

## **Mr. Neuerburg's sphere of activity:**

### **Selection of important tasks, topics and projects**

#### **Further development of EU legislation on organic farming**

- EU Federal Council representative in the "Council Working Group on Food Quality (Organic Agriculture)"; country observer continuously for over 20 years!
- Accompanying multiple extensions and numerous changes to the EU legal basis
- special focus among others most recently the over three-year and intensely controversial revision process of the EU Organic Regulation

#### **Implementation of EU legislation in Germany and NRW**

- Federal / state vote on the implementation of the EU Organic Regulation
- intensive coordination processes and numerous meetings of the speakers for organic farming and the regional working group for organic farming (LÖK)
- Takeover of various working groups, e.g. AG dehorning, AG Weidegang, AG interpretation EU Eco Regulation "industrial animal husbandry"

#### **Strategic development of organic farming in NRW**

- Continuous development of the framework conditions in the areas of training, advice, practical research, marketing, public relations, etc. (initiation, development, monitoring of important projects, often with a pioneering character; see below, e.g. lead companies, campaign days, AHV)
- Development of the organic farming strategy NRW 2020 (presentation at Green Week January 2016; description of the status quo, mission statement, goals and measures)

#### **Important projects in NRW (examples)**

- Organic farming campaign days in NRW (first initiation and implementation in 1999; project partners are organic associations and LWK)
- Conducted annually since 1999, with constant further development, various thematic focal points and increasing public attention (in 2018 "20th Days of Organic Agriculture NRW")
- Leading farms in organic farming in North Rhine-Westphalia (founded in 1993 by MURL, LWK and the Institute of Organic Agriculture)
- Since starting work in the MULNV, intensive support and further development as well as securing and expanding financing
- Leading companies in North Rhine-Westphalia are pioneers nationally and internationally (in 2018 "25 years leading companies")
- Technical school for organic farming house Riswick (in the school year 1996/97 start of business) intensive support and support, commitment for constant maintenance even in years with low registration numbers
- Eco-regional marketing projects (initiation of the study "Regional marketing of organic products from NRW" (published 5/2011))
- Initiation, commissioning, monitoring of the "Bio-Regio-OWL" project (12/2011 to 6/2015)
- Eco in "out-of-home catering" (initiation / promotion of the "Nature on the Plate" campaign from 2000)
- Initiation / funding of several AHV follow-up projects including the establishment of a bio-mentoring network
- Model for activities now also by the BMEL

- Test concept for animal welfare in organic farms (initiation of the "Animal welfare guidelines" together with the ecological associations (2012/13))
- Follow-up projects "Test concept animal welfare" / "Animal protection early warning system"
- Publications of the NRW brochure "EU Regulation on Organic Farming" (from 2009, updated several times and in high demand nationwide / unique in Germany)
- NRW brochures "Biomarkt NRW" and "Regional Biomarkt NRW", updated several times
- Various other brochures with company reports, conversion guide
- Participation in AID brochures and specialist books