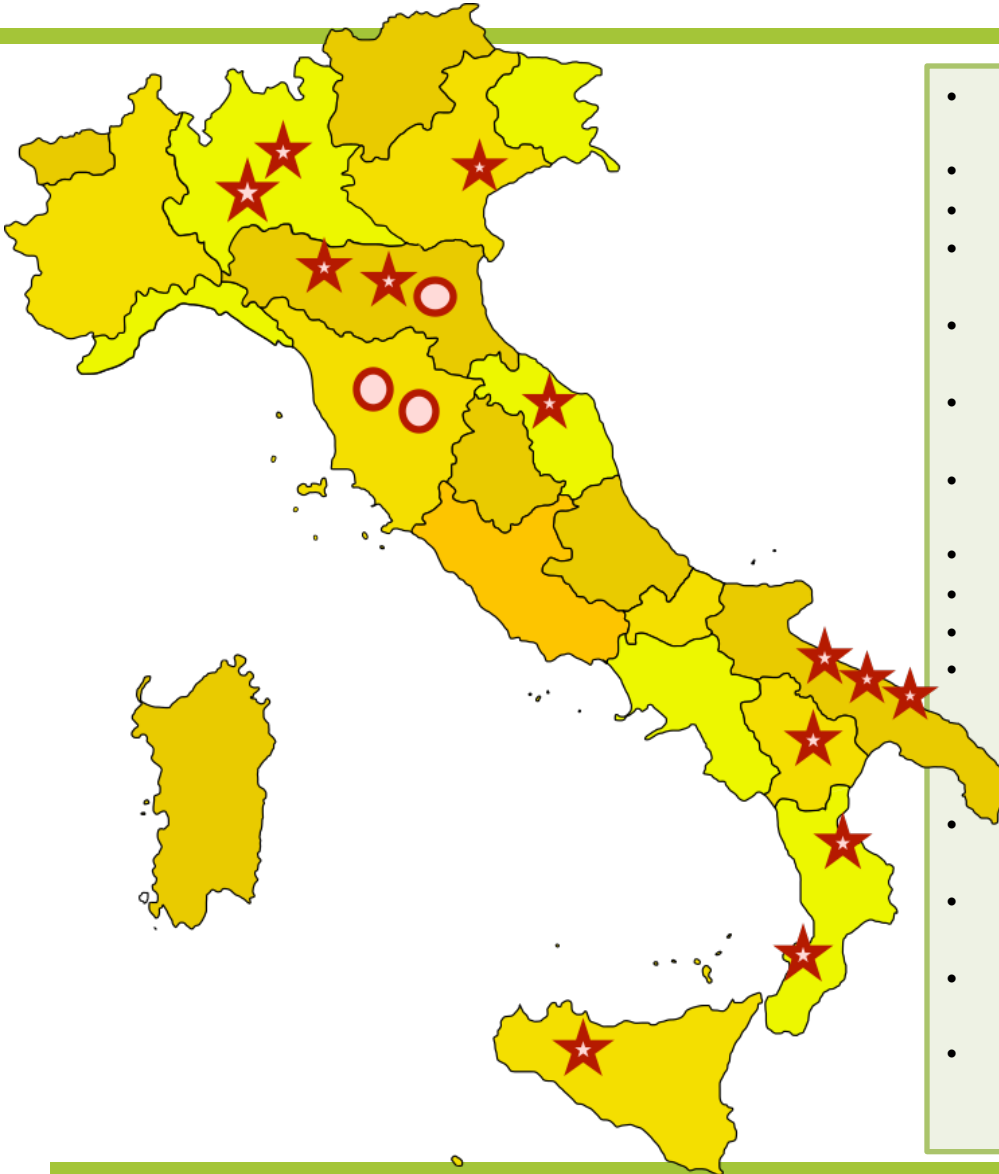




Humus Network for Civic Mindness Agriculture

**“The step forward of Organic
Farming in Italy”**

Humus network



- **"Agricoltura biologica Calabria ABC"** (agriculture training centre). Sant'Onofrio (VV) Calabria.
- **"Agricoop"** (producers organization). Mazara (Sicily).
- **"Biolitalia"** association (promoting organic products). Bari.
- **"Carpem naturam "** (producer organization). Corigliano (Calabria).
- **"Cooperativa Iris"**. (producers organization). Calvatone (Lombardia).
- **"Con.pro.bio Lucano"** consortium (organic cereal producers group). Palazzo San Gervasio (Basilicata).
- **"El Tamiso"** cooperative (organic agricultural cooperative and distributor). Padova.
- **"Fondazione Responsabilità Etica"** (of Ethic Bank). Firenze.
- **"ISDE Italia"**. Medical Association for the Environment. Arezzo.
- **"La buona terra"** (producers organization). Brescia.
- **"La Terra e il Cielo"** cooperative (organic pasta maker). Piticchio (Marche).
- **"Puglia Natura"** consortium (technical support and organic producers group). Bari.
- **"Rete bio "**cooperative (network on organic farms). Reggio Emilia.
- **"Rete utile buono e bio"** cooperative (social reintegration by organic agriculture). Bari.
- **"Università verde di Bologna - Centro Antartide"** (environmental association). Bologna.
- **University of Bologna – Consumption and Communication Study Center.** Bologna.



SOME DATA OF ORGANIC IN ITALY 2016 -2017

- ✓ HA 2016 **1.795.650** + 20% = **14%** OF TOTAL AGRICULTURE
 - ✓ OPERATORS 2016 **72.154** +20% farmers +25% processors
 - ✓ OVER 50% OF YOUNG FARMERS (<40years) ARE ORGANIC
 - ✓ LARGEST AREA IN SICILY, PUGLIA AND CALABRIA REGIONS
 - ✓ 2016-2020 **1,5 BILLION** EURO PUBLIC SUPPORT FUNDS
 - ✓ 2016 INTERNAL MARKET VALUE **3 BILLION EURO** +10% 3° IN EU
 - ✓ 2016 EXPORT **1,7 BILLION** 1° IN THE WORLD
 - ✓ 2016 SUPERMARKET **1,1 BILLION EURO** 2017= **+16%**
 - ✓ 2017 SPECIALIZED STORES GROWTH **5 %**
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Humus initiative/why?

Risk of
conventionalisation !



Risk relate to the fact that O.F.
is limiting only to Legal Requirement,
rather than sustainability aspects

Now we're in **Organic 2.0** where **regulations** with their **bureaucracies** and **conventional market forces** are **dominating**..

