



EUROPEAN DAYS OF ACTION OCTOBER 1-31 2019

WE RISE FOR GOOD FOOD GOOD FARMING!

Thousands of Europeans raised their voices and took part in events last October to protest against our broken, globalised food system and to celebrate the diversity of sustainable, small-scale farming. **In the past ten years, one third of all full-time farmers in Europe had to give up farming**, while a relatively small number of large industrial farms have profited from the bulk of EU farm subsidies. **Industrial agriculture is a major contributor to the climate catastrophe, to nature and biodiversity loss, water degradation and scarcity and environmental pollution.** And yet, millions of Europeans and many more people in the rest of the world, do not have access to sufficient nutritious, culturally appropriate and sustainably produced food.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

Join thousands of others across the continent for a month of actions and events! **Organise a demonstration, a protest picnic, a flash mob, a disco soup or other creative activities** to bring attention to the food and farming crisis and to demand local and European food and agricultural reforms. You can use our action toolkit, communication materials, postcard action and your own pots and pans to be part of the growing movement for fair, sustainable and healthy food and farming. We will deliver the postcards with people's demands for the future of food and farming in Europe to the newly elected European Parliament, which will take important decisions on the EU agriculture reform after October. Ask people to get creative and add their postcard to the mix. **Last year, more than 60 actions were organised in 19 countries across Europe**, ranging from street protests in London and Berlin, festivals in Madrid and Budapest, a farmer's market in Sofia, conferences in Warsaw and Thessaloniki and farm visits in different regions throughout France, Spain, Italy and Denmark, to name a few. Let's go even bigger, bolder and more colourful this time round!

WHY ACT NOW?

The unfolding climate and ecological catastrophes, the loss of rural communities and the fight for food sovereignty require an immediate U-turn in the way we treat our land, our seeds, our food producers, our animals and the food we eat. **Following the European elections in May, the European Union will set out its new farming policy**, deciding how to subsidise and regulate its farming sector for the next decade. We cannot afford to waste this decade! We must make it inconceivable that the EU continues to spend around €60 billion of taxpayers' money every year to finance industrial agriculture, instead of investing it into the transition to farming practices that are fair to people, animals, nature and the climate.

RISE UP AND MAKE NOISE WITH YOUR POTS AND PANS FOR:

+++ access to tasty, nutritious and culturally appropriate food for all +++ re-localisation of food production, processing and consumption +++ food sovereignty and fair world trade +++ a CAP reform that is socially just, sustainable, supports living rural areas and does not harm other countries +++ fair income and decent work conditions for farmers, land workers, pastoralists and fishers +++ a better future in rural communities and in the city +++ many more people in farming and opportunities for young entrants +++ food policies that promote biodiversity, protect the environment and mitigate climate change +++ no GMOs and reduce dependency on chemical inputs at large +++ animal welfare and fewer, higher-quality animal products +++ reverse the decline of bees, birds and other animals needed for sustainable agriculture and healthy ecosystems +++ more participatory political processes

SUPPORTERS:

+++ ARC2020 +++ BirdLife Europe +++ Cambiamo Agricoltura [Italy] +++ Compassion in World Farming +++ European Coordination Via Campesina +++ European Environmental Bureau +++ Friends of the Earth Europe +++ Heinrich Böll Foundation [Germany] +++ IFOAM EU +++ Koalicja Żywa Ziemia [Poland] +++ Meine Landwirtschaft [Germany] +++ Meng Landwirtschaft [Luxembourg] +++ Pesticide Action Network Europe +++ Pour une autre PAC [France] +++ Por otra PAC [Spain] +++ Slow Food Europe +++ Slow Food Youth Network +++ International Community Supported Agriculture Network URGENCI +++ Voedsel Anders [Netherlands] +++ and more! See www.gfgf.eu/about-us

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+++ SAVE THE DATE +++ On 22 October, we unite to deliver a call of urgency to the newly-elected Members of the European Parliament. Join us with your pots and pans, tractors postcards and pitchforks! Stay tuned on Twitter: @GFGFActionDays / #GoodFoodGoodFarming