Agroecological Pathways

Malmö and Beyond

Agroecology Europe

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"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower."

- Albert Camus

Welcome!

from Malmö 2025 keynote speaker **Miguel Altieri**

Miguel Altieri

Gatherings such as the recent Agroecology Forum in Malmö enable like-minded people to reflect on **the potential of agroecology to build an ecologically sound and socially just agriculture** within the constraints imposed by the harsh realities of the planetary polycrisis characterized by climate change, military conflicts, and the dominance of agribusiness.

Group discussions are key to understanding how the systemic nature of the polycrisis is revealed in the hidden tragedy of animal factory farming, and in the endless monocultures which lead not only to dramatic biodiversity loss, soil and water contamination, food insecurity and malnutrition, but also to obesity, zoonotic diseases, appalling working conditions for migrant workers, and in the undermining of the livelihoods of small farmers.

Industrial agriculture, now reinforced by new biotechnological, digital, and robotic technologies, along with "regenerative agriculture", "nature-based solutions", and "climate smart agriculture" advanced by various organizations, constitute narratives void of social and political dimensions, promising sustainability and resilience without challenging the structure of the monoculture and of the global food system, nor the corporate power relations that maintain it. These approaches are bound to fail the resiliency test, and are totally unable to feed the world in the face of climate impacts.

The continuation of the current agricultural paradigm is not an option, and transformative change is fundamental in order to address (and hopefully reverse) the relentless progression of environmental threats tied to the continuous expansion of industrial agriculture.

Agroecology emerges as a scientific and revolutionary paradigm to lead such transformative change. **Agroecology opposes the homogenizing corporate proposals** that threaten the natural order and the autonomy of farmers by distancing itself from the agrochemical, corporate, biotechnological, and digital regimes. Agroecology reintroduces elements of nature into the process of agricultural production, learning from peasant-indigenous knowledge that has stood the test of time, creating biodiverse, resilient and sovereign agrarian regimes.

Miguel Altieri

Thousands of people who are organized in farmers' organizations, consumer groups and cooperatives are struggling to replace corporate control over land, seeds, water, and other productive and natural resources, promoting instead local food systems based on models of circular and solidarity economies. In Malmö several workshops analyzed how to reorient policies, research, extension and market incentives to favor true agroecology, and how to design diversified systems that adapt to climate change and regenerate the natural resource base of farmers.

Agroecology is not neutral; it constitutes an eco-political critique of conventional capitalist agriculture, proposing radical alternatives to industrial agriculture. The main goal is to promote practices and technologies that enhance farmers' autonomy in place of dependency, fostering food, water, energy, seed and technological sovereignty in rural communities.

Of strategic importance for Agroecology Europe is to create collaborative links with other movements in the global south (SOCLA in Latin America, ABA in Brazil, Via Campesina and others) to exchange ideas, experiences and practices. Even more important is to **build a cohesive global agroecological initiative linked to social movements and political emancipatory processes**. How can such a coalition support the resistance of thousands of farmers across the world who stubbornly continue dotting landscapes with genetically diverse intercropping, agroforestry and silvopastoral systems that enhance biodiversity, soil health, and adaptive capacity to climatic extremes? These heroic efforts displayed mostly by peasants and indigenous people, in the absence of government policies, represent spaces of hope against the seemingly totalizing weight of ecological breakdown and social injustice that plague our planet in polycrisis.

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Thank you!

from Agroecology Europe Executive Director **Henriette Christensen**

The Malmö gathering was Agroecology Europe's fifth forum, it was the **biggest forum** to date and the **first of its kind organised in a Nordic country**. Agroecology Europe wish to thank all participants, volunteers, cocreators, partners, speakers and donors for having made this a big success. You can explore previous forums through the special section on our homepage: https://www.agroecology-europe.org/agroecology-forum/

Agroecology Europe was proud to be among the co-creators of **a rich programme of sessions**, contributing several key activities that were fully integrated into the event's overall flow. Working closely with our Swedish members and partners, we helped shape an inspiring and collaborative experience from start to finish.

