



Agroecology Europe Newsletter

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Welcome

Dear reader,

Thank you for being part of the Agroecology Europe community, whether as a member or as someone interested in supporting the agroecological transition.

You may notice that this newsletter looks a little different from previous editions. We are introducing a new format, which we hope will make it easier to keep up with our work. As we continue to develop it, you may see further improvements in future editions. If you would like to read our previous newsletters, you can [find them here](#).

This edition covers our activities from **January to July 2026**. During these months, Agroecology Europe has been active across policy, research, events, and community-building, while also welcoming new staff and Board members.

We hope you enjoy discovering some of the highlights from the first half of 2026, and thank you for being part of it!

Policy

The first half of 2026 has seen our advocacy for agroecology intensify in Brussels and across Europe. While the EU policy landscape remains concerning, with GMO deregulation, new free trade agreements, and continued subsidies for harmful farming practices, there are also encouraging developments:

- Agroecology remains part of the discussion on the future CAP beyond 2027, reflected in the [ENVI Committee's compromise amendments](#). Attention now turns to the AGRI Committee to help align the future CAP accordingly.
- Agroecology is explicitly recognised in the [EU Protein Action Plan](#) and several European Commission guidance documents on [agri-environmental climate policies](#) and [sustainable nutrient management](#).

Overview of key EU policies in 2026 related to Agroecology



We continue to engage across EU policy processes, through Civil Dialogue Groups, Expert Groups, and the European Board on Agriculture and Food, and other forums where the future of Europe's food and farming systems is discussed.

Below, we highlight some of our key policy work and outputs from the first half of 2026.



Position Paper on Regenerative Agriculture

Agroecology Europe supports constructive dialogue across farming approaches while highlighting the need to distinguish agroecology from regenerative agriculture and avoid risks such as greenwashing and corporate capture.

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Policy Brief on the EU Livestock Strategy, Food Resilience and Nature Restoration

Europe's livestock systems need a fundamental shift towards territorial, nature-integrated farming. Real efficiency means closing nutrient cycles, strengthening local feed systems, and addressing demand alongside production.

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- Press Release on [EU-MERCOSUR](#)
- Joint Statement against [Regenerative Greenwashing](#)
- Joint Contribution to the [EU Livestock Strategy](#)
- Press Release on the [New Livestock Strategy & Protein Plan](#)
- Joint Letter on [Animal Welfare](#)
- Statement on the [Deaths of Agricultural Workers in Calabria](#)

Research

In the first half of 2026, Agroecology Europe continued to develop its research activities through several projects and initiatives.

Within the [SOLO project](#), Agroecology Europe co-organised a webinar presenting the results of the think tank on carbon sequestration, with **Board Member Marcos Lana** highlighting the contribution of agroecology to this topic.

The [URBANE project](#) concluded in June. Agroecology Europe delivered the final session of the **OASIS training programme in the African context**, presenting feedback and recommendations for adapting the tool and integrating it into KoboToolbox.

The Association also became involved in **Phase 2** of the [Agroecology Partnership](#), contributing to the activities of several work packages. As part of this work, [Agroecology Europe travelled to Córdoba, Spain](#), to help shape the future activities of Work Package 10 on Education and Training.

In June, the [BALANCE project](#) was launched, bringing together Agroecology Europe and other partners to support the effective implementation of the **EU Nature Restoration Regulation** and contribute to the EU's objectives for sustainability and competitiveness.

As part of its growing research activities, Agroecology Europe established a **Community of Practice** to strengthen collaboration around European research and innovation. The Community has been identifying relevant EU funding opportunities, building a consortium for a joint project proposal, and organising knowledge-sharing activities. In

February, members met with an expert in EU research proposal evaluation to gain insights for strengthening future applications.

Working Groups & Networks

International Working Group

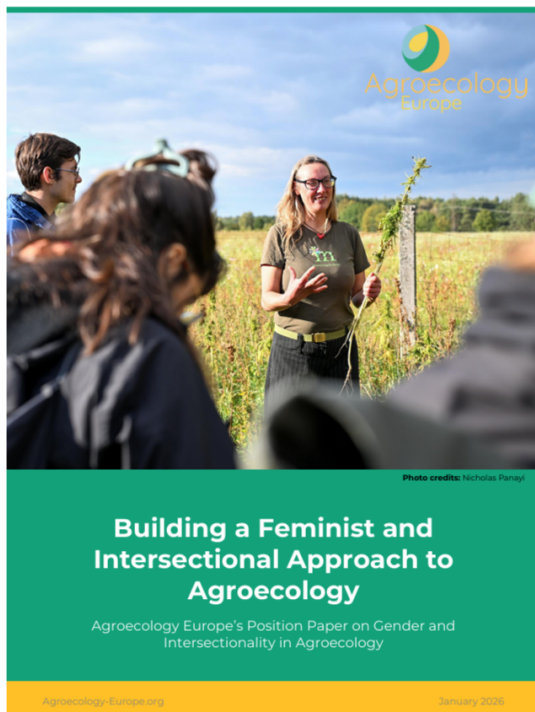
Earlier this year, Agroecology Europe launched a new **International Working Group on Agroecology** to create a space for members to exchange **monthly** on topics linked to the global advancement of agroecology.

