

*(Feel free to change the photo of the crop)*

Questionnaire

How to improve the supply of organic seeds

1. **Attitudes towards organic seed (OS) in your county. Rank the five-point scale for each statement** (1 – strongly disagree; 2 – disagree; 3 – neutral; 4 – agree; 5 – strongly agree)

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| OS is easily available for varieties that I want to use | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Price for OS is accessible | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Availability of OS has improved in the last 5 years | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| The quality of OS that I use is high | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| I’m encouraged to use OS by my certifier | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| By using OS, I support the competitiveness of the organic sector | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

1. **Ranking of different actions to boost the use of organic seed (OS) in your country. Rank the five-point scale for each statement** (1 – most important; 2 – important; 3 – average importance; 4 – not important; 5 – least important)

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| Improve availability of OS for locally adapted varieties | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| More efforts in breeding for organic farming | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Using open pollinated varieties | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| More information on availability of OS in foreign markets | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Stricter national rules for grading | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

1. **Technical challenges in organic seed production. Rank the five-point scale for each statement** (1 – most important; 2 – important; 3 – average importance; 4 – not important; 5 – least important)

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| Yield losses/volatility | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Seed borne pests and diseases | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Weed contamination | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Finding organic seed multipliers | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Seed storage and treatment | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Germination rate and seed size | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Hybrid propagation | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

1. **Marketing issues with organic seed (OS). Rank the five-points scale for each statement** (1 – strongly disagree; 2 – disagree; 3 – neutral; 4 – agree; 5 – strongly agree)

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| OS production is more costly than conventional seed production | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| OS is an important part of organic agriculture | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| The OS market might become profitable in the next 5 years | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Demand for OS is more volatile than demand for conventional seed | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Farmers are willing to pay the higher price for OS | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Offering both organically & conventionally produced seed is logistically too costly | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

1. **Policy measures to enhance organic seed (OS) production. Rank the five-point scale for each statement** (1 – strongly disagree; 2 – disagree; 3 – neutral; 4 – agree; 5 – strongly agree)

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| More research on organic seed production economics | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Phasing out derogations in the new organics regulation | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Stricter derogation rules in the next 5 years | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| More information on organic seed market demand | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Expand the range of organically allowed seed treatments | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Introduction of subsidies to support organic seed production | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Increase training on organic seed production | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

1. **Organic seeds availability. Rank the five-point scale for each crop** (1 – enough in the market; 2 – occasionally available; 3 – not available; 4 – depending on the variety; 5 – I use home saved seeds). Multiple choices possible.

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| Wheat | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Soybean | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Potatoes | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Buckwheat | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Corn | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Vegetables | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Small grains | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Grain legumes | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Oilseeds | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Fodder plants | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

1. **What are important traits for an organic variety in your region? Rank the five-point scale for each statement** (1 – most important; 2 – important; 3 – average importance; 4 – not important; 5 – least important)

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| Yield | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Yield stability | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Weed suppression | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Quality (e.g. baking quality) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Lodging | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Maturity | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Taste | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Diseases resistance (please give examples):  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

1. **Rank the five-point scale for your willingness to grow composite cross populations (CCP) on your farm** (1 – strongly disagree; 2 – disagree; 3 – neutral; 4 – agree; 5 – strongly agree)

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| CCP (write down the crop(s) you are interested in):  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

**I would like to receive news about the ECOBREED project and the results of the survey by e-mail:**

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**Questionnaire completed by (mark)**

* Farmer
* Seed industry
* Extension service
* Research/Education
* Policy maker
* NGO
* Other

**Additional questions or comments:**

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