On **day one**, we opened with an engaging information session, giving participants a clear understanding of who we are and the work we champion within the European agroecological community. On the same day, the Agroecology Europe Working Group on Gender and Intersectionality hosted its session: "**Feminist and Intersectional Approaches in Agroecology: Challenges, Realities and Collective Pathways**".

As part of the many thematic pathways on **day two**, we led **Pathway 5**, organised an immersive farm visit to **Mossagården**, and actively joined other pathways to enrich discussions and exchanges across the event. In Pathway 1, we supported the workshop **The Journey of Seed**, led by the Agroecology Europe Youth Network. In Pathway 3, we hosted a session on **digitalisation and the narratives that support innovations**, in collaboration with IPES-Food. On **day three**, within a diverse programme of closing activities, we contributed three important sessions: one focused on laying the foundations for the **Nordic Network**, another gathering our **Biodiversity Working Group** for an in-person meeting to strengthen collaboration and future action, and finally supported the **Agroecology Europe Youth Network** in animating the session on the **Co-Creation of a Decolonial Agroecology Position** and the workshop on Co-Creating a Shared Vision: **Strengthening Youth Collaboration** for Agroecological Transformation.

Agroecology Europe at Malmö, **Alex Wezel** speaking, **Henriette Christensen** seated right.

AEEU Forum Malmö 2025

In Malmö the Agroecology Movement met, debated, and shared ideas, challenges, and energy. **Over 400 participants** including 30 volunteers and over **130 co-creators** attended over **70 diverse sessions** and **7 field trips**.

The Forum brought activists, producers, and researchers together to learn from each other, and learn through doing, and is continuing to engender collaborations that were planted like seeds during the event. On the right is a word cloud produced by participants in a Forum workshop facilitated by **Kushal Proudel**, showing the words that came to the minds of participants when asked about the word "seed". Over the next pages **we give snapshots of some of the experiences, pathways, and outcomes** of the event, knowing that many more seeds from the Forum are spreading across Europe and beyond, travelling through newly established friendships, through press reports and social media communications, and through new research collaborations and budding regional alliances.

This issue offers a space to some of our Nordic members to share with you their impressions, and you can explore all the different pathways of the event via the programme of the Forum here. You can also watch the **video of the highlights of the event here**.

In the News and Campaigns section you can catch up with the activities of two members of our Brussels team, and you can look ahead to the future through reading a message from the organisers of the **2027 Agroecology Europe Forum**. This will take place in **Coimbra**, Portugal, and one of the focuses will be on the importance to agroecology of reimagining the relationships between people, food, land, and nature.

Malmö 2025 Snapshots

Ebba-Maria Olson of Mossagården

Some of the memories that have truly stayed with me from the Agroecology Europe Forum are the quiet and genuine moments in between everything else ~ talks, an unhurried walk in the old-growth forest, the shared Swedish fika with hemp ice cream of the farm where conversations flowed as naturally as the landscape around us. And at the unique farm visit ~ a meeting of curiosity, care and warmth ~ where I shared deep impactful conversations with the farm visitors. **Those moments felt both grounding and inspiring, and I carry them with me with deep appreciation.**

Another memory that lingers vividly is the atmosphere in the HEMP BARN during the field visits. There was something almost magical about standing in a space filled with people caring for living soil, worms and carbon-binding effects, and inspiring wide-open conversations about what a thriving food system could be. The HEMP BARN seemed to hum with energy ~ ideas sparking, laughter echoing, and learning unfolding in real time.

My full experience is embraced in the words: **Thoughtful, Rooted and Created with Intention**.

