



Keep organic farming and agroecological transitions at the heart of the CAP post-2027!

Dear members and partners of Agroecology Europe,

At the meeting of the Council of the European Union on Agriculture and Fisheries, scheduled for 26–27 October 2026 in Brussels, ministers from the 27 EU Member States are seeking to reach a provisional agreement on the Council's partial general approach to the post-2027 Common Agricultural Policy (CAP).

This agreement will shape the Council's overall position and influence the forthcoming trilogue negotiations in 2027 with the other two EU co-legislators, the European Parliament and the European Commission.

Agroecology Europe is concerned that the current draft decision, particularly the provisions on page 26 of the [Council document](#), **risks making EU support for organic farming optional, while also making new transition payments beyond organic maintenance support optional for Member States.**

"These decisions undermine a truly systemic, territorially rooted agroecological transition in the EU," says Dr Matteo Metta, Policy Manager at Agroecology Europe. "As competition from alternative private certification schemes intensifies and their standards are being fragmented or diluted in a race to the bottom, European public policies must support trusted, independent, systemic and institutionally recognised approaches that deliver public goods and drive continuous improvement. Organic farming and agroecology are essential to this ambition."

Without strong and consistent support under the next CAP, European farmers and consumers risk losing crucial policy support, while public funding could reinforce market-driven approaches that fail to deliver a broader ecological and social transition. Dr Metta adds: "Organic farming provides a trusted foundation for advancing agroecology, grounded in a long-established regulatory framework and ecological principles. It offers a recognised reference point for farmers, consumers, processors and the many other actors working towards sustainable food systems across Europe."

Prof. Paola Migliorini, Board Member of Agroecology Europe, emphasises the need for a dedicated European budget: "To support agroecology at multiple levels, EU institutions must ring-fence funding for both organic farming and the transition towards territorially grounded agroecological systems. This means

combining organic farming support with additional payments for farmers who go further in their socio-ecological practices, including the use of locally adapted breeds and traditional varieties, participation in short and direct food supply chains, landscape actions, and the maintenance and expansion of natural features across farmland.”

As European farmers struggle under the weight of overlapping crises, Agroecology Europe calls on its members and partners to mobilise at European, national and regional levels. We invite you to engage with national and regional representatives, contact relevant policymakers, and build alliances across civil society, the scientific community and the agri-food sector.

We urge European and national representatives to oppose the proposed weakening of EU-level support for organic farming and agroecological transitions, and to champion a CAP that directs public money towards public goods. The upcoming negotiations are a crucial opportunity to secure a more ambitious, coherent and equitable framework for Europe’s agroecological transition.

Together, we can help ensure that the future CAP supports farmers in delivering the environmental and societal benefits that European citizens need and deserve.

Kind regards,
Agroecology Europe