The Working Group organised a **Members' Meeting** to discuss the **UN Declaration on the Rights of Peasants (UNDROP)** with **Geneviève Savigny**, member of the [UN Working Group on UNDROP](#).

Biodiversity Working Group

The Biodiversity Working Group held its **9th meeting**, bringing members together to discuss key developments in EU biodiversity policy. Topics included the European Commission's stress tests of the Birds and Habitats Directives, National Nature Restoration Plans, ongoing discussions around the Nature Credits framework, and future priorities for the Working Group, including soil health, pesticide reduction, and the implementation of EU environmental legislation.

Gender & Intersectionality Working Group



Position Paper on Building a Feminist and Intersectional Approach to Agroecology

The Gender and Intersectionality Working Group published a position paper exploring the links between feminism and agroecology, while highlighting the need to translate these principles into practice and integrate them across the Association's activities.

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Building on this work, the Working Group launched the **Women in Agroecology campaign** to celebrate the **International Year of the Woman Farmer** by highlighting the contributions and stories of women driving agroecological transformation. You can follow the campaign on our social media channels, and take part by [nominating an inspiring woman in agroecology here](#) or, if you are a woman working in agroecology, [share your own story here](#).

Youth Network

The Agroecology Europe Youth Network has restructured its activities, launching **monthly meetings** and focusing its work on three key areas: Policy, Territorial Groups, and Communication.

As part of its activities, the Network organised a webinar series on **Connecting Youth Networks for Agroecology, Food Sovereignty, and Social Justice in the Mediterranean Basin**.



It also organised a **participatory workshop** during the [72H Biodiversity](#) event in Scandicci, Italy, on 24 May. Bringing together 20 participants, the workshop explored and co-created new ways to strengthen agroecological approaches at the territorial level through interactive activities, collective reflection, and meaningful exchanges. Read the [workshop report](#) and watch the [full recap video here](#).

Members

The **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** is Agroecology Europe's main decision-making moment, where members review the Association's activities and finances, discuss priorities, and approve key decisions.

On **23 June 2026**, Agroecology Europe held its annual AGM. Members approved the 2025 activity report and finances, the updated 2026 budget, planned activities for the year ahead, and approved changes to the membership fee structure.

Only Agroecology Europe members can participate and vote in the AGM. To support our work and **become a member**, please visit [our website](#).

Board & Secretariat



Agroecology Europe Board 2026–2030

In March, Agroecology Europe members elected a **new Board for the 2026–2030 mandate**. The Board is composed of Alexander Wezel, Caterina Batello, Cristina Laurenti, Marcos Lana, Alexandros Tataridas, Chiara Flora Bassignana, Irene Katsaros, Jessica Donham, Lucas Sebastián Worsdell, Marie-Claire Feller, and Paola Migliorini.



Andrea Colaiacono

Administrative & Finance Officer

Carina Herlo

Communications & Press Officer

In May, Agroecology Europe welcomed two **new staff members** to its Secretariat: Andrea Colaiacono as Administrative and Finance Officer, and Carina Herlo as Communications and Press Officer.

Resources

Funding opportunities

- [Horizon Europe Call for Micro-Pilots](#)
- [COST Open Call 2026 for New COST Actions](#)

Publications

- [Agroecology: Imitating Nature with Cognitive Justice](#) - M. Pimbert
- [The Multidimensional Performance of Agroecology: What We Know and What We Are Yet to Learn](#) - Geck, M. S., Wezel, A., Diallo, A. O., Elizondo, C., Freitas, H., & Tataridas, A.

Blog articles

- [Agroecology versus Regenerative Agriculture: A Farmer's Perspective](#)
- [The Silent Revolution: Agroecology is reshaping agriculture and the food system across Europe](#)
- [Serbian Agroecology takes Centre Stage](#)
- [Moving Dependency from the Market to the Ecosystem](#)
- [I Grow Your Food, but I am not Allowed to Stay](#)

Webinars

- [Economics & Agroecology Webinar - Recording available](#)

Upcoming events

- **8 September:** Agroecology Europe Farmers' Market at the [SOLO Conference](#), Coimbra, Portugal
- **24-26 September:** [Panhellenic Agroecology Forum 2026](#), Kalamata, Greece
- **12-14 October:** In-person Board meeting, Brussels, Belgium
- **13 October:** Agroecology Europe's 10-Year Anniversary, Brussels, Belgium

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