And also: Time to act ~ **Transformation in action!**

Mossagården is a healing and learning arena in Veberöd, Skåne County, Sweden, set within 60 hectares of ancient forest, wetlands, cultivated fields and cultural heritage buildings ~ all dedicated to reconnecting people with nature and the origins of food. The site also serves as a hub for hemp innovation, with a strong focus on circular food systems and uses culture as a catalyst for wellbeing and education.

At the heart of the initiative lies the traditional Skåne farmhouse, surrounding a courtyard that houses the HEMP BARN – a 350 m² organic meeting area, restored with hemp and wild wood from the farm. It provides room for conferences, cultural events, culinary experiences and workshops in a state-of-the-art kitchen.

The associated Mossagården nature and hemp Foundation aims to serve as a center for positive climate impact, focusing on the individual, planet and soil health and biodiversity. Through ten focus areas linked to sustainable development, the foundation accelerates Mossagården's social impact and strengthens the resilience of the farm. We call this the Mossagården model.

Malmö 2025 Snapshots

Louise Hård af Segerstad of Albaeco

I am going to tell you about a time machine.

I am director of Albaeco, a hybrid non-profit and sustainability consultancy specializing in planetary boundaries, resilience thinking and sustainable transformation, and I participated in **Pathway 1**, which was titled **Diverse, Multifunctional, and Resilient Food Systems**, which was co-hosted by Albaeco and Alnarp's Agroecology Farm. Before we travel together to the future, we will return to the recent past with a quick recap of my experience in Malmö.

On the first morning we went on a field trip to Alnarp's Agroecology Farm, a fantastic place run by students that supplies food to 80 households, embodying **community supported agriculture** (CSA). In addition, there were 4 other sessions: one consisted of 5 separate presentations, mainly about research explaining the results from agroecological case-studies. The other 3 sessions were workshops: one on degrowth; one on CSA and one on making compost where they had a microscope to show soil microbiota.

In the afternoon we had 6 sessions in two blocks. I moderated one on diet recommendations and food preparedness. My most important takeaway from the pathway was appreciating how the **combination of different knowledge systems** and actors is all important, spanning the natural sciences, the critical role of communities, and the possibilities and challenges within policy.

Agroecology ("ecological intensification") practices are fundamental to the EAT-Lancet 2.0 Commission's updated planetary health diet because they provide a framework for **building sustainable and resilient food systems** that support both environmental health and human well-being. Agroecology is one among many concepts for sustainable farming, but it differs from regenerative farming, conservation farming, etc. in that it takes a system, or community, perspective. It **views agriculture as embedded in a community and local ecosystems**.

I loved the pathway's focus on the need to align (1) how we produce our food, (2) what food we produce, and (3) what we should eat to have a healthy body and a healthy and just planet. In other words, we can design productive food production systems that use stock-free microbe-rich compost to nurture the soil instead of manure/chemical fertilizers; focus on producing an abundance of diverse organic plant-based human food; and eat according to EAT Lancet 2.0. If this alone was broadly adopted, this would bring most of the planetary needs back to within planetary boundaries. **All the parts of the food system from farm to table can align and we know how to do it.**

The production capacity of Alnarp's Agroecology Farm surprised me: it produced 6-10 times more than neighbouring farms!

The forum had a majority of relatively young participants, and the young seem to be **pushing agroecology forward in a very energetic way**! Even though I don't belong to the young generation, the amount of food that both young and old can produce with the help of seeds, good compost and a few hand tools always amazes me. **Just imagine if this was broadly adopted by more people and supported by both communities and the governance system** that decides who gets subsidies and who does not... (again, there is a great need to align the subsidy system - in our case CAP - with supporting the food that we are actually supposed to eat according to EAT Lancet and planetary boundaries!)

Now, about that **time machine**...
We were asked to imagine that we are 30 years in the future, and we imagine that we have succeeded in building the utopian future that we envisioned during the Agroecology Europe Forum 2025.
Are you ready? Can you see it?
Then we were asked to effectively send a message back through time to Autumn 2025, by answering the question of what, from the perspective of our pathway, would have been needed to have enabled this agroecological transition to have succeeded?

