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QLIF started in 2004 with 31 scientific and industry partners and supplemented the consortium with another five partners via open calls. The total budget was 18 million € of which the European Commission contributed 12.4 million €. The duration of the project was five years. The scope of QLIF was on quality and safety of organic and low-input foods in the context of cost efficiency and sound environments. Sixty-one work packages provided conclusive answers based on comprehensive analyses from scientific experiments, socio-economic data and complex modelling. The work was organized in 7 subprojects with interdependent aims. Here an outline is given on what the Integrated Project QLIF has achieved and what challenges remain. Individual subproject folders provide a further insight to the outcomes and a substantial amount of QLIF publications are available in the open access database Organic Eprints.