



**MOTION M73:**

**Defining and Regulating the Process and the Relationship Between IFOAM – Organics International and IFOAM Regional Bodies**

**Motion:**

Cooperation between IFOAM – Organics International and its IFOAM Regional Bodies should lead to a non-competitive environment on regional advocacy work, strategies and regional projects. IFOAM - Organics International and the IFOAM Regional Bodies collaborate and seek for synergies, on the basis of a mutually agreed strategy, with the lead taken by IFOAM - Organics International for interregional and global issues and the lead taken by IFOAM Regional Bodies for regional issues.

**Rationale:**

Existing policies of IFOAM – Organics International need clarification for the issues mentioned in the motion. For a well-functioning IFOAM family, it is necessary that IFOAM - Organics International and relevant IFOAM Regional Bodies support each other, whilst respecting their specific remits and the different levels on which they act. Therefore, synergies, communication and cooperation should be encouraged wherever possible, based on common written strategies and agreements.