

Media release

## Jürn Sanders is the new president of FiBL Europe

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Jürn Sanders and Beate Huber. (Source: FiBL, Andreas Basler)

(Frick, 14.06.2022) On June 14, 2022, Jürn Sanders will succeed Beate Huber as President of FiBL Europe, the institute that represents the national institutes of the FiBL Group (FiBL Switzerland, FiBL Germany, FiBL Austria, FiBL France and the Hungarian Research Institute of Organic Agriculture ÖMKi) at the European level. Huber previously held the presidency for two years and now sits on the three-member FiBL Switzerland Board of Directors since April 1, 2022.

As an expert on the politics and economics of organic agriculture, Jürn Sanders has been advising the EU Commission and various national and regional governments on their agricultural and food policies since 2007. Having already worked at FiBL Switzerland for ten years from 2001 to 2010, Sanders returned to FiBL at the beginning of 2022 as Head of the Department of Socioeconomics. In between, he headed the

"Environment and Sustainability" research group at the Thünen Institute for Business Administration in Germany from 2007 to 2021.

Sanders' predecessor, Beate Huber, is pleased with his unanimous nomination by the Board and by Sanders' commitment: "Jörn Sanders' thematic focus is European agricultural policy. With his expertise, he will strengthen the interests of the FiBL Group's national institutes and organic farming research in Brussels."

Commenting on his election, Sanders himself says: "I am very much looking forward to this responsibility. We are facing the great challenge of transforming food systems, and FiBL Europe can play an important role in this. We may have a decade left to develop viable solutions for more climate protection and biodiversity conservation. It is therefore all the more important now to develop powerful concepts across Europe and implement them together,".

FiBL Europe was founded in 2017 with the aim of representing the FiBL Group as the leading research, advisory and development organization for organic agriculture in Brussels. A major focus is to bring the competencies as well as the knowledge that the researchers have gained through their many years of work at the various national institutes into European agricultural policy. In this way, the FiBL Group is actively shaping the agriculture of tomorrow.

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## **About FiBL Europe**

FiBL Europe is based in Brussels and was founded in 2017 to represent the four national FiBL institutes (FiBL Switzerland, FiBL Germany, FiBL Austria, FiBL France) and the Hungarian Research Institute of Organic Agriculture ÖMKi at the European level. The Board of FiBL Europe is composed of the Board of Directors of the national institutes. In its work, the FiBL Europe team can draw on the support and expertise of the Board as well as on the expertise of the more than 300 FiBL researchers working on organic and sustainable agricultural practices in a wide range of scientific disciplines. FiBL Europe is the main research network for organic and sustainable farming and food systems and acts as a focal point for the expertise of the national FiBL institutes. It provides applied research, extension and training. [fibl.org/en/locations/europe](https://www.fibl.org/en/locations/europe)