

Summer Newsletter 2022



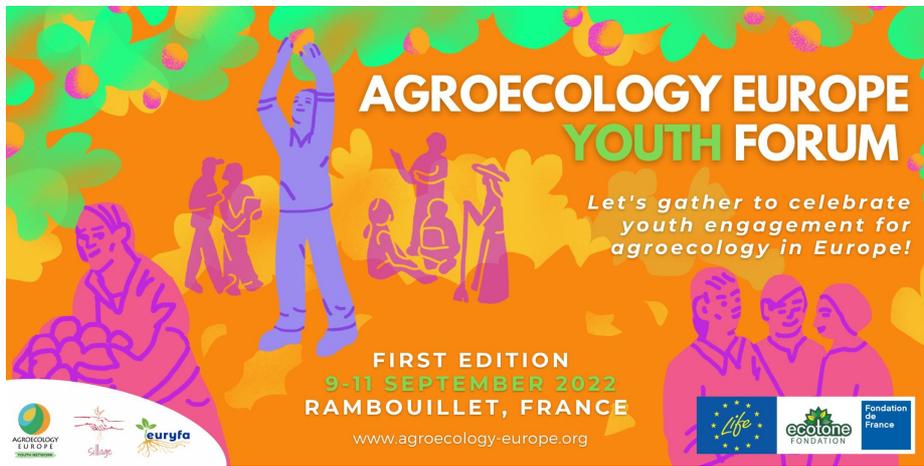
Register now to the first Agroecology Europe Youth Forum

The event is organised by the **Agroecology Europe Youth Network** together with two organisations [Le Mouvement Sillage](#) and [EURYFA](#).

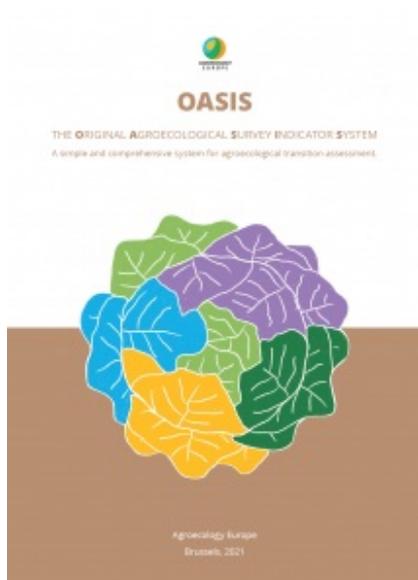
The three-day-in-person event will be a get-together of young agroecologists from all over Europe with:

- A beautiful rural setting in the French countryside – check out the [venue](#) and [accommodation & meals](#)!
- An interesting program with workshops, discussion rounds and interactive presentations of projects and initiatives – have a look at the [program](#)!
- Field trips to nearby farms and projects – a great chance to visit agroecology in practice and connect with local farmers – learn more about the [field visits](#)!
- Creation of a common manifesto
- A unique chance to network with like-minded people and create exchange and community around agroecology in Europe
- Learning more about career perspectives (and challenges) in Agroecology
- Evening activities, a movie night, music and just many great conversations

The [registrations](#) are now open and we invite you to have a look at the event and share it with your colleagues and friends!



Publications & new releases



OASIS - 2 Brochures

The OASIS indicator system is one of the first analytical frameworks specifically designed to assess where a farm is on the trajectory of transition towards agroecology.

The indicator system is described in two brochures:

The [first brochure](#) introduces the system of indicators and describes its principles.

The [second brochure](#) focuses on the methodology of the indicator system in detail and guides the evaluator on how to assign a value to each criterion, conduct the assessment and interpret the results. And is now finally available as well on our website!

[Discover the methodology](#)

News from Brussels : What is up with EU agriculture and food policy agenda?

New EU legislation for Nature Restoration

On the 22nd of June, the European Commission presented the “Nature Protection Package” including the [EU Nature Restoration Law](#) and the revision of the [Sustainable Use of Pesticides Directive \(the Pesticides Reduction Regulation\)](#) : two important legislative proposals for the future of our agriculture and food systems to restore nature and set legally binding targets to reduce pesticides use and risk.

Agroecology Europe Association welcomes the European Commission proposals that are setting the sails in the right direction : the defense of the common good, for the climate and the protection of biodiversity ! Agroecology Europe will follow these legislative processes closely and support the European Parliament and Council in improving this proposal.

