AGENDA

AGROECOLOGY EUROPE FORUM 2023

Converging Movements for Resilient Food Systems

GYÖNGYÖS, HUNGARY

16-18 November 2023

Venue:
Károly Róbert Campus, Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Mátrai street 36.
Gyöngyös 3200 Hungary
DAY 1:
THURSDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 2023

9:30
Registration

10:00-11:30
Agroecology Europe General Assembly

11:30-12:30
Registration & Lunch

12:45-13:00
Welcome address and opening

13:00-15:00
Plenary keynote session

THE ROLE OF WOMAN HERDERS IN LIVESTOCK FARMING IN THE PAST AND THE PRESENT
- Ibolya Sáfián, Shepherd, Hungarian Woman Herders Group

THE AGROECOLOGY OF EASTERN EUROPEAN PEASANTRY: DOOMED FOR EXTINCTION OR FUNDAMENTAL FOR A JUST FOOD SYSTEM FOR EUROPE?
- Attila Szőcs-Boruss, Peasant rights advocate, Eco Ruralis

AGROECOLOGY IN THE WORLD
- Pablo Tittonell, Agronomist, University of Groningen

ECOLOGICAL ECONOMICS: THE ONLY FRAMEWORK FOR AGROECOLOGY?
- Alexandra Köves, Ecological Economist, European Society for Ecological Economics
The role of underutilised crops in agroecological transitions
Chiara Flora Bassignana, Research Fellow, University of Gastronomic Sciences of Pollenzo (UNISG)

Valuing local agricultural knowledge for the future of agroecology
Christoph Schunko, Assistant Professor, University of Natural Resources and Lifes Sciences, Vienna

WORKSHOP 1: 2024 EUROPEAN ELECTIONS: HOW CAN AGROECOLOGY BECOME THE NEXT PARADIGM OF EUROPEAN AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD POLICIES?
- Laurence Modrego, Consultant and Trainer
- Carolina Modena, Focal point for biodiversity, Slow Food International
- Henriette Christensen, Executive Director, Agroecology Europe

WORKSHOP 2: VALUING UNDERUTILISED CROPS AND WILD PLANTS FOR AGROECOLOGICAL TRANSITIONS
- The role of underutilised crops in agroecological transitions
  - Chiara Flora Bassignana, Research Fellow, University of Gastronomic Sciences of Pollenzo (UNISG)
- Valuing local agricultural knowledge for the future of agroecology
  - Christoph Schunko, Assistant Professor, University of Natural Resources and Lifes Sciences, Vienna

WORKSHOP 3: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE OF SOIL HEALTH BY APPLYING AGROECOLOGICAL PRACTICES
- Jana Marjanović, PhD student, Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences (MATE)
WORKSHOP 4: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN SELF-ORGANIZED LOCAL FOOD PROVISIONING SYSTEMS: INVESTIGATING SCALING, BALANCE, ENERGY, AND SOLIDARITY IN FOOD COMMUNITIES

- Exploring challenges and opportunities in self-organized local food provisioning systems: investigating scaling, balance, energy, and solidarity in food communities
  - Matthew Hayes, Garden manager, Zsámboki Biokert
  - Logan Strenchock, Garden team member, Zsámboki Biokert; Co-Founder, Cargonomia
- Presenting results of research on an alternative food network in Berlin-Brandenburg
  - José Luis Vicente Vicente, Postdoctoral Researcher, Leibniz Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research (ZALF)

17:00-17:30 Coffee Break

17:30-19:00 Workshops

WORKSHOP 5: COMMONS, COMMONERS, AND FOOD SOVEREIGNTY: LAND GOVERNANCE TO SCALE AGROECOLOGY OUT AND UP

- Ana-Maria Gătejel, researcher, Rights to Land working group, EcoRuralis

WORKSHOP 6: LIVING LABS

- Agroecological Living Lab to foster the transition, empower participation, promote innovations
  - Paola Migliorini, Agroecologist expert and activist, Convenor of the Master in Agroecology and Food Sovereignty, University of Gastronomic Sciences of Pollenzo (UNISG)
  - Korinna Varga, Head of Agricultural Policy Research Group, Hungarian Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (ÖMKi)
- Organic Living Labs
  - Miloš Rajković, Research Associate, Institute of Field and Vegetable Crops
WORKSHOP 7: TERRITORIAL APPROACHES TO THE AGROECOLOGICAL TRANSITION

