



Call for presentations and company showcases SOFIE3: 3rd Summit of Organic and organo-mineral **Fertiliser Industries in Europe**

16-17 January 2024, Brussels Plaza & hybrid

SOFIE is the only industry meeting place for organic-carbon-based fertiliser producers, distributors, advisory, technology suppliers. The first SOFIE (2019) attracted 125 participants, with 230 for SOFIE2 (January 2023, photo below).



The new EU Fertilising Products Regulation (FPR) includes organic and organo-mineral fertilisers*, and so opens a Europe-wide market for distribution of these fertilisers and also for production technologies, regulatory, analytical and other services. The FPR also enables use of recycled organic nutrients in CEmarked fertilising products, subject to specific input material and product quality criteria.

Organic carbon input is increasingly recognised as valuable for soil carbon storage, water retention and crop nutrient availability. Synergy of organic, organo-mineral and inorganic fertilisers can offer economic opportunities, supply resilience and product range diversification. Market drivers include fertiliser price and supply challenges, carbon and soil health, and Circular Economy valorisation of agri-food byproducts.

* "Organic" for SOFIE means containing organic carbon, as in the EU Fertilising Product Regulation definitions of "Organic" and "Organo-Mineral Fertiliser" . Such fertilisers may or may not be authorised in Certified Organic Farming.

SOFIE3 will cover:

- policy and market
- agronomic benefits, in particular field trials and case studies
- processing from divers input materials to consistent products for farmers
- application best practices, e.g. co-application with mineral fertilisers, biostimulants
- environment, carbon benefits, LCA, Circular Economy
- business models and product success stories

Proposals for presentations, company showcases, posters should be sent by 15th October to info@phosphorusplatform.eu: maximum one page (free format), specify presentation (10 min.), company showcase (3 min.) or poster; outline proposed content with references or web links; include names, organisation and email for each speaker. All presentations, showcases and posters to be in Brussels (not online).

www.phosphorusplatform.eu/SOFIE2024

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