

NEW “ORGANIC RULES AND CERTIFICATION” DATABASE

- with information on European actors involved in organic standards setting and certification.

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Development of the database, www.organicrules.org:

The database was developed by ICROFS (DARCOF) and FiBL in 2005 - 2006 for comparison of European and international standards with the EU Regulation 2092/91 in the EU FP6 project, "EEC 2092/91 Revision" (www.organic-revision). In the EU FP7 project, Economic Analysis of Certification Systems in Organic Food and Farming, www.CERTCOST.org (2008-2011). The database has been further developed by ICROFS. The information for the database is collected by the 9 partners of the CERTCOST project, and it is edited by Lizzie Melby Jespersen, ICROFS.

Content of the database:

The database contains information on all the actors in the organic certification and inspection chain: competent authorities, accreditation bodies, standards owners, public and private certification and inspection bodies. Besides, it contains general statistics on the organic sector and an overview of the certification system for each country plus information on national and regional authorities subsidising certification.

Countries covered:

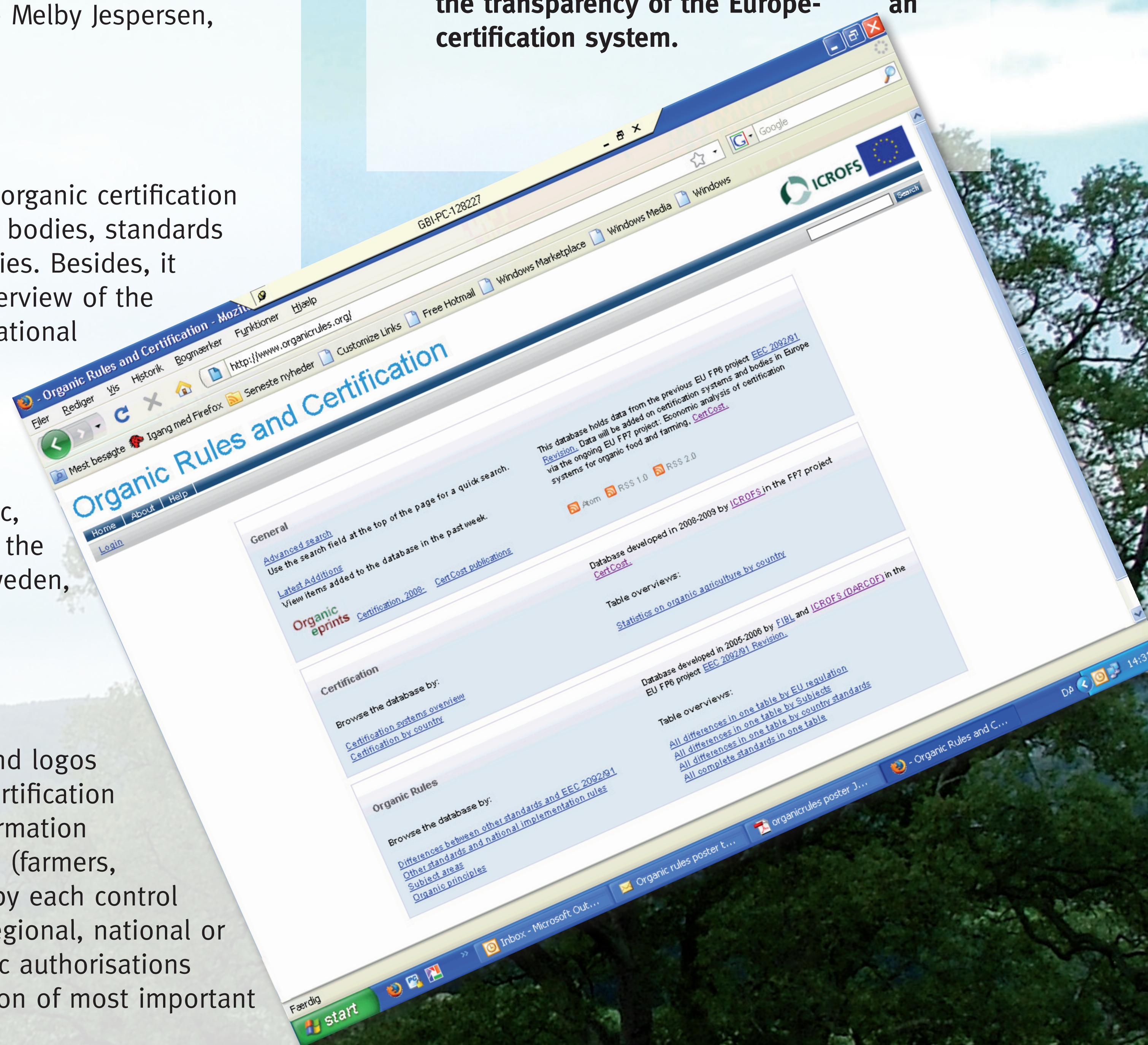
The information covers 19 countries: Austria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and the United Kingdom.

Information contained for each country:

The database contains information on organic standards and logos applied and contact details for all actors involved in the certification chain. If possible to get, it also contains the following information requested by stakeholders: Number and types of operators (farmers, processors, others) and standards certified and inspected by each control authority and body; specification of the certification into regional, national or international certification; number of withdrawals of organic authorisations issued per year; pricelists on various services and translation of most important price figures for the actors involved.

Objectives of the database:

- ▶ To create a user-friendly public database giving easy access to contact information and other relevant information on the actors involved in European standards setting and certification, hereby improving the transparency of the European certification system.



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