Flattening organic and often castrating its possibilities to grow in a healthy and sustainable way and be able to foster the **radical changes** we need to do in order to cope with **present and future challenges**.



Humus principles

The “Humus network project” aims to promote organic agriculture practices based on the four **IFOAM** principles.

- ✓ Health
- ✓ Fairness
- ✓ Ecology
- ✓ Care

Other 4 specific principles.

- ✓ Sustainable development
 - ✓ Price fairness, social and economic relationships
 - ✓ Social and territorial responsibility
 - ✓ Quality of the products, goodness and taste of food
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Other benchmarks



- ✓ SAFA version 3.0 by FAO
- ✓ Principles of Fair Trade, Fairtrade International/WFTO
- ✓ Principles of the eco-solidarity economy Italian network
- ✓ IFOAM SOAAN Best Practices Guidelines

Network project:

- Develop innovative systems for organic production and processing, through a multi-actor approach (involving farmers, supply chain actors and consumers).
 - Implement a system of sharing principles, methods and practices of organic farming, by the relevant stakeholders.
 - Develop guidelines on good production and processing practices.
 - Detection and monitoring of environmental, nutritional and social impacts of organic farming (carbon footprint, water footprint, added nutritional value, increased sociality...).
 - Closely co-operate with private and public research institutes to promote research and innovation.
 - Promote the growth of skills and knowledge through participatory training methods (producers, processors, consumers, technical cadres).
 - Establish positive (economic, social, cultural) interactions among network members.
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Things done

- ✓ Approved the first version of the Humus Network principles and good practices .
- ✓ Application of Humus Charter in hundreds of companies (farms, processing and distribution units).
- ✓ Environmental, nutritional and social tracking and monitoring program.
- ✓ Animation and training program for farms and companies.

We look forward to introduce you faces and places of the
Humus Network in Italy!



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