



“A Farm to Fork”, Sustainable Food System and the EU Green Deal

Online Conference by The Club of Rome EU Chapter, IPES Food & Agroecology Europe

Thursday 8th October 2020 – 5pm to 7.30pm

Press Release

On 8th October 2020, the Club of Rome-EU Chapter, Agroecology Europe and IPES-Food organised an on-line Conference on **the Future of the «Farm to Fork» strategy** announced by the European Commission on May 20th.

The conference was attended by 180 participants. This was a reference event for promoting a prompt and strong implementation of the “Farm to Fork » strategy « for a fair, healthy and environmentally-friendly food system », which the current reform of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) should be aligned with.

Like other consumption and production patterns, the current ‘conventional’ agricultural practices have been destroying our natural capital and most of the ecosystem services that it provides for free. A number of tipping points have already been reached or exceeded. The EU therefore urgently needed a ‘Green Deal’ as a global vision supported by a range of strategies closely aligned with one another, based on key principles: ‘do no harm’, polluter-pays, public money for public goods and services.

We are delighted that the event of October 8th served to **highlight the role of agroecology in supporting the shift to sustainable food systems as intended by the F2F strategy**, and that it allowed to link the changes at the level of production with the evolution of consumption patterns.

We are confident that **further exchanges** of factual information and **dialogues** between authorities, farmers, scientific actors, agro-industry and civil society contribute to the new participative governance we need to provide EU citizens with the food systems they are asking for. We therefore look forward to **continued interaction** to move forward together to achieve the objectives of the F2F strategy.

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You can find the presentations of the speaker [here](#).

You can discover or see again the whole conference and reactions from the EU Commission high-level representatives of DG Agri, Santé and Envi and various stakeholders [here](#).



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