My message back to my Autumn 2025 self is that we need:

- An understanding that **diversity creates resilience**, and this is relevant in many (all) perspectives - from seeds to policy and to business models.
- The systematic framework for assessing the impact of agroecological practices on ecosystem services.
- A low input - low output system where Big Capital is less influential, and small farms can thrive.
- Steering the enormous financial subsidy systems (CAP in Europe) towards diverse organic plant food production; if science says we should eat 50% diverse fruits and vegetables and most of the rest plant-based proteins and grains, then that is the food that needs to be subsidised and produced! Organic of course!

We were also asked what were the most important levers within our thematic area, or in other words what things help us move forwards? For me, these are:

- The resilience and food security observed in areas that had kept this land stewardship intact.
- The **knowledge and practices inherited from smallholder farmers**.
- Excellent communication to as many people as possible about big scientific studies such as how food systems affect planetary boundaries and EAT Lancet 2.0. Bring wisdom and a shared reality based on big picture facts back into fashion!
- Political pressure to change the rules and subsidy system. Ban the use of toxic chemicals in our landscapes. Ban cruel and inhumane animal factories. **Bring in ecocide legislation** to combat deforestation for grazing, eutrophication of waterways and oceans, and the killing of soil ecosystems.

With this exercise we can all imagine ourselves in the future and then return, armed with a clear understanding of how we can build that future through campaigns and actions in the present.

Malmö 2025 Snapshots

Aziliz Le Rouzo of the Stokholm Environment Institute

"Returning to Alnarp's Agroecology Farm felt very special for me... to see the forum come to Sweden and to Malmö. Coming back to the farm was really moving as I have seen how they have grown since I first got to know them two years ago, not necessarily in size but in the agroecological journey and in the involvement in the local and international community.

This year Alnarp's Agroecology Farm was leading Pathway One on Diverse, Multifunctional and Resilient Food Systems, and it felt like a big step for them, for a small farm that started from students from the SLU master's degree who wanted to get more practical experience to a farm that now plays such a central role in the region, being a lighthouse, an agroecological lighthouse in the region of Skåne, Sweden.

In spring 2023 they were the first case study for SIANI's project called ASAPP, which stands for Amplifying Stories of Agroecology Practices and Principles. This is a project which I'm leading, and where we aim to share inspiring examples of agroecological farms worldwide and to show how they are working with agroecology in their specific contexts. In some ways we're trying to **show the multiple faces that agroecology can take,** and this is really a collaboration that stemmed from the first forum which I attended, and [which] continued and led to multiple continued collaborations with the farm.

For example we took this case study and the work we had done with them to the 18th Conference of the International Society for Ecological Economics and the 11th International Degrowth Conference in Norway in the spring of this year, where we organised a workshop together with them to **explore synergies between degrowth and agroecology**, and how this can be applied to the farm and what learnings they can take from it and bring back with them. This is something that we continued exploring at the agroecology forum this year as we organised a similar workshop directly at the farm as part of the first pathway and it was really unique to take the workshop outside of the usual conference setting, and to invite participants to come to the farm directly and see for themselves how agroecology is taking place on the ground and what challenges they are facing. This is what I find unique as well about the forum is that it truly lives up to its expectation of being a place **where agroecology is lived and not just talked about**."

Alnarp's Farm. Photo: Aziliz Le Rouzo

“I would also say that seeing the Nordic agroecological community coming together in this impactful event was something that made me really moved, and seeing the conference close with the Malmö declaration and the call for the establishment of a Nordic agroecology network is a strong statement on **the bold path forward for agroecology in the Nordics**. This is something that again comes from the continued involvement of those actors in the different forums and the space that they have found to work together and collaborate and make agroecology more visible in the Nordics.

