

# Boosting innovation in organic fruit production through strong knowledge networks

## The BIOFRUITNET Project

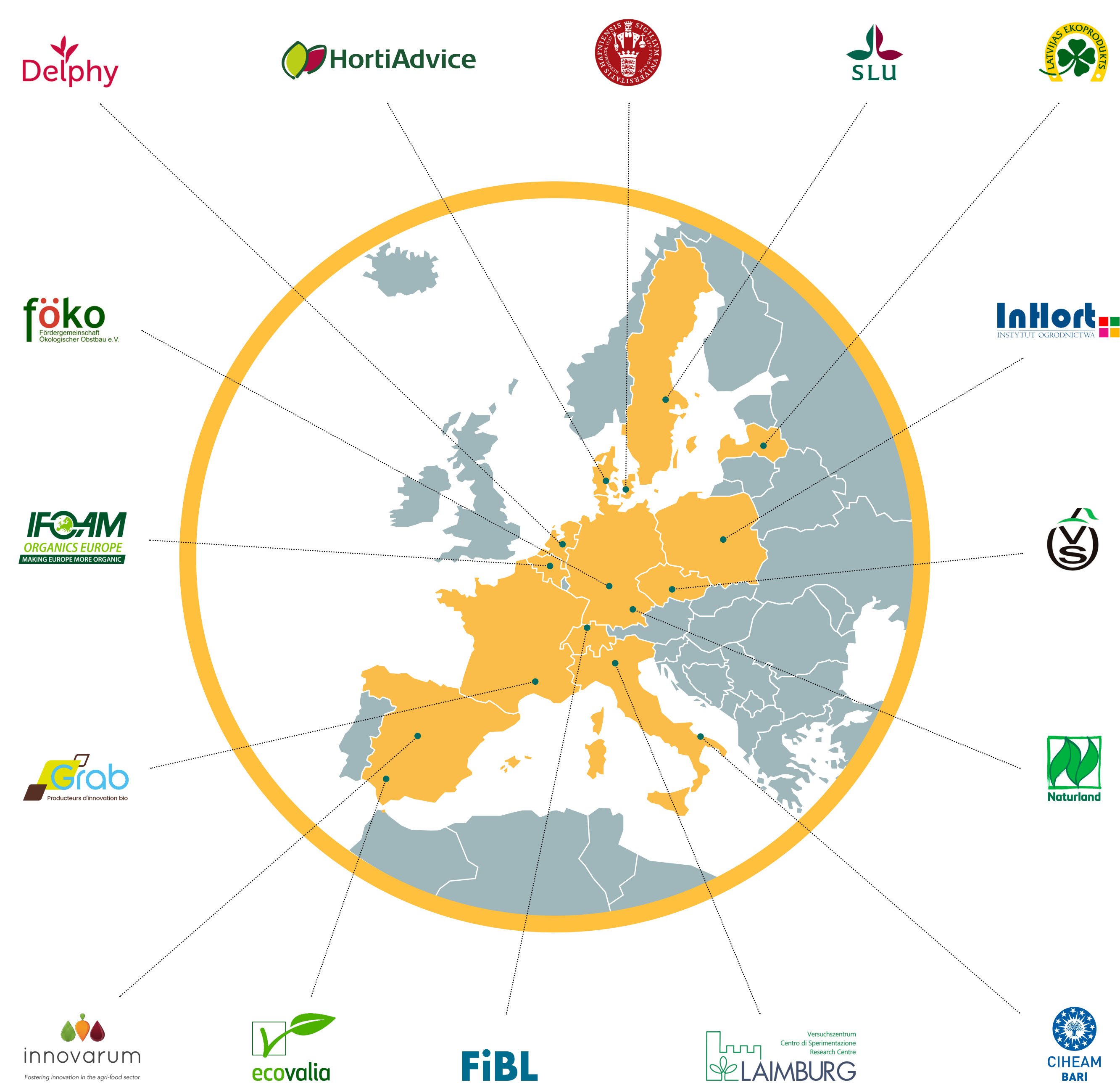
BIOFRUITNET is a 3-year project that bridges the gap between science and practice and makes locally found solutions available to other fruit growers in Europe

## OBJECTIVES:

- Fostering the adoption of best practices and research results
- Reinforcing existing European networks and channels
- Long-term knowledge conservation

