

Civil Society Statement on the Reform of European Agricultural Policies

Good Food, Good Farming – Now

We, the undersigned organisations, believe that the European food and farming system is broken: that it is working for the interests of a few to the detriment of the majority of people, farmers, and the planet.

Europe's food and farming system directly contributes to a wasteful use of finite global resources and damages the environment by contributing to climate change, biodiversity loss, depletion of fisheries, deforestation, soil erosion, water scarcity, as well as water and air pollution. Factory-style farming – largely dependent on imports and a major contributor to antimicrobial resistance – has been promoted at the expense of viable incomes for farmers and jobs in rural areas in Europe, as well as human rights, decent work, and livelihoods in developing countries. Farmers are facing a flawed choice between bankruptcy and further intensification. Farmers practising credible alternatives like organic and agro-ecological agriculture remain on the fringes in favour of business as usual. At the same time, high levels of undernourishment, the rapid rise in obesity and unhealthy diets are among the main causes of death and disease both in Europe and worldwide.

The EU's Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) has contributed to this broken food and farming system through the promotion of agro-industrial farming methods and global commodity chains. In order to meet the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and its obligations under the Paris Climate Agreement, the EU must carry out a radical reform of the CAP and related policies. A fairer, more sustainable and resilient system is urgently needed. The undersigned organisations call for a major transformation of Europe's food and farming system on the basis of the following principles:

- **Fair and diverse food and farming economies:** ensure a fair income and decent work conditions for farmers and farm workers; facilitate access to farmland for sustainable peasant farming; encourage short supply chains and sustainable public procurement policies; grant fair access to high quality products for all consumers; prevent negative impacts on people's right to food and on the livelihoods of smallholder farmers in the global south.
- **Healthy environment and a food and farming system that respects animal welfare:** ensure the end of harmful subsidies; reward and incentivise the delivery of positive environmental and social outcomes; restore and prevent further loss of biodiversity; encourage conservation and active use of genetic diversity; ensure agricultural production is free from synthetic chemical pesticides and mineral fertilisers that harm the environment; prevent and minimise food waste throughout the food chain; halt food and feed imports linked to deforestation; ensure that animal health and welfare are effectively respected; replace the current industrial livestock system with extensive alternatives where animals are not treated as mere commodities and the balance between livestock and land capacity is ensured, while the overuse of antibiotics prevented; radically reduce emissions from farming and ensure a transition towards a resilient food and farming system.
- **Support for citizens' health and well-being:** ensure our food and farming system fosters healthy, nutritious, seasonal, local, culturally appropriate and affordable diets; encourage lower levels of animal product consumption; raise citizens' awareness of the impacts of consumption on their own health, on farmers, animals and the environment; prevent negative impacts of agricultural methods on the health of farmers, farm workers and rural populations.
- **A publicly accountable food system with participatory governance, citizens' empowerment and democracy:** involve citizens in transparent decision making processes; prevent corporate capture of decision making; empower local communities to lead the transformation.

We are committed to achieving a real transition by working in partnership with farmers, citizens and policy-makers. Therefore, we urge the European institutions and national policymakers to rethink the role and direction of European agriculture policies and use the principles presented above as a basis for the post-2020 Common Agricultural Policy reform process.

List of organisations supporting the statement/ March 2017

EU and International organisations

ACT Alliance EU
ActionAid
Agricultural and Rural Convention
Arche Noah
Bee Life European Beekeeping Coordination
BirdLife Europe
CEEweb for Biodiversity
Climate Action Network Europe
Compassion in World Farming
Corporate Europe Observatory (CEO)
Euro Coop
Eurogroup for Animals
European Coordination Via Campesina
European Environmental Bureau
European Public Health Alliance
European Shepherds Network
Fair Trade Advocacy Office
Fern
FOUR PAWS / VIER PFOTEN
Friends of the Earth Europe
Greenpeace
Humane Society International/Europe
IFOAM EU – International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements EU
PAN Europe
Slow Food
Urgenci
WWF

Austria

DKA Austria Hilfswerk der Katholischen Jungschar
Grüne Bäuerinnen und Bauern Österreich
Slow Food Pinzgau
Slow Food Vorarlberg
Umweltdachverband
Welthaus Diözese Graz-Seckau

