

# 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  
ClientEarth  
Climate Action Network Europe  
Compassion in World Farming  
Corporate Europe Observatory  
Euro Coop  
Eurogroup for Animals  
European Coordination Via Campesina  
European Environmental Bureau  
European Public Health Alliance  
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  
Pesticide Action Network 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  
Bulgarian Organic Products Association  
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  
Ecologie Développement Durable Démocratie  
Fédération Nationale d'Agriculture Biologique  
Fondation Nicolas Hulot Pour La Nature Et L'Homme  
Génération Futures  
la ferme Bio de l'Estuaire  
Le Ruban Vert  
LPO France (BirdLife France)  
Mouvement d'Agriculture Biodynamique

**Germany**

Bioland  
BUND - Friends of the Earth Germany  
Demeter e.V.  
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.  
Slow Food Youth Deutschland

**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**

Aam Terra Nuova  
Compassion in World Farming Italy  
Consorzio della Quarantina  
DEAFAL ONG - Delegazione Europea per l'Agricoltura in Asia, Africa e America Latina  
Federazione Pro Natura  
FederBio - Italian Federation of Organic And Biodynamic Agriculture  
Legambiente Onlus  
Lipu - BirdLife Italy  
Pesticide Action Network (PAN) Italy  
Slow Food Italia  
Soletterre ONLUS  
Unaapi- Unione Nazionale Associazioni Apicoltori Italiani

**Latvia**

Latvian Fund for nature

**Luxembourg**

Action Solidarité Tiers Monde ASTM  
Attac Luxembourg  
Bio-Lëtzebuerg - Vereenegung fir Biolandwirtschaft Lëtzebuerg asbl  
Caritas Luxembourg  
Catholic Church in Luxembourg

Centre for Ecological Learning Luxembourg  
etika Initiativ fir Alternativ Finanzéierung  
Frères des Hommes  
Initiativ Liewensufank asbl  
Mouvement Ecologique  
natur&ëmwelt a.s.b.l.  
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**

Compassion in World Farming 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  
Society for conservation, research and sustainable development of the Dinaric ecosystems – Dinaricum  
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

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Formerly APRODEV

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**EUROGROUP FOR ANIMALS**



**GREENPEACE**



**HUMANE SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL EUROPE**







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