I think it would be really interesting to see this network take shape, and see how we organise ourselves in a way that we can put farmers at the centre of this network and learn from them in terms of what is needed specifically in the Nordics, in this very context, and how different institutions and different actors can support them in making this transition, or in amplifying the work they're already doing.

I think there's many actors as well from the Nordics who are involved now in the Agroecology Partnership, and **there will be living labs in different places where different approaches are tested**, and there is a lot of value that can be drawn from these experiences. It's important that we make sure also as researchers that we are aware of what is being done and what has already been done, so that we can stay ahead of the curve and make sure that our contributions are relevant. And this is something that personally I've experienced in the Agroecology Coalition, which is one of the UN Food Summit coalitions, where the mandate is to advance agroecology around the world.

So it's really something that I think is important for the Nordics, but it's also important to make sure that this Nordic network would be closely linked to other networks that are already existing, so that there is dialogue from the Nordics to other regions in the world, where we can see what we can learn and bring back to the Nordics, for example, with experiences from the Global South that has been really ahead in terms of bringing agroecology forward, for example, at the policy level with National Agroecology Strategies (NAS) that are being developed right now in Eastern and Southern Africa. So there is a lot that we can learn, and I think we need to stay connected with different networks and make sure that we constantly communicate and learn from each other.

Looking ahead to what we need to achieve together, and looking ahead to Coimbra, for me I would say **it’s important to bring closer together the different movements working on complementary fields and towards shared goals**. I think it would be great, for example, if in the future we could better integrate de-growth, de-colonial, feminist perspectives in agroecology, and leverage synergies between those movements.

We're actually writing a perspective piece for SEI where we're discussing exactly this: how these different approaches could complement and strengthen agroecology. I think this is a little bit the elephant in the room, if agroecology is the path forward to transform food systems, we also need a broader transformation of our economic, political and social systems, and this is something that other paradigm shifts like de-growth, feminism, and de-colonial approaches can help address and complement the agroecology framework in some ways.

October 2-4, 2025 – Malmö, Sweden 2025

The Malmö Declaration

Co-created **visions** for the agroecological future

Under the theme Transformation in Action, 400 changemakers from across Europe and beyond gathered to drive systemic transformation of food systems. With contagious energy we share the Malmö Declaration that affirms our collective determination to:

- Advance agroecology as the cornerstone of just, healthy, resilient, and sustainable food systems, following the already agreed principles of agroecology (FAO, HLPE 2019).

- Foster systemic transformation towards an agroecological food system, through collaboration between practice, policy, science and movements; within and across sectors and regions.

- Replace extractive, fossil fuel-based industrial agri-food systems, with economic models designed to deliver equity and food sovereignty, grounded in human rights, respecting the planetary boundaries.

- Support farmers' and communities' rights, including seeds and land, acknowledging their place-based knowledges' role in building resilient agroecological food systems.

- Grow a strong Nordic agroecology movement, building on knowledge and experience from Europe and beyond, as well as acknowledging the ongoing work of agroecological practices and policy, expanding the awareness of agroecology in the Nordic region.

- Establish a framework of official collaboration to work jointly toward boosting agroecology in Malmö while also identifying the good practices that have already been implemented in Malmö and that can inspire others.

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OUR CALL TO ACTION

Throughout the Forum, in Malmö, we have gathered visions, best practices, and concrete steps from all participants. They represent the diversity of knowledge and experience of the Forum. As organisers, we are proud to present those as a call to you – policymakers, practitioners, researchers, entrepreneurs, and citizens alike. Take these ideas forward, co-create, make them your own, and help turn them into reality.

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The Malmö Declaration

Co-created **actions** for the agroecological future

Transformation in Action - what has taken place
The Forum gathered over 400 participants in a co-created process of partners, organisations, institutions, projects, and individuals. We are proud of, and grateful for creating the first ever Agroecology Europe Forum in the Nordic countries in this collaborative way, celebrating the cultural and social importance of gathering.