- Territorial approaches for agroecology transitions: schemes, methods, and governance issues
  - Baptiste Grard, Project manager, ISARA

- Leveraging the food transition through Agroecology-based Local Agri-food Systems (ALAs)
  - Verónica Rebollo Díaz, Projects and Strategic Alliances, Alimentta
  - María Ramos García, Researcher, CICYTEX; Founding Member, Alimentta

WORKSHOP 8: AGROECOLOGICAL APPROACHES TO NUTRIENT USE AND SOIL HEALTH MANAGEMENT: RESULTS FROM EUROPE, AFRICA, ASIA, AND LATIN AMERICA

- Dr. Matthias S. Geck, Agroecological Systems Scientist, CIFOR-ICRAF, Nairobi

19:00-20:30 Dinner

20:30-22:00 Concert & Dance Hall

Try Hungarian folk dancing with live music!

Shuttle buses will drive from the Forum Venue to the hotels between 20:00 and 22:30
SESSION 1: MULTI-LEVEL POLICY INITIATIVES TO RESHAPE THE CAP

Moderator: Caterina Batello, Agroecology Expert, Vice President, AIDA, Italian Agroecology Association; Board Member, Agroecology Europe

- Environmental attitudes and motivations of farmers: behavioural and economic drivers and barriers to green change in agriculture
  - Eszter Takács, Researcher, Climate and Environmental Research Department, Institute of Agricultural Economics Nonprofit Kft. (AKI)
- Potential of eco-schemes for the agroecological transformation in northern Italy
  - Natalia Rastorgueva, Research Fellow, University of Gastronomic Sciences of Pollenzo (UNISG)
- Fostering cooperative agroecological approaches to restore biodiverse, resilient cultural heritage landscapes and improve food security in Europe:
  - Zsolt Miklós Szilvácsku, Assistant Professor, Department of Landscape Planning and Regional Development, Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences (MATE)
- Scaling agroecology in East Europe—how to start the transition process
  - Srdjan Šeremešić, Full Professor, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Novi Sad
- Carbon Farming Legislation
  - Sophie Scherger, Climate and Agriculture Policy Officer, Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP)
SESSION 2: INNOVATIVE FARMING PRACTICES

Moderator: Márton Bruder, Farmer, Hungarian Agroecology Network Association

- Fermented forest litter (FFL)
  - Ole Ostermann, Ecologist and biologist, Board Member, Agroecology Europe
- Mycorrhizal fungi: from natural diversity to inoculation and beyond
  - Dr. István Parádi, Assistant Professor, Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE); Executive, ExperiPlant Kft.
- Food production and landscape value: silvopasture as a possible sustainable livestock production system
  - Jacopo Goracci, Farm Manager, Tenuta di Paganico Farm, Paganico (GR), Italy
- Tomato landraces—a success story
  - Orsolya Papp, Research Leader, Hungarian Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (ÖMKi)
- Restoring and valuing traditional agricultural knowledge and crop varieties
  - Dylan Wallman, PhD candidate, Swedish Agricultural University (SLU)
SESSION 3: TRANSFORMING EDUCATION AND EXTENSION SERVICES: FROM TOP-DOWN KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER TO MORE HORIZONTAL FARMER-TO-FARMER APPROACHES

Moderator: Logan Strenchock, Garden team member, Zsámboki Biokert; Co-Founder, Cargonomia

