

Dr. Ole P. OSTERMANN



Ole Ostermann was a policy co-ordinator at the Joint Research Centre (JRC) – the science and knowledge service of the European Commission.

Ole is an ecologist and biologist by training and holds a PhD in agronomy from his studies in Hamburg, Montpellier and Göttingen. He had previously worked in protected areas, and for four years at the European Topic Centre for Nature Conservation in Paris, for the European Environment Agency.

Since 2002 in the JRC, he started as senior scientific officer and leader of the food safety action. In 2006, he became policy officer in charge of the international scientific relations of the JRC.

From 2012, he joined the JRC Sustainable Resources Directorate of the JRC in Ispra, Italy and became policy co-ordinator for the research activities related to biodiversity and ecosystem services. He acted as contact point to stakeholders in the science-policy interface and ran an internal Community of Practice on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services. Ole was working in particular in the preparation and assessment of data for the eConservation application of DOPA, the Digital Observatory for Protected Areas.

Since Sept. 2019 Ole retired and is now experiencing agroecological olive farming in the south of France. Ole is also member of the administrative board of a French NGO, Terre & Humanisme, active in agroecology training.

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I hereby would like to apply for remaining a member to the AEEU Board of directors. My background as agroecologist, my past engagement in science for policy making at the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission, and my current practical implementation in agroecological olive farming will allow me to occupy an active role on the board.

Agriculture occupies a major part of lands, and land use change and pollutions are most important drivers of biodiversity loss. Consequently, modifying agricultural practices from conventional modes to more respectful ones as agroecological, organic or permacultural ones will have a measurable positive impact. The AEEU is a well-positioned NGO that can play an important role in influencing policy making and education namely across European countries. I am fluent in German, French and English, and have available time since I recently retired.

(signed)

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