

FiBL Germany - new EUFRAS member Network of organic advisers

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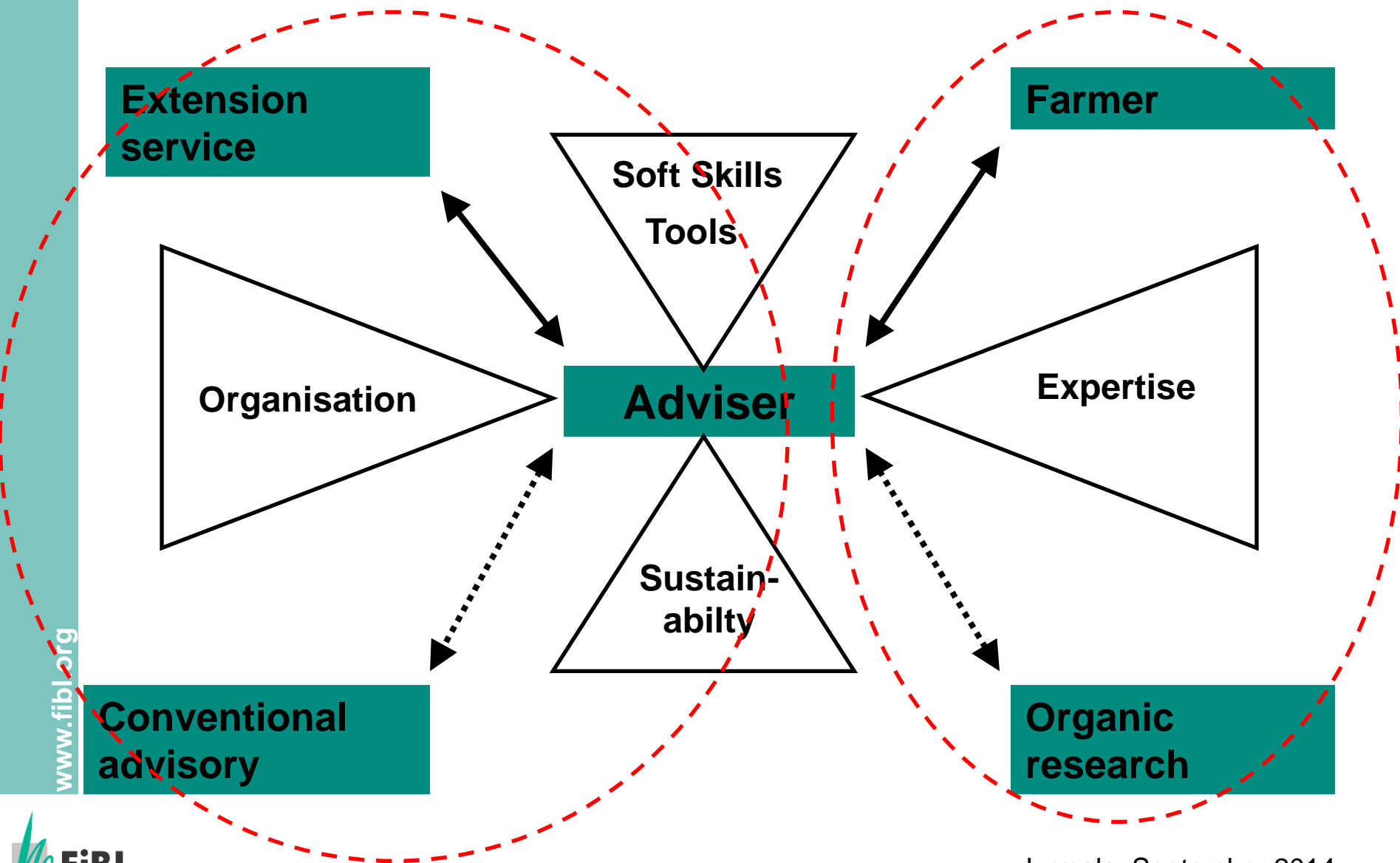


- › **Founded in 2001 as registered association**
- › **Based in Frankfurt am Main**
- › **25 staff members**
- › **Scientific services in the organic sector**

Exampmles of current activities

- Training for organic advisers in Germany since more than 10 years: agronomic, economic and soft skills. Organisation with participatory approach (chambers, associations etc.)
- EU-LEONARDO project „New Advsiers“ on soft skills and competencies of European advisers in plant protection
- Projects on tracability, regionality and animal welfare
- Participation in EIP-calls

Network of organic advisers – why?



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- Many different demands and challenges for organic sector in general
- Overlaps with questions in conventional farming
- Same/similar questions in many countries → sharing knowledge, answers, experiences, approaches
- Similar demand for soft skills

Network of organic advisers – how?

Ideas:

- European conferences and thematic workshops
- Online tools for exchange and e-learning
- Hospitations in other countries
- Common development of soft skills
- Support of exchange between organisations on management level

Network of organic advisers – next steps

- Promoting the idea in fora and conferences such as EUFRAS in Latvia and IFOAM in October in Istanbul)
- Form a group of interested colleagues, organisations
- Definition of priorities: Where do you see them?
- Find funding to initiate first projects