Agroecology Europe, a European association to promote agroecology, has been created on the 27th of January 2016 with the participation of 19 founders from 10 countries.

Agroecology Europe is open to all individuals, groups and institutions interested in promoting agroecology, and aims to define its agenda through their participatory engagement.

**VISION OF OUR ASSOCIATION**

Agroecology Europe intends to place agroecology high on the European agenda of sustainable development of farming and food systems. It wants to foster interactions between actors in sciences, practices and social movements, by facilitating knowledge sharing and action. It aims at the creation of an inclusive European community of professionals, practitioners, and more generally societal stakeholders in agroecology.

**WHO WE ARE?**

**OUR GOALS**

The Association has a non-profit and international goal. It aims to analyse, design, develop and promote the transition towards agroecology-based farming and food systems. The overall goal of the Association is to: support agroecological research, education and training; share and disseminate agroecological knowledge; promote agroecology in the farming and food sectors and in society.

**DETAILED OBJECTIVES are to:**

1. Stimulate exchanges and collaborations between scientists, advisers, farmers, food producers, consumers, other stakeholders and citizens in Europe;
2. Stimulate, coordinate and facilitate research, education and agricultural extension;
3. Disseminate all aspects related to agroecology and sustainable development of agricultural systems;
4. Disseminate agroecological initiatives, techniques and practices among interested stakeholders;
5. Develop international cooperations;
6. Engage in and facilitate debates to clarify the relationship between agroecology and other approaches such as organic farming, permaculture, biodynamic farming, climate smart agriculture, ecological and sustainable intensification;
7. Support farmers’ organizations working in agroecology;
8. Act as a think tank for facing present and future challenges of European agriculture;
9. Support governmental and non-governmental organizations for improving their capacities in agroecology;
10. Promote agroecology in society as a whole;
11. Create a community of professional agroecologists;
12. Liaise with similar regional, national and international associations and societies; foster interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research approaches in agroecology.

**WHY BECOMING A MEMBER**

The goals and objectives of the association are broken down into activities, where each member can participate and become active. Becoming a member includes to get access to the intranet with resources such as list of members, minutes and reports of meetings and working groups, conference proceedings, papers, etc. Also, members can vote and can get elected in the Generally Assembly, initiate and participate in working groups, participate at reduced fees for Agroecology Europe conferences or workshops.

**HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER**

The Association is open to all individuals, groups and institutions interested in promoting agroecology. Membership is automatic after payment of an annual subscription (civil year).