

Europe needs regional solutions for global problems such as climate change, the loss of biodiversity and food insecurity. The question is how can policy guide regional solutions to future global problems? How should the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) deal with these matters – especially after 2013? What role does organic farming play?

With talks, oral presentations and workshops from prominent speakers the study trip to Brussels offers the possibility to experience critically approach European agricultural policy firsthand. Adequate time for discussion is given.

Highlights are talks with speakers of the **Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development in the European Parliament** and the **European Commission**. Furthermore the participants will take part in the **2<sup>nd</sup> European Organic Congress** which will be presented by the IFOAM EU Group. Participants will also learn Non-Governmental Organisations approaching for more research funds for organic agriculture and sustainable use of water.

The study trip will be offered for the first time by the Heinrich Böll Foundation Baden-Württemberg in cooperation with FRESH the Food Revitalization and Eco-gastronomic Society of Hohenheim.

The study trip is designed for students who are interested in working in the fields of sustainable agriculture, climate change, biodiversity, food security and politics after their studies. Therefore the study trip is particularly appropriate for highly interested students at the Master level.

In preparation we will offer a preliminary meeting for the participants.

We are looking forward to an interesting study trip!

## PRESENTER

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*Study Trip:* Heinrich Böll Foundation Baden-Württemberg in cooperation with FRESH, Food Revitalization and Eco-gastronomic Society of Hohenheim

*Organic Congress:* IFOAM EU Group, International Federation of Organic Agricultural Movements

## EVENT LOCATIONS

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European Parliament, Representation of Baden-Württemberg to the EU, European Commission

## PARTICIPANT FEE

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120 Euro all inclusive (train, accommodation, catering).

60 Euro reduced fee for students (student ID) .

## REGISTRATION

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The registration is open until 25 October 2009 on a first come first serve basis. For registration please write an email with the following information: firstname, surname, gender, birthday, study programme, address, email address, mobile phone, number of desired workshop and vegetarian food (yes/no) to [info@boell-bw.de](mailto:info@boell-bw.de). We can only confirm your registration request after receipt of this information.

## PAYMENT

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Please pay via bank transfer after registration confirmation to Heinrich Böll Foundation to BW Bank (Sort Code 600 501 01, Acc no 111 08 58). Keyword „Study trip Brussels 2009 Firstname Surname“. Only after receipt of your payment - at the latest by 31 October 2009 - we can confirm your participation.

## CONTACT

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## Study Trip to Brussels

# Brussels' Policy for Sustainable Agriculture facing Climate Change and the Loss of Biodiversity and European Organic Congress

**30 November to 2 December 2009**

**in Brussels  
for 20 students**

**presented by**

**Heinrich Böll Foundation**

**Baden-Württemberg**

**in cooperation with**

**FRESH Food Revitalization and  
Eco-gastronomic Society of Hohenheim**

## 30 NOVEMBER 2009, MONDAY

Departure Stuttgart 08:51

Arrival Bruxelles-Central 14:51

**European Parliament Committee for Agriculture and Rural Development – European Policy for a Sustainable Agriculture**

Afternoon:

Talk with **Martin Häusling**, *The Greens/EFA Group, European Parliament, coordinator of parliamentary committee for Agriculture and Rural Development*, and **Hannes Lorenzen**, *The Greens/EFA adviser to the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development of the European Parliament for the Greens/EFA Group*

Followed by a group discussion and analysis.

Check-In Youth Hostel Bruegel

## 1 DECEMBER 2009, TUESDAY

**European Organic Congress – European Agricultural Policy facing Climate Change and the Loss of Biodiversity**

*All day: Participation at 2. European Organic Congress (Presenter IFOAM EU Group)*

Morning: *Presentations* on the role of organic food and farming as leading model of sustainable food systems (among others with **Ernst Ulrich von Weizsäcker**, *Co-Chair International Panel for Sustainable Resource Management*, **Hans Herren**, *President Millenium Institute*, **Niels Halberg**, *Director International Centre for Research in Organic Food Systems* and **Urs Niggli**, *Director Research Institute of Organic Agriculture FIBL*)

Afternoon: *Workshops* (parallel)

1. Climate change and biodiversity: Meeting the challenges – best practice examples from the organic food supply chain
2. EU policies to mitigate climate change and halt the loss of biodiversity
3. Shaping the CAP to face future challenges - 2013 and beyond

Evening: The right of farmers to be free from contamination. Key note speech by **Percy Schmeiser**, *Canadian farmer, winner of the Right Livelihood Award 2007, member of the International Commission on the Future of Food.*

Followed by panel discussion on ensuring sustainable food security

## 2 DECEMBER 2009, WEDNESDAY

Check-Out Youth Hostel Bruegel

**European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development – Dealing with matters concerning sustainable agriculture**

Morning:

Input *presentation* about the work and structure of the European Commission and ways of lobbying (one of the participants)

*Talk:* How is the European Commission approaching organic agriculture, climate change and GMO and Co-existence ? (EC, to be confirmed)

**Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) – Working for integrating sustainability into policy**

Afternoon:

**Technical Platform Organics** (to be confirmed)

*Presentation( or Workshop)* on the current state of the Technical Research Platform for organic food and farming. The platform from the organic movement is defining organic research priorities and argues that there is a need for more research and research funding into specific priority areas.

**European Water Partnership** (to be confirmed)

The NGO is developing standards for sustainable water use, is working on Global Water Footprints and shaping and integrating water into policy and strategy agendas.

**Transparency and Lobbyism in Brussel** (to be confirmed)

Guided tour through the Brussels EU quarter -Lobbying Tour with Corporate Europe Observatory (CEO)

Optional: Guided Tour Brussels

Departure Bruxelles-Central 18 :16

Arrival Stuttgart: 22:48