



# Rise for #GoodFoodGoodFarming in 2020!

In October 2019, thousands of Europeans raised their voices in protest against our broken, industrialised food systems. Now more than ever, it is important to demand radical changes and showcase existing alternatives as positive examples of sustainable and resilient food systems that our communities already have in place. So, get involved and join us this October!

## Why join us?

The status quo is unsustainable. Unfolding climate and ecological catastrophes, the loss of rural communities and a lack of food sovereignty and ultimately the recent COVID-19 crisis all demand a critical U-turn in how we treat our land, our seeds, our food producers, our animals and the food we eat.

Over the past 10 years, one third of farmers in Europe have had to give up their livelihoods, while a few large-scale corporatised farms have profited from the bulk of EU farm subsidies. Industrial agriculture, intensive livestock farming and deforestation are major contributors to the climate crisis, biodiversity loss and environmental degradation. Furthermore, they escalate the risk of the emergence of diseases like COVID-19. In addition, malnutrition and obesity caused by unhealthy diets increase the likelihood for a severe course of the disease. The global pandemic is demonstrating more than ever the fragility of our food systems, which are mostly based on specialised, intensive and globalised agriculture and international markets. Despite producing more than we need, millions of Europeans and populations across the globe have no access to nutritious, culturally-appropriate and sustainably-produced food sources.

In the coming months the European Union and national governments will make vital decisions on the EU Common Agricultural Policy for the next decade. As we enter the crucial phase of the reform negotiations, now is our time to take urgent action and prevent politicians from letting anymore time slip away! **EU decision makers need to know, it's now or never! Stop paying €60 billion annual subsidies into the pockets of the agro-industry, land grabbers and big corporations. Support a transition to farming practices that are fair to our people and our planet.**

# How to get involved

Join the **European action days #GoodFoodGoodFarming** from **1 to 31 October 2020**. Pressure our national and regional governments to make future-friendly food and agricultural reforms. Organise a demonstration, a protest picnic, a flash mob, a disco soup or anything that will draw attention to our shared cause. Together, we will have a stronger impact on the collective conscience of European decision makers.\*

Last year, 100 actions were organised across 22 European countries, from Romania to France, and Spain to Finland. In 2020, our aim is to have an even greater impact!

## Grab your pots and pans! Make some noise 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 cities +++ more people in farming and greater opportunities for young entrants +++ food policies that promote biodiversity, protect the environment and mitigate climate change +++ no GMOs and reduce our dependence 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:

+++ Agroecology Europe +++ BirdLife Europe +++ Cambiamo Agricoltura [Italy] +++ Compassion in World Farming +++ European Public Health Alliance +++ Friends of the Earth Europe +++ IFOAM EU +++ Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy +++ Koalicja Żywa Ziemia [Poland] +++ Meine Landwirtschaft [Germany] +++ Pour une autre PAC [France] +++ Por otra PAC [Spain] +++ Slow Food Europe +++ Voedsel Anders Vlaanderen [Belgium] +++ and more to come! See [www.gfgf.eu/about-us](http://www.gfgf.eu/about-us)

To sign up to the **CALL TO ACTION FOR GOOD FOOD GOOD FARMING** please contact: Verena Günther, European Coordinator Good Food Good Farming, [guenther@goodfoodgoodfarming.eu](mailto:guenther@goodfoodgoodfarming.eu)

Find out more on [www.gfgf.eu](http://www.gfgf.eu) / #GoodFoodGoodFarming. Check our website for action and communication resources.

*\* Please keep in mind local regulations and your responsibility as organisers to secure the safety and health of participants during the COVID-19 pandemic.*