

# APPLICATION FOR THE 2022 EU ORGANIC AWARDS

Fields marked with \* are mandatory.



## APPLICATION FOR THE BEST ORGANIC Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) | Food Retailer | Restaurant\*

**The submission of this form will only be possible from 25 March 2022.  
Applications must be submitted by 8 June 2022, 23:59:59 CEST at the latest  
through the online application form available on:**

**[https://ec.europa.eu/info/food-farming-fisheries/farming/organic-farming/organic-action-plan/eu-organic-awards\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/food-farming-fisheries/farming/organic-farming/organic-action-plan/eu-organic-awards_en)**

**No other application than the online one will be taken into account.**

*\* either standalone, or as part of the Hotel or Catering sector.*

### Instructions

Please complete your submission for the EU Organic 2022 Awards by using this form. All

sections must be answered and all questions should be addressed. In the case that an applicant cannot provide an answer to a question, reasons must be provided in the relevant section. It is strongly advised to read the [Organic Awards 2022 practical guide](#) before completing this application. The [EESC opinion on the Action Plan for the development of EU organic production](#) as well as the [IFOAM principles of organic production](#) may also be useful to consider.

When completing this form, please **always refer to the information icon** for additional information regarding the scope of the question. The information icon is the small, round blue icon that appears at the end of each question (when applicable). Simply click on it to display more information.

## **Personal data**

Please note that any personal data contained in the application documents (such as name and address) will be processed pursuant to [Regulation \(EU\) 2018/1725](#) on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the EU institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data. Unless otherwise indicated, the replies to the questions and any personal data requested to evaluate the application in accordance with the [awards rules](#) will be processed solely for that purpose by the EESC. Without prejudice to the point above, the candidates grant the EESC the right to communicate to the public, in any language and by any medium and any kind of technique, the name of the winning candidates, their activities and the prize awarded. For more information, please consult the [privacy statement](#) or contact [EUorganicawardsEESC@eesc.europa.eu](mailto:EUorganicawardsEESC@eesc.europa.eu).

## **A Contact information**

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1 Contact details (1/2)

* Name of the applying entity/organisation (if applicable):	
* First name and last name of contact person for this application:	
* Email:	
* Phone number:	
* VAT number:	

2 Contact details (2/2)

	Street and street number	City	Postcode	Country
* Address				

**\* 3 Organic award you are applying for:**

- Best organic SME
- Best organic Food Retailer
- Best organic Restaurant (*either standalone, or as part of the Hotel or Catering sector*)

## B Eligibility criteria for SME

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**\* 4 Please confirm that:**

*at least 2 choice(s)*

Organic products: to be understood as organic products or products in conversion.

- You are an SME: micro, small or medium-sized enterprise as defined in the [Commission recommendation 2003/361](#) (enterprises which employ fewer than 250 persons and which have an annual turnover not exceeding EUR 50 million, and/or an annual balance sheet total not exceeding EUR 43 million).
- You produce only organic products in your enterprise and that you are certified according to [Regulation 2018/848](#).

## C Eligibility criteria for Food Retailer

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**\* 5 Please confirm that:**

*at least 1 choice(s)*

"Certified references" is the technical term that means "certified products" or "certified items".

Organic products: to be understood as organic products or products in conversion.

Some products such as wild fish do not fall under the scope of [Regulation \(EU\) 2018/848](#) (see Article 2).

- You have only organic certified references on sale (excluding non-food products or food products for which there is no organic availability).

## D Eligibility criteria for Restaurant

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**\* 6 Please confirm that:**

*at least 1 choice(s)*

"Certified references" is the technical term that means "certified products" or "certified items".

Organic products: to be understood as organic products or products in conversion.

"Where possible": in accordance with [Regulation \(EU\) No 2018/848](#).

- You offer only organic certified references on your menu where possible.

## E Questions

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**7 How has your project developed an excellent initiative producing real added value for organic production and consumption?**

The awardee must have developed an excellent initiative producing real added value for organic production. This means good results and impact of the project in relation to its initial objectives. Projects shall demonstrate their impact on the area and territory concerned and show their results against the initially set targets and objectives.