Visions of Agroecological Transformation
We delved into the visions of agroecology, immersing ourselves in the mindset and cultural shifts required for transformation including bold visions, intersectionality and social justice as cornerstones, acknowledging the work of those who come before us, and who work for a just and sustainable food system.

Transformative Pathways
Through seven transformative pathways, including field trips to local actors and farms, we explored, developed, and showcased agroecological solutions to today's pressing challenges:

Diverse, multifunctional and resilient food systems – Agroecological production across fields, farms, communities, and landscapes, connecting planetary, soil, and human health.

Perennial possibilities – From a diversity of crops, to entire production systems, we had a taste of the transformative power of perennials.

Incentivising the transition – Economic models and innovations supporting agroecology, addressing land and people, generational shifts, and the true value of food and environment.

Growing agroecological food cultures and communities – Exploring the social and cultural dimensions of food, democracy, art, and mobilisation.

Inspiring and impactful policies in the big and small – Opportunities and challenges for agroecology in governance, CAP, urban/rural planning, and beyond.

Expanding the knowledge field of agroecology – Transformative education, research, and farmer–researcher collaboration across Europe.

Agroecology in the Nordics – Building a Nordic agroecology network, learning from regional experiences and international exchange.

Moving into Action
Participants converged with visions from the pathways to chart forward-looking strategies and steps for strengthening alliances, shaping policy, and accelerating the transition to agroecological food systems across Europe.

News and Campaigns

Press release: AEEU calls for establishment of Nordic Agroecology Network

The AEEU Forum culminates in the Malmö Declaration, which calls for the establishment of a Nordic Agroecology Network to coordinate the development of agroecology across the region.

Press Release: AEEU welcomes "excellent first step" of EU Livestock Strategy Announcement

Agroecology Europe (AEEU) welcomes that the European Commission 2026 Work Programme will develop a livestock strategy and is meeting the members of the European Commission's Livestock Workstream to present our views on how to make the sector more sustainable, competitive, and just, in line with our position published in June 2025.

Fact Sheet: The Impact of Agroecology on Climate Change

A pioneering new study crunches the data to compare the impact that agroecology has on climate change. The team of researchers, including AEEU president Alexander Wezel and AEEU board member Paolo Barberi, measure the positive and negative climate impacts of combined agroecological practices compared to conventional farming.

Fact Sheet: Agroecology in Relation to the Convention on Biological Diversity

AEEU has already published a factsheet on the impact of agroecology on biodiversity, but in this paper we show how the core aspects of agroecology intersect with and can address the targets contained within the Convention on Biological Diversity.

Over the next two pages we'll bring updates from two of our Brussels team, **Matteo** and **Vincent**. In the next newsletter you'll learn about the final **HuMUS** and **Path2DEA** conferences with **Anna** and **Vincent.** You will also be able to read of the activities of **Grazia** and **Henriette**, the other members of the Brussels team, as well as meeting our new press officer **Robin**.

Highlights from Brussels

with **Matteo Metta**

Agroecology supports Biodiversity at all levels

Since last summer, Agroecology Europe (AEEU) has been actively engaged in **advancing biodiversity across science, policy, and social movements**. For us, biodiversity in agroecology means tangible work on pollinators, soil health, and nature restoration; not just concepts, but practical realities.

Our work on livestock has made this particularly concrete. Livestock sits at the crossroads of many sustainability challenges and solutions. The European Commission is expected to publish a **comprehensive livestock strategy** by Q2 2026, and on 23 October, AEEU had the opportunity to present its vision for a fair and just livestock transition in various expert groups. We will continue to work to share our experiences and recommendations hoping that the livestock strategy will include a pathway on agroecology.

We believe that **agroecology offers a wealth of applied practices** ready for policy integration, such as:

- Territorial and individual agroecological biodigesters, ensuring true circularity without food–feed competition;
- Rotational grazing, improving animal welfare while reducing farm costs;
- Collective territorial assets like local slaughterhouses, food processing equipment, and food safety training;
- Genetic diversity strengthens animal welfare, competitiveness, and resilience.