- Horticultural farmers’ views on and experience with the practical application of agroecological solutions in Latvia
  - Anda Adamsone-Fiskovica, Senior Researcher, Baltic Studies Centre
- A Roadmap Towards Action Education: The Nextfood Approach
  - Geir Hofgaard Lieblein, Professor, Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU)
- Two decades of action education in agroecology: Impact of an agroecology course on alumni’s professional and personal life
  - Geir Hofgaard Lieblein, Professor, Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU)
- ERASMUS+ to create a network of farm schools in Europe
  - Emilie Rousselou, Founding Member, EUfarms
  - Aurélie Tacquard, Founding Member, EUfarms
- Knowledge gaps as barriers in agroecological transitions: Lessons learnt from UNISECO
  - George Vlahos, Assistant Professor, Agricultural University of Athens
WORKSHOP 9: WALKING THE AGROECOLOGICAL PATH THROUGH FEMINISM
- Walking the agroecological path through feminism
  - Chiara Flora Bassignana, Research Fellow, University of Gastronomic Sciences of Pollenzo (UNISG)
  - Jesse Donham, Research Fellow, University of Gastronomic Sciences of Pollenzo (UNISG)
  - Clara Lina Bader, M.Sc. Resilient Farming and Food Systems, Wageningen University & Research; Agroecology Europe
- Presentation of the Sister Farms network: objectives, members, actions
  - Perrine Bulgheroni (ex Hervé Gruyer), Farmer, SISTERFARMS Network

WORKSHOP 10: CONNECTING LOCAL AGROECOLOGICAL INITIATIVES WITH SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN EUROPE
- Darleen van Dam, Researcher transition & innovation, Wageningen Research
- Adrien Swartebroeckx, Associate Scientist, Walloon Agricultural Research Center (CRA-W)
WORKSHOP 11: PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS OF ONE HEALTH: ECOSYSTEM BUILDING THROUGH ENGAGING LOCAL COMMUNITIES, CITIZENS, AND AUTHORITIES

- Cristina Laurenti, Researcher, FiBL; Co-founder, Coalition of Health Professionals for Regenerative Agriculture (CHPRA), Board Member of Agroecology Europe
- Eirini Tsirimokou, Founder, One Health Lead, Coalition of Health Professionals for Regenerative Agriculture (CHPRA); Sustainable Food Destination Organisation (SFDO)

WORKSHOP 12: CLIMATE ACTION AS A DRIVER FOR AGROECOLOGY IN CENTRAL EASTERN EUROPE: EXCHANGING EXPERIENCES AND BUILDING ALLIANCES

- Ana Frelih Larsen, Senior Fellow, Ecologic Institute

WORKSHOP 13: AGROECOLOGY "SCHOOLS WITHOUT WALLS": TRUST, FEELING, TERRITORY, AND THE EDUCATION OF ECO-POLITICAL CONCERN

- Andrea Ferrante, Coordinator, Schola Campesina

12:30-13:30 Lunch

Aula, Building A
Poster session: presentations

**13:30-15:00**

- **The Agroecology Coalition’s role in building strategic alliances and networks to scale out of Agroecology**
  - Amelie Steu, Associate Coordinator, Agroecology Coalition
- **Private Funding for Agroecology & Sustainable Food Systems - The role of foundations**
  - Clara Lina Bader, M.Sc. Resilient Farming and Food Systems, Wageningen University & Research; Agroecology Europe
- **Tailored pathways and agroecological action for reviving farmland biodiversity**
  - Dr. Diana Sietz, Group Leader, Thünen Institute of Biodiversity
- **What's good in Coventry? Food abundance vs. food poverty**
  - Georges Félix, Assistant Professor Research, Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience, Coventry University.
- **Co-designing new business models for soil health—first insights from a case study in Germany**
  - Gerald Schwarz, Project Coordinator, Thünen Institute of Farm Economics
  - Elke Plaas, Senior Research Fellow, Thünen Institute of Farm Economics
  - Marie von Meyer-Höfer, Senior Research Fellow, Thünen Institute of Market Analysis
- **Finding solutions for pushing farm transition: permaculture as a design of an agroecology system**
  - Jacopo Goracci, Farm manager, Tenuta di Paganico Farm, Paganico (GR) - Italy
- **Combination of agroecological practices for improved soil quality**
  - Jana Marjanović, PhD student, Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences (MATE)
• Assessing the agroecological performance and sustainability of Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) in Flanders, Belgium
  ○ Ruben Savels, Academic Assistant, Ghent University

• Assessing soil health indicators in an organically managed grassland in Norway
  ○ Sara Hansdotter, Advisor, Norwegian Centre for Organic Agriculture (NORSØK)

• PATH2DEA—Paving the Way towards Digitalisation Enabling Agroecology for European Farming Systems
  ○ Dr. Stefan Pfeiffer, Position: Business Development Manager, Organisation: AIT Austrian Institute of Technology GmbH

More poster exhibitions in the Library throughout the Forum!