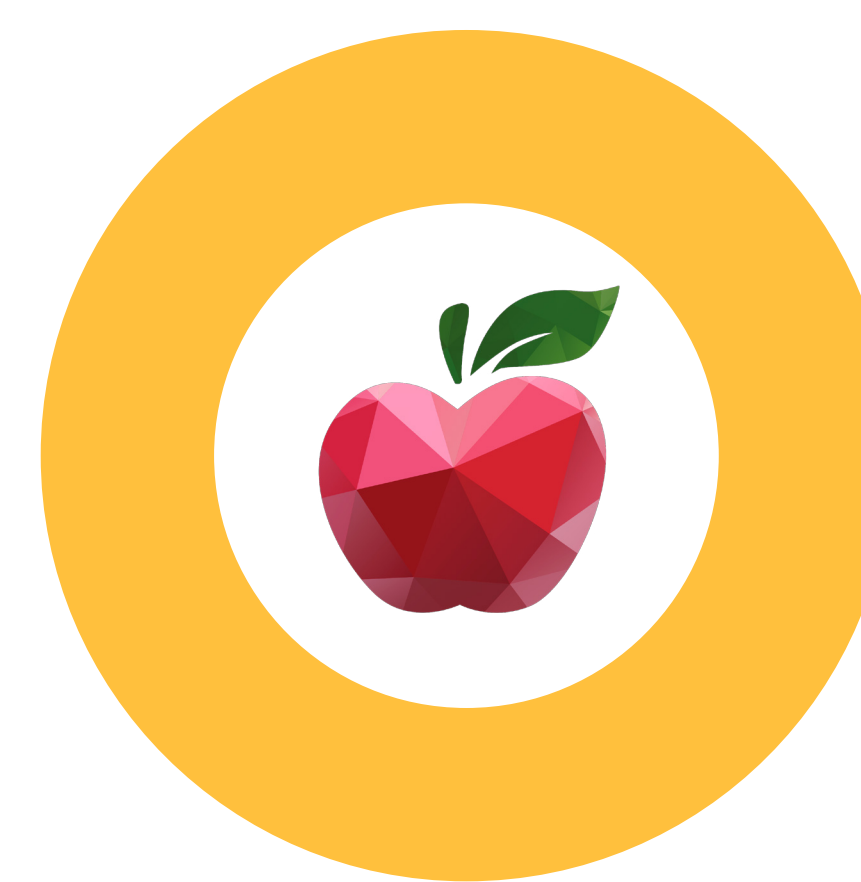
## The BIOFRUITNET Consortium

The consortium includes 16 partners from 11 EU countries and can rely on a dense grid of existing networks and projects at regional and national level.

