

BREAKOUT SESSION

HOW ORGANIC FARMING CAN SHAPE THE ANIMAL WELFARE AGENDA

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Photo: Sten Dissing, Thise Dairy

- How do we ensure that organic experiences, needs and solutions are heard and considered in shaping the future of EU animal welfare policy?
- By Philip Lymbery, Per Clausen, Laura Sauques and Sten Dissing and the audience

HIGHLIGHTS REVISION OF THE ANIMAL WELFARE LEGISLATION



European Green Deal & Farm to Fork-strategy:
Commission announced full revision of the animal welfare legislation

Publication of Fitness Check



European Citizen Initiative End the Cage Age
Commission responded positively



Fitness Check conclusion
EU animal welfare legislation outdated, not aligned with latest science, and not meeting consumers' expectations



European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)
Adopted several scientific opinions on animal welfare



A legislative proposal to revise the **Transport Regulation & the first EU-regulation on the welfare on cats and dogs and their traceability** adopted by the EU-Commission



No further animal welfare proposals during EP elections and appointment of new Commission.
EU Commissioner for Animal Welfare.
Strategic Dialogue launched 2024.
Commission presents '**Vision for Agriculture and Food**' 2025.



European Board on Agriculture and Food (EBAF) announced by the Commission



Commission launches **Call for Evidence** on farm animal welfare, expected to hold **public consultations** in autumn, **Work Programme 2026**



Commission expected to **present legislative proposal** on farm animal welfare, incl. cage phase-out.

2019-2020

2021-2022

2023-2024

2025-2026

WELCOME TO PHILIP LYMBERY PRESIDENT, EUROGROUP FOR ANIMALS & CEO COMPASSION IN WORLD FARMING

What are the most important developments in EU animal welfare policy right now?

And how might they create opportunities for organic farming to lead the way?

WELCOME TO PER CLAUSEN

MEMBER OF THE LEFT GROUP IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

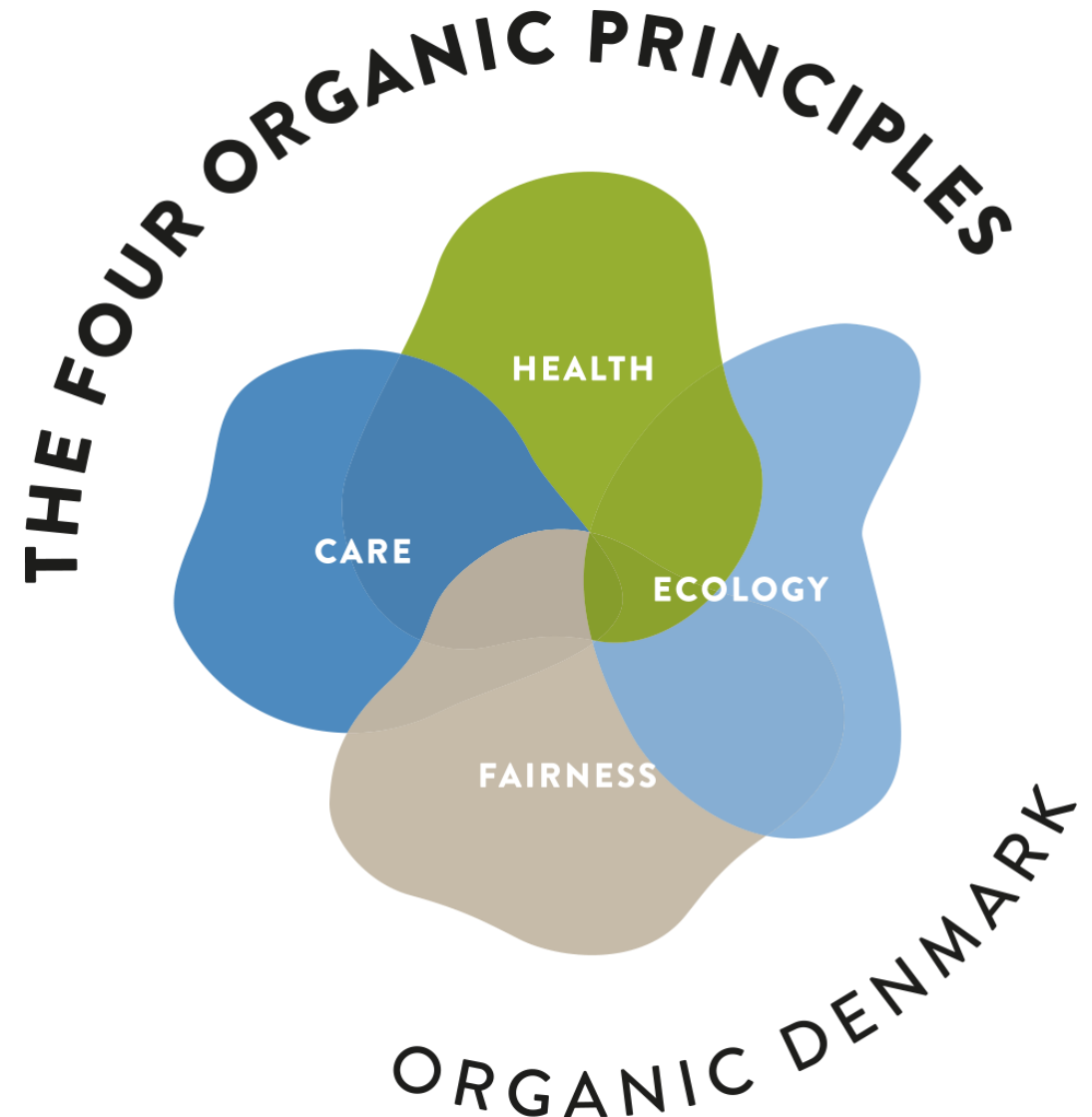
How strong is the political will to make animal welfare a driver for change in agriculture – and specifically in organic farming?

And what are the key opportunities and main obstacles to aligning EU legislation with the higher standards often found in organic farming?

HOW CAN ORGANIC FARMING SHAPE THE ANIMAL WELFARE AGENDA?

Fairness

(...) This principle insists that animals should be provided with the conditions and opportunities of life that accord with their physiology, natural behavior and well-being. (...)



WELCOME TO LAURA SAUQUES

SENIOR POLICY OFFICER SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS AND CAP

How is IFOAM Europe working to influence the animal welfare revision process?

And why is this revision important for organic farmers and for the future of organic farming in Europe?

WELCOME TO STEN DISSING ORGANIC DAIRY FARMER AND FARMER-OWNER OF THISE DAIRY

How do you work with animal welfare in practice and what motivates you to take this approach, even though it goes beyond what the law requires?

And what do you think it would take for more organic farmers and cooperatives to follow that same path?

Jarmstedgaard

- Organic since 1981 owned since 1993
- Land: Total 65 ha, 50 ha arable land and 15 ha nature, forest and meadow.
- Cooperation with neighbouring farm 'Naturbruget Tranum' for vegetable production
- 53 Jersey cows
- Seasonal calving: May, June and July
- Calves reared by mother- and fostercows since 2000
- No use of antibiotics and zero in calf mortality
- Thise launched 'Mælk Ad Libitum' in 2019 based on milk from this farm and others with Cow-Calf-Contact systems

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DAIRY WITH PASSION



CAN ANIMAL WELFARE DRIVE THE FUTURE OF ORGANIC?



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*Vi hjælper dyr i nød, stopper overgreb mod dyr og
kæmper for et respektfuldt forhold mellem dyr,
mennesker og natur.*