

## Boosting Innovation in organic fruit production through stronger networks

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# **BRIDGING GAPS BETWEEN SCIENCE AND PRACTICE**

With the kick-off meeting held from 16<sup>th</sup> to 17th December 2019 in Hamburg, the project BIOFRUITNET has been officially launched. Focusing on organic pome, stone and citrus fruits, this projects aims to strengthen the competitiveness of European organic fruit production by:

- 1) Collecting and synthesizing existing practical and scientific knowledge on organic fruit-growing to distribute it widely among the EU countries through easy formats like e-learning, podcasts, videos and short articles.
- 2) Strengthening the established networks in organic fruit growing and establish links between them to create strong networks of organic fruit producers and stakeholders with a good flow of information.

The project is coordinated by the International farmers association Naturland and carried out in collaboration with 15 partner<sup>1</sup> organisations representing 12 countries in total. They will work together during 3 years to provide information to the farmers in a practical way to tackle the challenges of pests and diseases in fruit crops.

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