

Journey into the Europe of the future. The quality of local food systems for European food security

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Presentation of the programme for the Organic Cities delegation on Thursday, 12 February 2026, in Nuremberg

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Biostadt Nürnberg

Nuremberg is part of the organic metropolis and, as a large city, represents the consumer side, while the surrounding area has agricultural structures.

We organise a model eco-region (Ökomodellregion) with three partners: the city of Nuremberg, Nürnberger Land, Roth. The project has been organising bioregional value creation for almost one million people for over 10 years. It is one of the longest established and is by far the largest eco-model region in Bavaria.

Food is important in Franconia, the region to which Nuremberg belongs, in Bavaria. But not all Franconians eat healthily. More than half of the Bavarian population over the age of 18 is overweight or obese. Studies show that Upper Franconia in particular is considered the "fattest" administrative district in Bavaria, with a higher average BMI in rural regions.

Nuremberg passed a resolution to increase the proportion of organic food in urban centres. The supply is already very good in the city's day-care centres. With the 'Green events' resolution, the City Council has stipulated that municipal events must be organised and held sustainably.

There are two vocational schools that train people in food-related professions that are certified organic.

The EU Horizon 2020 project SchoolFood4Change brought together Nuremberg schools, municipal offices, catering companies and research institutions in Nuremberg from 2022 to 2025 to set the course for a holistic change in Nuremberg's school catering. In the project's period, individual processes were improved and the proportion of fresh and healthy ingredients in menus was increased. Furthermore, comprehensive findings were obtained and documented, which can now be incorporated into long-term municipal nutrition strategies.

BIOFACH, the World's Leading Trade Fair for Organic Food, is at home in Nuremberg. It is the place where the international organic food industry comes together. The next Biofach, Biofach 2026, will be held from 10 to 13 February 2026. As the Department of Environment and Health, we are organising the Biofach meets Nuremberg supporting programme parallel to Biofach. This time in Nuremberg City Hall on the main market square.

The delegation from Organic Cities is also visiting Biofach on its Journey into the Europe of the future. The quality of local food systems for European food security.

The visit is on Wednesday, February 11, 2026.

On Thursday, February 12, 2026, we as the Organic City of Nuremberg will be welcoming the delegation. We look forward to showing you the Weltacker in Nuremberg. The world field is 2,000 square metres in size. These 2,000 square metres are more than enough to feed one person well and healthily. The initiative grows the world's most important arable crops on our emerging world arable land in the same proportion as they grow on the world's 1.5 billion hectares of arable land. After lunch, we'll head out onto the streets for an urban farming/gardening project organised by 'Essbare Stadt', an action group of the Bluepingu association and Urban Labs.

We are also offering to take part in the 'Syrian vegan' cookery course as part of Biofach meets Nuremberg, and to view the exhibition of a large number of organic players in the town hall and to talk to those involved. With a bit of luck, we will be able to take the delegation along to an evening event at Biofach.

We already wish them a lot of fun and lasting impressions of our beautiful city.