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Cooperation in risk minimising strategies for organic food integrity

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AöL, the organisation for the organic processing sector in Germany, represented by director Alexander Beck, campaigns with its 95 members for the organic regulation under the aspects of quality, transparency and the aspects of nature

and **Bionext**, the umbrella organisation for the organic sector in the Netherlands, represented by director Bavo van den Idsert, have the intention to enforce their cooperation in the development of risk minimising strategies for organic processing and trading companies.

Taking in consideration that:

- organic food and farming is worldwide expanding rapidly and that the supply can hardly follow the demand, this risks in organic supply are expanding;
- the risk based approach that is legally required in the organic regulation is insufficient implemented by the control bodies and authorities so far;
- the false belief that residue analyses and decertification levels are the panacea for lower risks in organic food and farming
- cooperation of companies working in organic sector can contribute significant to protect the integrity of organic foods.

AöL and Bionext, two leading organizations in the organic sector of the EU, take their responsibility and will expand their cooperation to develop and strengthen the risk based management systems for organic processing and trading companies.

To realise their mutual aim they will take the following actions:

1. Strengthen their cooperation in the further development and implementation of the Biotrust risk based management tool;
2. Exchange knowledge and experiences about risk based management systems;
3. Elaborate the cooperation between both organisations in creating an EU network of leading organic industry.
4. Enlarge their cooperative effort to improve the organic regulation and enforce a harmonized implementation thereof.

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