



EUROPEAN DAYS OF ACTION

1-31 OCTOBER

Rise for #GoodFoodGoodFarming!

What is on the table

In October 2020, thousands of Europeans raised their voices on- and offline in protest against a destructive deal on the future of farming in Europe. Since then, European parliamentarians, agricultural ministers and the Commission have negotiated the reform of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), which makes up one third of the entire budget of the European Union. In June 2021 they reached an agreement, and decided to continue the business-as-usual model for the profit of the industrial farming sector. This way of farming destroys nature and biodiversity, fuels climate change and threatens the future of small-scale farming in Europe and around the world.

Get involved!

Now more than ever we have to make our demands heard. We want food for people, not for profits! We demand an immediate U-turn to protect soils, waters, seeds, food producers, animals and the food we eat. Scientists tell us we have this decade to make agriculture future-fit, so we cannot let any more time slip away. We need sweeping agricultural reforms now!

Join us for the #GoodFoodGoodFarming action days from 1 to 31 October 2021! For the past three years, we have mobilised hundreds of events taking place in villages, towns and cities. Let's pressure our national and regional governments with many decentral actions across the continent to make future-friendly food and agricultural reforms. Get together offline for a demonstration, a protest picnic, a flash mob, or organise online events or workshops. Any format that will draw attention to our shared cause is welcome.

Together we can tell decision makers: it's now or never! Stop paying €54 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.

Grab your pots and pans and make some noise for food sovereignty and agroecology. We want:

- access to local, healthy and culturally-appropriate food for all
- lively rural areas and more people in farming
- no GMOs and major reduction of chemical pesticides and fertilizers
- fair income and decent working conditions for farmers, land workers, pastoralists and fishers
- subsidies to support farmers in the transition to more sustainable practices
- protection of biodiversity, the environment and the climate
- higher animal welfare and fewer, higher-quality animal products
- international trade agreements that protect human rights and support efforts to create socially just and ecologically resilient societies
- more participation of farmers, consumers and activists in political decision making

Why now?

European institutions and national governments can still drive up social and environmental ambition in the implementation of the CAP, which has to be planned in each country with participation from civil society. It is our time to take action demanding more support for agro ecological and sustainable farming for our communities and climate-and nature-friendly practices. Together with the European Commission, Member States have to align food and farming policies with the objectives of the European Green Deal. We have to make sure the institutions keep their promises and act to reduce the use of pesticides, fertilisers and antibiotics and scale up organic farming. If we want to counter the climate and biodiversity crisis, we need to drastically cut emissions and pollution from industrial agriculture

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