In parallel, AEEU also contributed to discussions at the European Economic and Social Committee on the implementation of the Nature Restoration Regulation. Our message was clear: agroecology, alongside organic farming and agroforestry, can play a central role in meeting restoration targets.

Nature restoration is not just about pollinators, butterflies, or soil health. It is a precondition for **generational renewal** in agriculture.

Unfortunately, the recently published Generational Renewal Strategy from the Commission makes no reference to nature restoration. It does, however, make positive reference to agroecology, which can indeed provide the missing link: offering both ecological resilience and social renewal for future generations of farmers.

Agroecology Europe: An Active Voice on the European Board on Agriculture and Food

AEEU was among the 30 stakeholders that were selected to join the European Board of Agriculture and Food (EBAF) at the beginning of 2025. EBAF is a strategic advisory body supporting decisions that shape the future for EU farmers, food systems, and rural communities. Despite questions raised by some EBAF members regarding its added value, overlaps, and alignment with existing mandates, Agroecology Europe remains firmly committed to contributing its expertise and perspectives on this important platform.

AEEU was represented at the beginning of the year by its staff members, but at the fourth meeting of EBAF, AEEU was represented by board member Caterina Batello. Agroecology Europe participated in the EBAF meeting on 30 September, which provided an opportunity to bring the principles of agroecology into key discussions on simplification, livestock, food safety, digitalisation, competitiveness, and food dialogues.

Stay tuned for European policy updates, and don't hesitate to contact our Policy Manager Dr. Matteo Metta (matteo.metta@aeeu.org) for further information.

Building from Below

with **Vincent Dauby**

In preparation for 2026 and the years ahead, Agroecology Europe participated in consortium building for research projects. Competition is tight for research calls; therefore, Agroecology Europe is now part of nine **Horizon** call submissions, one **PRIMA** call, and one **CERV** call. Agroecology Europe offers its policy, network, and communication services for this kind of project.

Agroecology Europe aims to put agroecology high in the EU agenda, which it does by promoting agroecology in research projects, and by presenting, highlighting and advocating for the results of those projects.

If you'd like to **know more about the research projects of Agroecology Europe** or would like to become more involved as a member of Agroecology Europe, please contact Vincent Dauby, the Research Manager vincent.dauby@aeeu.org.

Regarding ongoing research projects, Agroecology Europe organised and coordinated a webinar on the Ethical, Legal, and Social Aspects of Digital Tools (**ELSA**) for the **Path2DEA** project. The aim was to present the concept of the **ELSA** scan and to reflect on results gathered through interviews with tech providers: a scientific paper is now being written. Agroecology Europe helped to prepare the final conference and organised science-policy meetings to present some of the results of the project to policymakers. Finally, Agroecology Europe is participating in the writing of a scientific paper about assessing digital tools for agroecology.

During the Malmo Forum, Agroecology Europe co-organised a session with **IPES-Food** on the narratives that promote technologies. Participants were asked to share their opinion on what would be an agroecological narrative and what would be the key principles for developing tools. They were also asked to share their views on the concept of 'red flags' for current digital tools for agroecology, questioning which digital tools can support agroecology, and if not, what would be the grounds for rejecting them. These results will be discussed within the **Path2DEA** project.

The **SOLO** project consortium met in Evora (Portugal) for its last meeting with stakeholders from 14 to 17 October. After having identified bottlenecks and knowledge gaps in research relating to soil, the participants are now working on the research roadmap that the EU could follow to address the identified issues.

Agroecology Europe continues the **OASIS** training with some African partners, aligned with the **URBANE** project. Agroecology Europe is now working on assessing the feedback received and finalising the training. This gathered knowledge would be useful for improving **OASIS**.