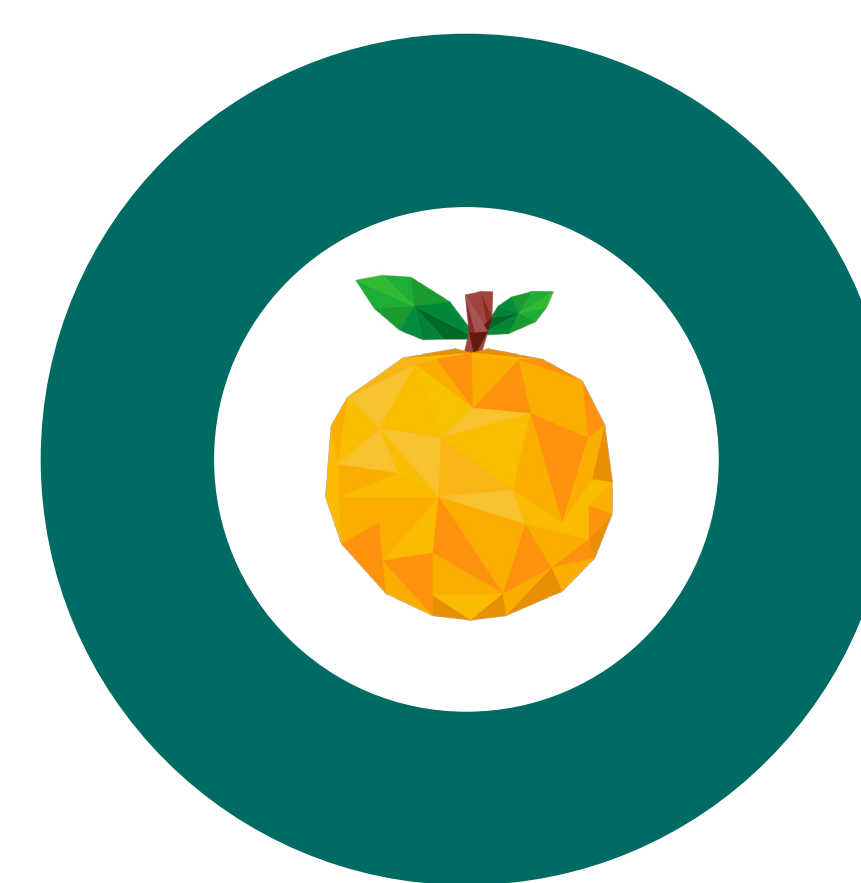


## The BIOFRUITNET Concept

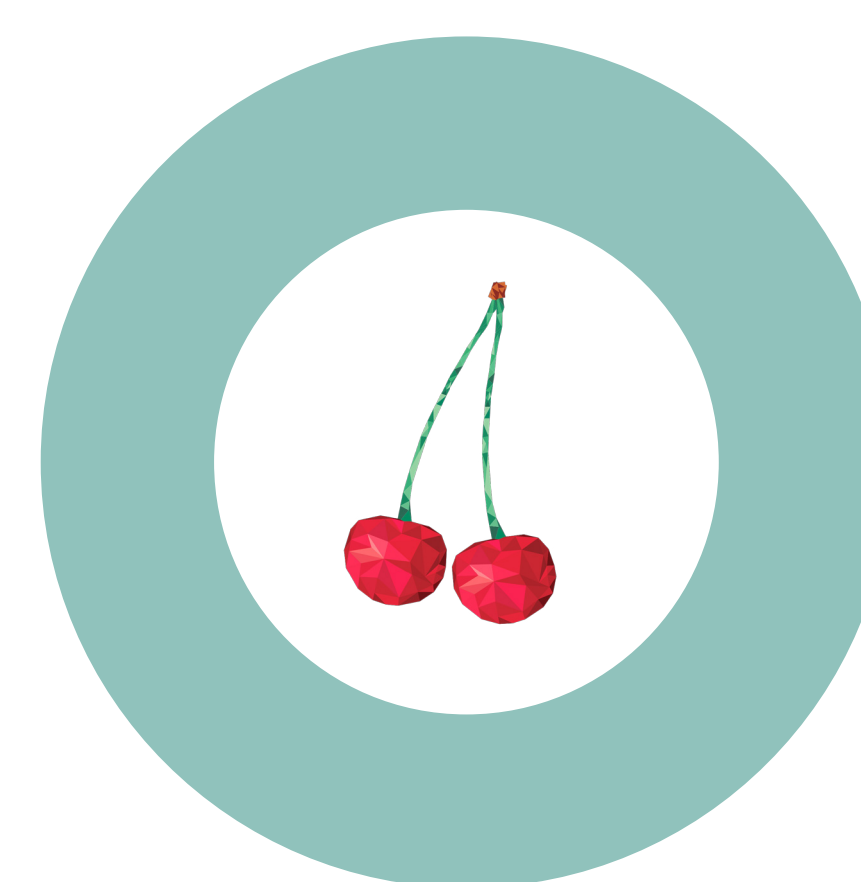
BIOFRUITNET focusses on three major fruit groups: pome, stone and citrus fruits. We have selected these three fruit groups, because they are the most representative fruit crops grown in EU



**POME FRUITS:** are represented mainly by apples and pears. Apples are the most important organic fruit grown in Europe (45,880 ha) and the leading organic fruit globally



**CITRUS FRUITS:** play an important role in the organic market, being one of the most demanded products on the market for organic production.



**STONE FRUITS:** include plums, cherries, peaches and nectarines. In Europe, cherries are the most important stone fruit with more than 10,000 ha under organic management, followed by plums with almost 6,000 ha.

## OUTCOMES:

- Synergies with ongoing networks of organic fruit production
- Knowledge and knowledge gaps collection
- Ready-for-practice knowledge selection and assessment
- Ready-to-use material: practice abstracts, videos, podcasts and e-Learning courses disseminated through EIP-AGRI and Organic Farm Knowledge platform



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