[Learn more on Agroecology Europe's position in this article](#)



NOWMORE video interview with Alain Peeters on the reduction of pesticide use

Alain Peeters, Vice-President of Agroecology Europe, was interviewed by [NOWMORE Questions](#) a interview series on European affairs with thought leaders, stakeholders and civil society. Watch the video and hear more about:

- What agroecology actually is? Is it a nostalgic movement or is it based on science?
- Can it provide enough food for Europe?
- Is it the same as organic farming?
- Does the recent proposal answer the needs of farmers and the environment?

[Watch the interview](#)

EU Public consultations



Sustainable EU food system : new initiative

This initiative aims to make the EU food system sustainable and to integrate sustainability into all food-related policies. It will lay down general principles and objectives, together with the requirements and responsibilities of all actors in the EU food system.

More specifically, it will lay down rules on:

- sustainability labelling of food products
- minimum criteria for sustainable public procurement of food
- governancenewsletter2go.com and monitoring.

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Legislation for plants produced by certain new genomic techniques

The Commission is preparing a policy initiative on plants obtained by targeted mutagenesis and cisgenesis. It will also cover food and feed derived from such plants.

Agroecology Europe invites the Commission to ensure that the regulation is properly applied to all GMOs, including those developed with "new genomic techniques" and calls for maintaining high standards of risk assessment for all GMOs.

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Are you part of initiatives with participatory and transdisciplinary approaches in agroecology?

Within the project Agroecology for Europe (AE4EU, www.ae4eu.eu), project partners are conducting a survey to

understand what skills, methods and approaches are used in different participatory initiatives and what are **the drivers for the successful performance of living labs and similar initiatives in agricultural landscapes.**

The survey takes a maximum of 30 minutes and your participation and sharing of the information within your network would be very appreciated.

Please contact [Parastoo Mahdavi](#) from the Thünen Institute for biodiversity or the [Agroecology Europe Secretariat](#) to receive the survey.



Stories from the field

Michel Cotton's orchard of flavours (Pomar dos sabores) Tavira, Portugal

A botanical garden dedicated to fruit trees of warm climate

Miguel Cotton created Orchard of Flavours, a botanical garden dedicated to fruit trees of warm climate located in Tavira (Portugal).

The most important goals of this botanical garden are to show which fruit production can be relocated to Europe and to share all the knowledge necessary for the success of their own efforts. Emphasis is

placed on the establishment of several varieties of the same species in order to discover different flavours and different maturation periods, as well as to determine the species most suited to the climate or the soil.

[Read the full story](#)

Letter From The Farm : Learning from a Campesino Family in Cuba



In Cuba, food security is still a challenge after years of wars to fight against colonialism, imperialism and climate change. Yet, the island is far beyond the European Green Deal objectives, having largely achieved most of the Farm to Fork and Biodiversity targets that the EU aspires to attain by 2030. One Cuban farm is going even further. Welcome to La Finca del Medio, which is championing food sovereignty in the agroecological way.

Matteo Metta, policy analyst at ARC2020 reports on the ways in which European agriculture can be transformed, based on this example of the “Finca del Medio” agroecological family farm in Cuba. He shows paths on how European agricultural policies could set higher ethical and development standards for a climate-neutral agriculture embedded in the rural development.

This letter from the farm has been originally published by [ARC2020](#), a partner organisation of Agroecology Europe. ARC2020 is a platform for agri-food and rural actors working towards better food, farming, and rural policies for Europe.

[Read the full letter from the farm](#)

Videos & Podcasts



Webinar -
Mikrobielle
Kompostierung im
landwirtschaftlichen
Betrieb

In diesem Webinar
wurde die
Mikrobielle
Carbonisierung (MC)
als reduktive und
arbeitswirtschaftliche
Kompostierungs-
methode vorgestellt.



Webinar - Créer
une économique
agroforestière?

Durant ce webinar,
des paysans
témoignent de la
mise en pratique de
l'agroforesterie sur
leurs fermes.



Horizon project
AE4EU -
interviews with
project partners

AE4EU project
partners and
stakeholders were
asked to explain
their link to
agroecology and
how it can address
challenges and
transform
agriculture and food
systems.



Become a Member or Renew your membership for this year 2022!

We are happy to announce you that we have now an easy-method to subscribe to AEEU or renew your membership fee for 2022.

Visit [our website](#) and pay directly online your membership fee!

Why becoming a Member?

Agroecology Europe promotes agroecology practices and systems with EU decision-makers. 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, published papers. Our members can vote and can get elected in the General Assembly, initiate, and participate in working groups, participate at reduced fees for Agroecology Europe forum, conferences or workshops, and be supported to organise webinars/participatory workshops.

We are also happy to share our members stories from the field, articles, workshops and other content through our network and on our website, social media and newsletter.

Don't wait to join our community and exchange together about our transition to agroecology!



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