Looking ahead to Coimbra 2027

A message from the Forum for Agroecological Studies and Transitions (FAST), the organisers of the next Agroecology Europe Forum which will take place in Coimbra, Portugal, in 2027

The 5th edition of the #AEEUForum25 highlighted collaboration, integration and bold action to accelerate agroecological transitions across Europe. Under the theme "Transformation in Action" we came together with diverse stakeholders from all food system sectors to energize, strengthen and expand the European agroecology movement.

Building on this momentum, the Agroecology Europe Forum now moves from the Nordics to the Mediterranean and, in particular, the Iberian Peninsula in Coimbra, Portugal, in October 2027. With the theme “Reviving Cosmovisions” #AEEUForum2027 invites participants to reimagine the deep relationships between people, food, land, and nature & draw new agroecological pathways.

Reviving Cosmovisions speaks to an urgent need: to reconnect current agrifood systems with the ancestral, biocultural, and place-based knowledge that has long guided sustainable interactions with the natural world.

How food is produced, distributed, and consumed has always been central to people’s relationships with non-human nature and land. Across regions, communities have historically drawn from diverse Indigenous and local knowledge systems that frame humans as part of Nature, not apart from it. Yet today, homogeneous and globalized agrifood systems have disrupted these relationships. Climate change, biodiversity loss, conflicts, ecological collapse, rural-to-urban migration, and the erosion of cultural memory are generating unprecedented threats to both ecosystems and social fabrics.

Why do we need to revive cosmovisions? Because they help anchor agroecology in worldviews that treat food, land, and communities as interconnected. Bringing these perspectives back into practice offers practical guidance for rebuilding resilience, and advancing transitions that are both ecological and socially just.

Members of the Forum for Agroecological Studies and Transitions (FAST) and Marcos Lana, Secretary General of the Board of AEEU

The Coimbra Forum will highlight how Portugal is navigating its agroecological transition, showcasing innovations across practice, science, territorial regeneration, and grassroots mobilization.

It will serve as a meeting place to explore:

- Connections with Latin America and Africa, tracing shared histories, knowledge flows, and socio-ecological trajectories
- Interregional and intercultural knowledge exchange
- Science at the core of agroecological transitions, showcasing research, evidence, and innovations that inform policy and practice
- Policy dialogues, including reflections and visions ahead of the first year of the new EU CAP
- Living Labs as platforms for co-creation, experimentation, and collective learning
- Demonstration farms and territories practicing and embodying agroecological principles
- Gastronomy, food culture, and consumption, placing food not only as sustenance but as identity, memory, and relationship

We invite all practitioners, researchers, farmers, youth, policymakers, and communities to join us in Coimbra for #AEEUForum27.

Let's co-create the next chapter of agroecology in Europe, rooted in memory, shaped by knowledge, and inspired by cosmovisions.

You can connect with us at fast@uc.pt or follow our social media channels to stay updated on all news and opportunities related to the next Forum: https://www.linkedin.com/company/fast-agroecology/ & https://www.instagram.com/fast_agroecology/

Endnote from the president

“A great Autumn for Agroecology”

Important developments took place in the last weeks and months, such as the first Mediterranean Agroecology Congress, which was in Agrigento, Sicily in June. This brought together a large participation of different actors from the Mediterranean region and beyond.

Then there was the biannual Agroecology Europe Forum: this time it was held in Malmö, Sweden, in October. This was a great three-day event which gathered more than 400 participants, uniting agroecology practitioners, scientists, and members of social movements. All participants could choose between a diversity of thematic pathway sessions, field and farm visits, participation in a broad range of workshops, and listening to different keynote speeches.

The Forum was well organized by local organizers MiljöMatematik, Albaeco, SLU, and the Malmö Municipality, and supported by Agroecology Europe. Delicious and locally sourced food strengthened the power of participants as they planned to scale up and deepen agroecology.

All in all, this was a great autumn for agroecology.

Alexander Wezel, president of Agroecology Europe.

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