Sessions

SESSION 4A: AGROECOLOGY INITIATIVES AND LIVING LABS IN EUROPE: EXPERIENCES FROM AE4EU

Moderator: Dr. Alexander Wezel, Head of Research and Professor for Agroecology and Landscape Ecology, ISARA

Moderator: Dr. Vasileios Gkisakis, Agronomist and researcher, Hellenic Agricultural Organisation (ELGO)—DIMITRA (Greece)
SESSION 5: BUILDING STRATEGIC ALLIANCES:
THE ROLE OF NETWORKS IN SCALING
AGROECOLOGY

Moderator: Carolina Rizzi Starr, Agricultural Officer, FAO

- European Network for Agroecological Food Systems (ENAF): Activating the combined potential and capabilities of existing national and European networks related to agroecology
  - Dr. Margriet Goris, Researcher, Wageningen University & Research
  - Leonardo van den Berg, Coordinating Committee, European Coordination Via Campesina
  - Attila Szőcs-Boruss, Peasant rights advocate, Eco Ruralis
- Discourses of key European actors of civil society involved in agroecology
  - Dr. Raquel Luján Soto, Natural Resources and Sustainable Management, INGENIO (CSIC-Universitat Politècnica de València)
- A framework for coordinated action towards sustainable food systems: learnings, challenges, and opportunities for collaboration
  - Verónica Rebollo Díaz, Projects and Strategic Alliances, Alimentta
- The EUFarms Network: objectives, members, actions
  - Emilie Rousselou, Founding Member, EUfarms
  - Aurélie Tacquard, Founding Member, EUfarms
SESSION 6: AGROECOLOGY AND DIGITALISATION

Moderator: Almudena Garcia Sastre, EU Policy and Advocacy Officer, FIAN European sections

- Non-invasive sensors for cattle farming in agroecological conditions
  - Miklós Biszkup, Programmer, Hungarian Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (ÖMKi)
- The importance of using digital technologies in pasture-based beef cattle farming
  - Petra Balogh, Research Assistant, Hungarian Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (ÖMKi)
- Digital tool applied to agroecology: Poderi
  - Dr. Stefano Carlesi, Researcher, Group of Agroecology—Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna
- Data collection for food security
  - Andrea Ferrante, Coordinator, Schola Campesina
- Digitalisation in Swedish agroecological contexts: synergies, technology uptake, and future innovation pathways
  - Aziliz Le Rouzo, Research Associate, Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI)
- Developing a Decision Support Tool for sustainable viticulture: Insights on the agroecological assessment of practices in Cretan vineyards
  - Sotirios Pilafidis, PhD student, University of the Aegean
- Issues for the Global South: Food Sovereignty or Corporate Control
  - ETC Group (video presentation)

Coffee Break
SESSION 4B: AGROECOLOGY INITIATIVES AND LIVING LABS IN EUROPE: EXPERIENCES FROM AE4EU

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Moderator: Dr. Vasileios Gkisakis, Agronomist and researcher, Hellenic Agricultural Organisation (ELGO)—DIMITRA (Greece)
SESSION 7: FIRST STEPS INTO THE AGROECOLOGICAL TRANSITION

Moderator: Stéphane Bellon, Researcher, INRAE Board Member of Agroecology Europe

- The specificities of each concept (permaculture, regenerative agriculture, organic agriculture): ethics, practices, issues, training, networks, certifications
  - Emilie Rousselou, Founding Member, EUfarms
  - Perrine Bulgheroni (ex Hervé Gruyer), Farmer, SISTERFARMS Network

- Agroecology and the city: approaches and tools for interdisciplinary analysis of a peri-urban agrosilvopastoral system in Milan
  - Alice Giulia Dal Borgo, Associate Professor, Department of Cultural and Environmental Heritage, University of Milan

- Agroecologist in action
  - Tommaso Gaifami, Agronomy consultant, Marsilea group
  - Stefania Caron, Agronomy consultant, Marsilea group

