

Summary of country reports

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Poland

- Information from polish fruit tree producer and from a certification body
- Seed suppliers: vegetables (5/32), forage crops (27/32), areable crops(27/32)
- Category 1: no
- Expertgroup: no expertgroups, database managed by state seed inspection
- Derogations: increase
- Concerns: availability of (large quantities) of organic seed, transport costs of young trees and shrubs
- Improvement: information on database

Hungary

- Information from researcher, advisor
- Seed suppliers: vegetables (3), forage crops (1), areable crops(4), not all organic seed is registered
- Category 1:no but plans for wheat and oats
- Expertgroup: yes
- Derogations: increase
- Concerns: functioning of expertgroups, lack of organic seed suppliers, farmers look for other species to get derogation
- Projects: organic variety trials, research on seed treatment

Lithuania

- Information from database administrator
- Seed suppliers: vegetables (2-3), forage crops (6-10), areable crops (6-10)
- Category 1:yes with plants from all groups
- Derogations: no major changes
- Concerns: lack of seed suppliers
- CMS: no identification, no private label

Latvia

- Information from plant breeding institute
- Seed suppliers: vegetables (2-3), forage crops (3-6), areable crops (5-6-45)
- Category 1: yes, e.g. brassica, cucumber, tomato, wheat, grasses, oats
- Derogations: stable
- Concerns: lack of seed suppliers, high price of organic seed
- Projects: estlat programme on potato, cereal seed multiplication and breeding program

UK

- Information from; certification body&ngo (soil association), government, seed supplier
- Seed suppliers: vegetables (9), forage crops (24), areable crops (20)
- Expertgroups : yes,but lack of funding and authority
- Category 1: no
- Derogations: stable, decrease in use of organic seed potatoes, more organic seed in grass seed mixtures
- Concerns: possibility to use conventional seed, function of the database
- Projects: organic research centre, work with populations, soil association field lab
- CMS: no identification, private label: Demeter

Denmark

- Information from the government
- Seed suppliers:
- Category 1: no, but hardly any derogations for grass, clover and potatoes
- Expertgroups: yes
- Derogations: stable
- Concerns: variation in implementation of regulation, no European annex
- Improvement: database, involvement of stakeholders

Switzerland

- Info from database manager & seed company
- Seed suppliers: vegetables (8), forage crops (6), areable crops (6)
- Category 1: yes private (BioSuisse) regulation, e.g. potatoes for industry, cereals, fodder crops,
- Derogations: increase
- Concerns: lack of seed suppliers, database not updated, quality of seed and planting material
- Improvement: stricter regulation for organic vines
- CMS: identification possible, CMS allowed by Bio Suisse and banned by Demeter

Norway

- Information from the government
- Seed suppliers:
- Category 1: no
- Expertgroup: no
- Derogations: remain stable
- Concerns: lack of organic seed suppliers, database, use of conventional and organic seed in same mixture, easy to get derogation