

The National Platform of Organic Farming has been established



The kick-off meeting of the National Platform of Organic Farming took place on 29 April 2009 in the courtroom of Mr. Zoltán Gögös, the State Secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development. The State Secretary Mr. Zoltán Gögös has favoured the kick-off meeting with his presence and salutation too. Mr. Zoltán Gögös highlighted the relevance of organic farming in his speech, which in his opinion may be a breakout point of agriculture. This farming method can have an important role from the aspect of regional development of agriculture and regional food supply. He underlined that MARD intends to support and promote the development of organic farming.

The kick-off meeting was hereafter conducted by Head of Department Professor Dr. László Radics (Corvinus University of Budapest Department of Ecological and Sustainable Production Systems) together with Executive Director Dr. Péter Roszík (Nonprofit Biokontroll Hungaria Ltd.).

The attendance agreed upon the main objectives of the Platform namely integrate those (organic farmers, processors, traders, consumers, sympathizers, non organic farmers who sees the future in organic farming) who intend to promote organic farming. Accepting the modification proposals of the attendance they agreed on the managing system of the Platform. Dr. József Ángyán, director of the Institute of Environmental and Landscape of Management Szent István University, Member of Parliament, underlined in his comment that an organic turn of agriculture should be realized and National Strategy of Organic Farming should be worked out. The operation of the Platform has not modify in any way the original activity of the joining organisations, just combine the forces of those in order to achieve common objectives, if the tasks of the Platform require and the members agreed on it. Participants (private persons, institutions, associations, federations, growers, members of parliament; 15 persons) who were invited to the kick-off meeting as founding members unanimously agreed on the establishment of National Platform of Organic Farming and declared it established.

The next session of the National Platform of Organic Farming will probably be held in the middle of June 2009.

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