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*European  
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The European Consortium for Organic Plant Breeding (ECO-PB) was founded in 2001 with the aim of promoting organic plant breeding and building up an independent expertise. As a non-profit association the main purpose is to foster organic agriculture, protect the environment and conserve agrobiodiversity through plant breeding programmes designed specifically for the needs of organic farming systems. Therefore, the main focus areas of the European Consortium for Organic Plant Breeding (ECO-PB) include:

- Initiating, supporting, and maintaining organic plant breeding programmes
- Developing and investigating the concepts, scientific basis, and financial tools for organic plant breeding
- Developing and promoting appropriate standards, practice, and legal frameworks for organic plant breeding
- Providing a platform for exchange of knowledge and experience on organic plant breeding to European breeders, farmers, researchers, and policy makers, as well as other IFOAM organisations
- Carrying out meetings and workshops on organic seed and organic plant breeding issues
- Providing discussion papers on plant breeding issues to support decision making processes

## Principles

ECO-PB works under the principles of organic agriculture as laid down in the IFOAM Basic Standards and the EU Regulation (EEC) 2092/91 and respects the breeding methods allowed in the IFOAM Position Paper of 2017.

ECO-PB is member of:

- IFOAM Organics International
- IFOAM Organics Europe
- IFOAM Seeds Platform

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## Membership

ECO-PB offers two membership options for organisations and individuals that are actively engaged in the development and promotion of organic plant breeding.

- **Full Membership** (including voting rights):  
Open to organisations and enterprises that are predominantly engaged in the development and promotion of organic plant breeding, seed production or organic agriculture.

The annual membership fee is € 1000.

- **Associate Membership** (without voting rights):

Open to all persons and organisations that are predominantly engaged in the development and promotion of organic plant breeding, seed production or organic agriculture such as farmers, breeders, researchers, and persons involved in education, consulting, certifying, promotion, and advocacy.

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