



Motion nr. 2 **Unanimously approved** by the EFA GA on 17 April 2015.

Name of the person introducing the motion: Johannes Kramer

On behalf of the party: FNP

Motion: implementation of the greening obligations for the benefit of organic farming

The European Free Alliance,

At the meeting assembled on 17th April 2015

Having listened to the discussion;

Bearing in mind that:

- The second pillar of the new European agriculture policy (CAP) includes greening obligations;
- A general measure for 'ecological focus areas' covering 5% of arable land is established to promote field margins, wooded banks, hedges and environmentally friendly riverbanks, etc.;
- The aim is to achieve environmental added value, encouraging biodiversity and sustainable production methods;
- Organic farmers, who also undertake environmental nature and landscape management, make an outstanding contribution to these aims;
- Organic farmers are now treated the same in the direct payments system, even though their contribution to the environment, biodiversity and sustainable production is demonstrably greater than that of conventional farming;

Being of the opinion that:

- The equal treatment of organic and conventional farming from the perspective of greening is undesirable;
- It is possible to give organic farming an additional impetus via the direct payments system;

Calls on the members of the EFA grouping in the European Parliament and all others concerned:

- To take all necessary measures to grant a priority status to organic farming in the implementation of the greening obligations of the CAP; to encourage this as the starting point for the legislation and regulation of national and regional authorities and where possible to achieve this via the direct payments system.

And proceeds to the orders of the day.