- GOOD-Agroecology for weeds: building an agroecological weed management network
  - Dr. Alexandros Tataridas, Assistant Researcher, Centre for Functional Ecology, University of Coimbra
  - Helena Freitas, Coordinator, Center for Functional Ecology, University of Coimbra
  - Contributors: Alexandros Tataridas, Maria Rosa Mosquera Losada, Ilias Travlos, Maria Ramos Garcia, Jose Paulo Sousa, Spyros Fountas, Lara Agnoli, Harm Brinks, Milena Simic, Milan Brankov, Vesna Dragičević, Helena Freitas
SESSION 8: LONG-TERM RESEARCH FOR AGROECOLOGY
Moderator: Marcos Lana, Secretary General, Agroecology Europe, Associate Professor, Swedish Agricultural University (SLU)

- Integrated European long-term ecosystem, critical zone, and socio-ecological research
  - Dr. Taru Sandén, Senior Expert, Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety; Lecturer, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences
- EJP SOIL: European Joint Programme on Agricultural Soil Management
  - Claudia di Bene, Researcher in agronomy and soil science, CREA
- Digital twins at Rothamstedt
  - Paul Harris, Professor, Rothamsted Research
- Complementarity of different types of research infrastructure investigating regenerative soil management
  - Koen Willekens, PhD, Senior researcher, Soil Management and Cropping Systems, ILVO, Plant Sciences Unit
- A Pipeline for Extracting Evidence of Crop Loss from Scientific Reports
  - Chris Baker, Professor and Science Director, Rothamsted Research

SESSION 9: AGROECOLOGY FOR SOCIALLY AND ENVIRONMENTALLY JUST FOOD SYSTEMS: PERSPECTIVES FROM SOCIAL MOVEMENTS (ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION)
Moderator: Lili Balogh, President, Agroecology Europe and Hungarian Agroecology Network Association

- Judit Bari, Community development expert
- Valéria Kovács, Activist and organiser, Fridays For Future Hungary
- Attila Szöcs-Boruss, Peasant rights advocate, Eco Ruralis
- Vincent Liegey, Interdisciplinary researcher, lecturer, and freelance writer on degrowth
18:30-18:45  
**Closing remarks**  
Policy reflections at the European level  

19:00  
**Networking aperitivo**  
Local cheese, bread, and wine tasting  
With the support of Agroecology for Europe (AE4EU)

20:00  
**Concert**  
*Kale Lulugyi, Authentic Roma folk music*  
Kale Lulugyi means black flower. Their songs embody motives from Upper Hungary and Székely Land, Hungarian and Roma melodies, mixed with world music, jazz, and rock. It is their belief that music can connect people and bring together diverse social groups and subcultures for a concert and beyond.

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DAY 3: SATURDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2023

8:00-13:00 Field visits to local farms
- National Biodiversity Center (NBC)
- Kendereskert (Hemp-garden)
- Buffalo farm and winery
- Ecological vegetable gardens in Zsámbok

13:00-15:00 Lunch

15:00-17:00 Project and work meetings
- Agroecology Europe Youth Network 1.17
- European Network for Agroecological Food systems (ENAF) 1.11
- Peasant Seed Swap 0.18
- Hungarian Agroecology Network 1.10

17:00-17:30 Coffee Break

17:30-18:00 Outlook to the future: what do we do next?

18:00 Farewell
Founded in 2016, Agroecology Europe is a non-profit international organisation that intends to place agroecology high on the European agenda of sustainable development of farming and food systems. It fosters interactions between actors in science, practice and social movements, by facilitating knowledge sharing and action. Every two years, Agroecology Europe organises the Forum together with local farmers, universities, social movements, regional administrations, and non-governmental organisations to foster exchange, reflection, and bottom-up discourse.

The Hungarian Agroecology Network Association is a multistakeholder, transdisciplinary, and intergenerational network that aims to connect and strengthen those working with agroecology and serve as a meeting point, a knowledge-producing and -sharing community, and an advocacy organization.

The long-term goal of the Network is to promote a national and international agroecological transformation of practices and policies and the implementation of food sovereignty through joint work and movement building and to work together to create a socially, economically, and environmentally sustainable and regenerative agricultural production, processing, and distribution system in Hungary and beyond.
VENUE

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