	Yes	No
* Does the enterprise contribute to the territorial development of its region (e.g. local products, local workforce, local marketing chains, etc.)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Does the enterprise strive to promote environment and climate protection, animal welfare, and healthy and sustainable diets through the composition of the products prepared or sold?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Does the enterprise invest in education and promotion of organic values externally (buyers, suppliers, customers, community, institutions, etc.)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Does the enterprise invest internally (i.e. among its employees) in education and promotion of organic values, including striving to achieve a gender balance and include people with disabilities where relevant?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Is the enterprise successful in selling organic products?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Has the enterprise contributed to greater affordability and availability of organic products for consumers?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**\* 8 Please explain in max. 400 characters how your project produces real added value for organic production and consumption, including reference to the above questions and providing evidence for the questions answered by "Yes":**

*400 character(s) maximum*

**9 How innovative is your project?**

Projects shall not be "business as usual", but should demonstrate new approaches, new organisational methods, or the development of new (or significantly) improved results for organics. The criteria for measuring the innovative character for each category are better detailed in the dedicated section of the category.

	Yes	No
* Has the enterprise implemented innovative mechanisms or projects relating to the production and promotion of organic products?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Has the enterprise implemented innovative mechanisms or projects relating to the protection of health and well-being of people and the environment?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**\* 10 Please explain in max. 400 characters your new approaches, new organisational methods, or the development of new or significantly improved results for organics, including reference to the above questions and providing evidence for the questions answered by "Yes":**

*400 character(s) maximum*

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**11 How is your project meeting each of the three sustainability dimensions (environmental, social, economic) and how does it assess its sustainability over the long term?**

Projects shall demonstrate their sustainability and their future as a self-standing initiative or project.

	Yes	No
* Does the enterprise have climate and environment-friendly processing in terms of circularity, e.g. reducing food waste and packaging?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Does the enterprise have climate and environment-friendly processing in terms of energy sourcing and efficiency?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Does the enterprise have climate and environment-friendly processing in terms of transport?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Has the enterprise fully implemented the social rules relating to workers' protection, collective bargaining and social dialogue?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Has the enterprise established significant socially and ecologically just partnerships and fair trading practices with its suppliers?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Has the enterprise implemented an effective mechanism to ensure and assess its economic sustainability over the long term?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* Has the enterprise signed the <a href="#">EU Code of Conduct on Responsible Food Business and Marketing Practices</a> ?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**\* 12 Please explain in max. 400 characters how your project meets each of the three sustainability criteria, including reference to the above questions and providing evidence for the questions answered by "Yes":**

*400 character(s) maximum*

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**13 How could your project be transferred and replicated elsewhere in the EU?**

The project shall demonstrate that it represents good practice in a wider (EU) context and that it inspires or could inspire other places. The project should also show good ways of communicating its goals and results.

	Yes	No
* Has the enterprise developed projects to influence and inspire other enterprises in your region, your country or elsewhere within the EU?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Could the mechanisms and tools used in your enterprise to improve sustainability be replicated and showcased as good practices in other parts of the EU?



- \* 14 Please explain in max. 400 characters how your project could be transferred and replicated elsewhere in the EU, including reference to the above questions and providing evidence for the questions answered by "Yes":

*400 character(s) maximum*

- \* 15 Please explain in max. 1000 characters what is the impact of your project (overview of the activities and results of your project; positive effects of your project, in particular towards sustainability):

*1000 character(s) maximum*

A description of the activities and results that can be attributed to your submitted project should be indicated. We suggest writing this section while thinking of all the positive effects that would not have happened had the project not been implemented.

## F General information

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16 Please provide the following information:

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<b>Number of employees in your enterprise (full-time equivalent)</b>	
<b>Date your enterprise was created</b>	
<b>Private standard relating to organic production certifying the enterprise (if relevant)</b>	

17 Please provide any other useful information on your project (e.g. information on the existence of presentation brochures or visual materials, links to the project website or to relevant documents if available, etc.)

## G Declaration of honour

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\* 18 By ticking the following boxes:

*at least 2 choice(s)*

This declaration on honour is necessary to validate your application. Please tick the boxes.

- You declare that you comply with the applicable eligibility criteria as provided in point f) of the [awards rules](#), that all data provided in this form are true, accurate and complete, and that you are able to provide the necessary supporting documents in order for the jury to check their validity (Please note that these will be requested in the case of the pre-finalists).
- You declare that you will immediately inform the award organisers of any changes in the situation as declared.