Belgium

BioForum Vlaanderen
Carbon Market Watch
Natuurpunt
Oxfam-Solidarity
Slow Food Metropolitan Brussels
Voedsel Anders

Bulgaria

Association of Slow Food in Bulgaria
BIOSELENA Foundation for organic agriculture
BSPB/BirdLife Bulgaria
Europe and We
Za Zemiata - Friends of the Earth Bulgaria

Croatia

Association Kinookus

Czech Republic

Czech Society for Ornithology/Birdlife Czech Republic
Slow Food Palava

Denmark

DOF / BirdLife Denmark
NOAH Friends of the Earth Denmark
Økologisk Landsforening / Organic Denmark
The Danish Society for Nature Conservation

Finland

Finnish Association for Organic Farming – Luomuliitto
The Finnish NGDO Platform to the EU Kehys

France

Compassion In World Farming France
Fédération Nationale d'Agriculture Biologique
Le Ruban Vert
LPO France (BirdLife France)
Mouvement d'Agriculture Biodynamique

Germany

Bioland
BUND - Friends of the Earth Germany
Deutscher Naturschutzring
Die Freien Bäcker e.V.
ECOVIN Bundesverband Ökologischer Weinbau Wormser
Institut für Welternährung- World Food Institute eV. Berlin
NABU Naturschutzbund Deutschland e.V.
Naturland
Slow Food Deutschland e. V.

Greece

ANTIGONE - Information and Documentation Center on Racism, Ecology, Peace and Non Violence
Argos Animal Welfare Thessaloniki
Ecological Movement of Thessaloniki
Eptapsyhes-Nine Lives
Hellenic Ornithological Society/BirdLife Greece
NatureFriends Greece
No Border Workshop
PROSKALO
Single Ecological Metamorphosis and Mesogeion

Hungary

Magyar Biokultúra Szövetség
MME/BirdLife Hungary
Slow Food Heves-Mátra
Slow Food Nagykoru

Ireland

BirdWatch Ireland

Italy

FederBio - Italian Federation of Organic And Biodynamic Agriculture
Legambiente Onlus
Lipu - BirdLife Italy
Pesticide Action Network (PAN) Italy
Slow Food Italia
Soleterre ONLUS
WWF Italy

Latvia

Latvian Fund for nature

Luxembourg

Action Solidarité Tiers Monde ASTM

Attac Luxembourg

Bio-Lëtzebuerg - Vereenegung fir Biolandwirtschaft Lëtzebuerg asbl

Catholic Church in Luxembourg

etika Initiativ fir Alternativ Finanzéierung

Frères des Hommes

Initiativ Liewensufank asbl

Mouvement Ecologique

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SOS FAIM

TERRA - Transition and Education for a Resilient and Regenerative Agriculture

Malta

Breeds of Origin Conservancy

Last Friday of the Month Gourmet

Slow Food Malta

Netherlands

Compassion in World Farming Nederland

Museum Geelvinck

Natuurmonumenten

Slow Food Nederland

Poland

Slow Food Warsaw

Slow Food Youth Wrocław

Portugal

LPN - Liga para a Protecção da Natureza

SPEA - Sociedade Portuguesa para o Estudo das Aves

Romania

Asociația Mai bine

Fundatia ADEPT Transilvania

Slow Food Bucuresti Valahia Gusturilor

Slow Food Tara Silvania, Salaj, Romania

Slow Food Tarnava Mare

Slovakia

Agro-Eko forum

CEPTA - Centre for Sustainable Alternatives

Ekotrend Slovakia

Permakultúra SK

Raptor Protection of Slovakia

Slow Food Pressburg

Slow Food Youth Slovakia

SOS/BirdLife Slovakia

Slovenia

DOPPS-BirdLife Slovenia

Inštitut za trajnostni razvoj - Institute for Sustainable Development

Movement for Sustainable Development of Slovenia – TRS

NEC Notranjska ecological centre, Cerknica

Umanotera, The Slovenian Foundation for Sustainable Development

Zavod Svibna

Spain

Asociación Valor Ecológico, CAAE (ECOVALIA)

SEO/BirdLife

Sweden

Swedish Society for Nature Conservation

United Kingdom

Friends of the Earth ENWI

Slow Food England

Slow Food in the UK

Soil Association

Sustain: the alliance for better food and farming