

AFI CONFERENCE – 27 & 28 MAY 2025

A SYSTEMATIC APPROACH FOR OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION

DAY 1 – 27.05.2025

Moderation: Alexander Beck – BLQ GmbH

13:00 **INTRODUCTION**

13:00 – 13:30 **Welcome note**

Friederike Staat – Representation of North-Rhine Westfalia
Doris Pick – Federal Office for Agriculture and Food (BLE)
Saskia van Ruth – University of Dublin

13:30 – 14:00 **Commission actions in the fight against fraud in organics**

Henri Delanghe – European Commission DG AGRI B4

14:00 – 14:30 **From the Investigation bible to the X commandments**

Nicolas Verlet

14:30 **SESSION 1: RESIDUES AS INDICATORS FOR (ORGANIC) FOOD FRAUD**

14:30 – 15:00 **Some examples for exemplary active ingredients and their relevance**

Tom Nizet – Authent GmbH

15:00 – 15:45 **Good (and bad) approaches for official investigations: A reality check**

Amaia Aldana – IOAS
Sergiy Galashevskyy – Organic Standard Ltd.
Jochen Neuendorff – GfRS mbH

15:45 – 16:15 **PANEL DISCUSSION**

16:15 – 16:45 **BREAK**

16:45 – 18:00 **SESSION 2: VADE MECUM IN ACTION: CASE STUDIES ON OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION**

Working group I: Case study EU-production

Samanta Rosi Belliere
Tom Nizet – Authent GmbH

Working group II: Case study EU-import

Herman Van Boxem
Jochen Neuendorff – GfRS mbH

18:00 – 18:30 **SYNTHESIS OF THE WORKING GROUPS, SUMMARY OF THE FIRST DAY**

18:30 **END OF DAY 1**

DAY 2 – 28.05.2025

Moderation: Oriana Gasser – FiBL Switzerland

09:00 **SESSION 3: IMPLEMENTING SYSTEMATIC OFFICIAL INVESTIGATIONS TO DETECT (ORGANIC) FOOD FRAUD**

09:00 – 09:15 **Focus on critical non-compliances, in particular use and commingling**

Nicolas Verlet

09:15 – 09:45 **Case study related to fraud**

*Jochen Neuendorff – GfRS mbH
Herman Van Boxem*

09:45 – 10:00 **QUESTION & DISCUSSION**

10:00 – 10:30 **BREAK**

10:30 – 12:00 **SESSION 4: WHAT NEEDS TO IMPROVE, WHERE DOES THE VADE MECUM HELP?**

Working group III: Point of view of operators

*Moderation: Marian Blom – IFOAM OE
Alexander Beck – BLQ GmbH*

Working group IV: Point of view from the control sector (control bodies & competent authorities)

*Moderation: Sergiy Galashevskyy – Organic Standard Ltd.
Christian Novak – LfL*

12:00 – 12:15 **Synthesis of the working groups**

Speakers: moderators of the working groups

12:15 – 12:30 **CLOSING REMARKS**

*Nicolas Verlet
Jochen Neuendorff – GfRS mbH*

12:30 **END OF THE CONFERENCE**

Please [register here](#) by 16 May at the latest.

Due to room capacities, unfortunately the number of participants is limited. Registrations will be considered in the order in which they are received.

We are looking forward to an instructive and exciting conference
Your AFI-Team