

Terms of reference	
Type of working group	IFOAM EU Task Force on Climate Change
Appointed by	IFOAM EU director, vice president policy Thomas Fertl
Appointed at	Director at 10.4.2015, vice president 13.04.2015 On the basis of IFOAM EU 2015 work programme
Office responsibility	Eric Gall, IFOAM EU Policy Manager, support by Bram Moeskops, Research Unit
Members	Call for experts will be sent to the members (5-8 members). Task force members: to be nominated Collaboration with IFOAM Global & CC Roundtable (and inclusion in TF): André Leu (IFOAM President), Gabor Figezky (IFOAM), Andreas Gattinger (FiBL), Beatrice Steinman (FiBL)
Mandate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To prepare positions and opinions for the IFOAM EU board and/or council on the issue of climate change ▪ Contribute to developing a IFOAM EU position on the next EU Climate and Energy package for 2030, with a special focus on a position paper on agriculture in the Effort Sharing Decision (ESD) and on keeping the LULUCF (land use, land use change and forestry) sector separate from the ESD, by providing advice and background information ▪ Answer the EC consultation on LULUCF before June 2015 ▪ Contribute to IFOAM EU position on other EU policy initiatives related to GHG emissions from agriculture, when relevant and possible (e.g. Air quality package and methane emissions; new circular economy package) ▪ Inform of actions and initiatives done at the national level, towards governments or the media, on climate change ▪ Provide information on Rural Development Plans aspects linked to organic farming and climate change ▪ Contribute to the preparation of IFOAM EU and IFOAM activities in the UNFCCC process and for COP21 in December 2015 in Paris ▪ Provide advice on strategies and communication activities ▪ Experts can be suggested by IFOAM EU office as speakers on events related to the issue and/or become active in

	<p>lobby activities coordinated by IFOAM EU office; Experts must stick to the agreed IFOAM EU position and the IFOAM EU office is informed about this activity (and can veto in case the activity is not assessed as being in line with IFOAM EU goals)</p>
<p>Objectives</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To make the IFOAM EU Group a visible stakeholder in the field of climate change and to influence the political process on the legislation so that ambitious reduction targets for agriculture are set up ▪ Increase the target for agriculture emission reductions by 2030 in the Effort Sharing Decision proposal and keep the land use, land-use change and forestry (LULUCF) sector separate from the ESD and the ETS, without any flexibility options between the different pillars. ▪ Position organic farming in EU member states, at the EU and international levels, as a key practice for mitigating GHG emissions from agriculture and as an asset for adaptation to climate change
<p>Issues to consider</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Task Force may also be consulted on issues related to global food security, which are often discussed in parallel ▪ Final decisions about positions have to be made by IFOAM EU Board/Council. The Task Force's role is to give technical advice and to identify areas where the IFOAM EU Group should get involved. Regards lobby strategies and political questions the Director and/or board will decide. ▪ The Task Force cannot become active or publicly visible on its own behalf.