



Development pathways for organic agriculture: Lessons from comparing Austria and France

The Cultural Department of the French Embassy in Vienna invites participants of the IFSA 2010 Symposium interested in the development and prospects of organic food and farming (OF&F) to join the half-day workshop on 8 July 2010 at the Palais Clam-Gallas (Währinger Strasse 30). The workshop will take place from 9:00 – 13:00 hrs and will be followed by a buffet.

The objectives of the workshop are to identify:

- (i) the specificities of OF&F in each country, as well as transferable lessons; and
- (ii) topics for further transnational research cooperation, focusing on the development pathways of OF&F.

To introduce the key topics and open the discussions, national experiences will be presented by an Austrian and a French speaker:

- upscaling OF&F: eco-regionality or generalised model?
- innovating in OF&F: how to enhance innovation capabilities?
- valuing OF&F: what performances and societal roles?

Albeit emphasis will be laid upon comparisons between Austrian and French situations, the workshop is open to interested participants from other countries. If you wish to participate, please register by sending an email to Natacha Sautereau (nsautereau@avignon.inra.fr).

This workshop builds on previous collaborations between INRA, the French National Institute for Agricultural and Food Research in Avignon, and the University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU). It is also supported by a French “Mixed Technological Network” for OF&F development.

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