

**THE STRATEGY FOR ORGANIC AGRICULTURE
DEVELOPMENT IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA
CONCLUSIONS**

**STRATEGIJA RAZVOJA EKOLOŠKE POLJOPRIVREDE
U HRVATSKOJ
ZAKLJUČCI**

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The main purpose of this round table is to present Croatian national strategy for organic agriculture development. The strategy should improve and stimulate development of organic agriculture in the Republic of Croatia, including crop and animal production, fishery, fibers and product processing. The strategy is the basis for the development of mid-term action plan for organic agriculture in the period 2005-2010. The main goal of the strategy is expanding agricultural land under organic agriculture, including pasture-land and forests, at least 10% of arable land and further development of national market for organic products. Specific strategy goals are as follows:

- 1) Improvement of natural resources which are being used in the agriculture, especially in border areas and sensitive areas with the main goal of reducing nitrate, phosphate and pesticide pollution, together with the maintenance and preservation of the biodiversity and eco-systems;
- 2) Promotion of rural development through the diversification of agricultural activities, production improvement, rural employment and income rate growth and lowering of rural depopulation;
- 3) Development of the national market and unrestricted export of Croatian organic products to the EU and other foreign markets by raising safety and quality of certified organic products and increasing quantity of the production.

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The national strategy contains 12 measures in 3 areas: institutional, political and marketing-oriented, which were presented in detail to the participants of the Round table. All measures were discussed, and participants supported all goals of the strategy, with several comments about feasibility of certain goals in the present socio-economic environment of the Croatian agrarian production and processing industry in general, together with the suggestions and proposals for legislation in order to be more efficient and understandable to everyone involved in the organic production.

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