

Seminar

Composting and Compost use in Organic Farming

Organised by the Estonian University of Life Sciences and the European Compost Network, supported by the European Union “Long term knowledge transfer program in organic farming in Estonia”.

4th October 2017 in Tartu 10:00 – 17:00 h

5th October 2017 in Tallinn 10:00 – 17:00 h

The European Compost Network and the Estonian University of Life Sciences is organising a seminar ‘Composting and Compost use in Organic Farming’, supported by the European Union “Long term knowledge transfer program in organic farming in Estonia”.

This seminar comes at a time when European policy makers are setting the frame for using compost and digestate as organic fertilisers and soil improvers on the European market. Besides the revision of the European Fertilisers Regulation the Organic Farming regulation is revised as well. Taking the requirements of both regulation into account the use of compost in organic farming might be facilitated and as well promoted.

With this seminar the organisers would like to give advice how composting can be done on farms and how compost can be used in organic farming systems. Examples from Austria, Germany and Flanders (Belgium), where composting is done for a long time and experiences with the sustainable use of compost in agricultural systems will be shared.

The event will be a opportunity for organic farmers how to do composting on their farms and how to use compost for fertilising and improving their soils.

Agenda

10:00 h – 10:15 h Welcome and Introduction by Mait Kriipsalu

Estonian University of Life Sciences and Vice-chair of the European Compost Network

10:15 h – 12:00 h European legislative approach

How compost and digestate will be regulated by European Legislation? Overview about the future EU Fertilising Product Regulation and the Organic Farming Regulation

Stefanie Siebert, Executive Director and Quality Manager of the European Compost Network

Compost and digestate in organic farming in Flanders: quality control and research to create opportunities

Kristel Vandenbroek, General manager of Vlaco and ECN Board Member (BE)

12:00 – 12:45 h

Networking Lunch Break

12:45 – 15:00 h On-farm composting – technological and practical approach

How to do composting on farms? – The decentralised agricultural composting system in Austria

Florian Amlinger, CEO of Compost, Development & Consultation Austria and ECN Board Members (AT)

How to do composting in a simple and smart way?

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15:00-15:20 h

Networking Coffee Break

15:20 h – 16:15 h Organic Fertilisation with Compost

Fertilising and soil improving effects based on defined compost products and specified qualities, set by the German RAL quality mark in agreement with the organic farming association (Bioland eV.)

Irmgard Leifert, Reterra Service GmbH and ECN Board Member (DE)

16:15 h – 17:00 h Q&A Session