for your kind attention!**

**For more information about the CORE Organic Cofund :**  
**<http://coreorganiccofund.org>**

**For more information about the FreeBirds project:**  
**<https://projects.au.dk/coreorganiccofund/core-organic-cofund-projects/freebirds/>**