

## **Declaration of intent to join the board of Agroecology Europe in 2021**

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**NATIONALITY:** German

My main goal for Agroecology Europe is to bring together different types of stakeholders, facilitate discussions and exchanges, analyse and summaries different developments in agroecology, and promote Agroecology in Europe and elsewhere in the world.

I am an agroecologist and landscape ecologist, which dealt in the beginning of his career with various topics related to land use and resource conservation in the Tropics and Subtropics. In the last 15 years my research is focussed on analysing world-wide interpretations and definitions of agroecology and agroecological practices, as well as on different topics dealing with agroecosystems analysis and management. I particularly deal with the issues management of biodiversity, water quality, ecological corridors, and conservation biological control.

Since 2006 I work for ISARA, Lyon, France where I am leading research on agroecology and coordinating an international master programme in Agroecology. Before, he was engaged at the Universities of Hohenheim and Greifswald in Germany. I also carried out consultancies and different expertise in Germany, Belgium, The Netherlands, Slovenia and Italy, and for the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) in Rome, Italy.

I contributed significantly to the HLPE (2019) report of the Committee of World Food Security on “Agroecological approaches and other innovations for sustainable agriculture and food systems”. I am currently also coordination a European project for coordination and action (AE4EU – Agroecology for Europe), with strong involvement of Agroecology Europe, which supports the creation of a European partnership in agroecology living labs and research infrastructures.