

New charter sets the course towards 25% organics by 2030 at the Organic Summit

At the closing debate of the Organic Summit, Danish Minister of Finance Nicolai Wammen was presented with the charter that participants have endorsed over the past two days. The charter outlines the path towards achieving 25% organic agriculture and food consumption in the EU by 2030.

A new European charter has taken shape over the past few days at the Organic Summit in Copenhagen. The charter brings together policymakers, businesses, and organizations from across Europe around a shared direction for advancing organic practices. Its goal is to pave the way for 25% of the EU's agricultural land and food consumption to be organic by 2030. Minister of Finance Nicolai Wammen took the charter with him after participating in the summit's closing debate.

"I recognize the Organic Summit charter. It is an inspiring and important ambition you have set. It is an ambitious charter and organic farming is a vital cornerstone in the green transition. The world needs more organic farming, the world need you," Wammen said in front the participants at the Organic Summit.

The new organic charter emphasizes the need to strengthen and improve organic systems and methods, build stronger value chains, and ensure increased demand from consumers and public kitchens.

Concretely, this means working to increase political and financial support for farms transitioning to organic, introducing a sustainability benchmark that recognizes the positive impact of organic practices, and expanding the Organic Cuisine Label across the EU.

"We need a significant gear shift if we are to reach the goal of 25% organic by 2030. The charter shows the way and unites stakeholders around concrete solutions. We now have a shared language for what we want. It's something we can refer to, revisit, and present to decision-makers again and again when needed. This is tremendously positive news for organic, which stands much stronger today than it did yesterday," says Rasmus Prehn, CEO of Organic Denmark.

"It's fantastic to stand together with so many stakeholders from so many countries and be 100% aligned in our commitment to promoting organics. We are all focused on strengthening the market for organic products while also enhancing the role of organic in the green transition, thereby contributing to societal goals related to biodiversity, animal welfare, climate, environment, and more," says Kirsten Lund Jensen, Head of Organic Unit at the Danish Agriculture & Food Council.

Project Manager for the Organic Summit, Rikke Lundsgaard, is also pleased with the outcome of the summit.

"Over the past two days, the Organic Summit has brought together more than 450 key organic stakeholders from 40 countries. It has been a fantastic platform for dialogue and collaboration, with intense and inspiring discussions across sectors and nationalities. It's clear that there is a shared will to strengthen organics in Europe, and the charter is the culmination of a summit filled with engagement, expertise, and political will," she says.

The full charter can be read at os25.org/charter, and it calls for the European Commission to follow up with an annual status report.

FACTS: The Organic Summit was held on August 18–19 at The Black Diamond in Copenhagen.

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