Civil Society Statement on the Reform of European Agricultural Policies

Good Food, Good Farming – Now!

We, the undersigned organisations, believe that the European food and farming system is broken: that it is working for the interests of a few to the detriment of the majority of people, farmers, and the planet.

Europe’s food and farming system directly contributes to a wasteful use of finite global resources and damages the environment by contributing to climate change, biodiversity loss, depletion of fisheries, deforestation, soil erosion, water scarcity, as well as water and air pollution. Factory-style farming – largely dependent on imports and a major contributor to antimicrobial resistance – has been promoted at the expense of viable incomes for farmers and jobs in rural areas in Europe, as well as human rights, decent work, and livelihoods in developing countries. Farmers are facing a flawed choice between bankruptcy and further intensification. Farmers practising credible alternatives like organic and agro-ecological agriculture remain on the fringes in favour of business as usual. At the same time, high levels of undernourishment, the rapid rise in obesity and unhealthy diets are among the main causes of death and disease both in Europe and worldwide.

The EU’s Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) has contributed to this broken food and farming system through the promotion of agro-industrial farming methods and global commodity chains. In order to meet the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and its obligations under the Paris Climate Agreement, the EU must carry out a radical reform of the CAP and related policies. A fairer, more sustainable and resilient system is urgently needed. The undersigned organisations call for a major transformation of Europe’s food and farming system on the basis of the following principles:

- **Fair and diverse food and farming economies**: ensure a fair income and decent work conditions for farmers and farm workers; facilitate access to farmland for sustainable peasant farming; encourage short supply chains and sustainable public procurement policies; grant fair access to high quality products for all consumers; prevent negative impacts on people’s right to food and on the livelihoods of smallholder farmers in the global south.

- **Healthy environment and a food and farming system that respects animal welfare**: ensure the end of harmful subsidies; reward and incentivise the delivery of positive environmental and social outcomes; restore and prevent further loss of biodiversity; encourage conservation and active use of genetic diversity; ensure agricultural production is free from synthetic chemical pesticides and mineral fertilisers that harm the environment; prevent and minimise food waste throughout the food chain; halt food and feed imports linked to deforestation; ensure that animal health and welfare are effectively respected; replace the current industrial livestock system with extensive alternatives where animals are not treated as mere commodities and the balance between livestock and land capacity is ensured, while the overuse of antibiotics prevented; radically reduce emissions from farming and ensure a transition towards a resilient food and farming system.

- **Support for citizens’ health and well-being**: ensure our food and farming system fosters healthy, nutritious, seasonal, local, culturally appropriate and affordable diets; encourage lower levels of animal product consumption; raise citizens’ awareness of the impacts of consumption on their own health, on farmers, animals and the environment; prevent negative impacts of agricultural methods on the health of farmers, farm workers and rural populations.

- **A publicly accountable food system with participatory governance, citizens’ empowerment and democracy**: involve citizens in transparent decision making processes; prevent corporate capture of decision making; empower local communities to lead the transformation.

We are committed to achieving a real transition by working in partnership with farmers, citizens and policymakers. Therefore, we urge the European institutions and national policymakers to rethink the role and direction of European agriculture policies and use the principles presented above as a basis for the post-2020 Common Agricultural Policy reform process.
List of organisations supporting the statement/ March 2017

EU and International organisations
ACT Alliance EU
ActionAid
Agricultural and Rural Convention
Arche Noah
Bee Life European Beekeeping Coordination
BirdLife Europe
CEEweb for Biodiversity
ClientEarth
Climate Action Network Europe
Compassion in World Farming
Corporate Europe Observatory
Euro Coop
Eurogroup for Animals
European Coordination Via Campesina
European Environmental Bureau
European Public Health Alliance
Fair Trade Advocacy Office
Fern
FOUR PAWS / VIER PFOTEN
Friends of the Earth Europe
Greenpeace
Humane Society International/Europe
IFOAM EU – International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements EU
Pesticide Action Network Europe
Slow Food
Urgenci
WWF

Austria
BirdLife Austria
DKA Austria Hilfswerk der Katholischen Jungschar
Grüne Bäuerinnen und Bauern Österreich
Slow Food Pinzgau
Slow Food Styria
Slow Food Vorarlberg
Umweltdachverband
Welthaus Diözese Graz-Seckau

Belgium
BioForum Vlaanderen
Bond Beter Leefmilieu
Carbon Market Watch
Natagora
Natuurpunt
Oxfam-Solidarity
Slow Food Metropolitan Brussels
Slow Food Sentinelles Pays de Herve
Technifood Flower Energy
Voedsel Anders

Bulgaria
Association of Slow Food in Bulgaria
BIOSELENA Foundation for organic agriculture
BSPB/BirdLife Bulgaria
Bulgarian Organic Products Association
Europe and We
Za Zemiata - Friends of the Earth Bulgaria

Croatia
Association Kinookus

Cyprus
Friends of the Earth Cyprus
Czech Republic
- Czech Society for Ornithology/Birdlife Czech Republic
- Slow Food Palava

Denmark
- DOF / BirdLife Denmark
- NOAH Friends of the Earth Denmark
- Økologisk Landsforening / Organic Denmark
- Slow Food Odsherred
- The Danish Society for Nature Conservation

Finland
- Finnish Association for Organic Farming – Luomuliitto
- The Finnish NGDO Platform to the EU Kehys

France
- Compassion In World Farming France
- Ecologie Développement Durable Démocratie
- Fédération Nationale d’Agriculture Biologique
- Fondation Nicolas Hulot Pour La Nature Et L’Homme
- Générations Futures
- la ferme Bio de l’Estuaire
- Le Ruban Vert
- LPO France (BirdLife France)
- Mouvement d’Agriculture Biodynamique

Germany
- Bioland
- BUND - Friends of the Earth Germany
- Demeter e.V.
- Deutscher Naturschutzbund
- Die Freien Bäcker e.V.
- ECOVIN Bundesverband Ökologischer Weinbau Wormser
- Institut für Welternährung- World Food Institute eV. Berlin
- NABU Naturschutzbund Deutschland e.V.
- Naturland
- Slow Food Deutschland e. V.
- Slow Food Youth Deutschland

Greece
- ANTIGONE - Information and Documentation Center on Racism, Ecology, Peace and Non Violence
- Argos Animal Welfare Thessaloniki
- Ecological Movement of Thessaloniki
- Eptapsyhes-Nine Lives
- Hellenic Ornithological Society/BirdLife Greece
- NatureFriends Greece
- No Border Workshop
- PROSKALO
- Single Ecological Metamorphosis and Mesogeion

Hungary
- Magyar Biokultúra Szövetség
- MTVSZ/Friends of the Earth Hungary
- MME/BirdLife Hungary
- Slow Food Heves-Mátra
- Slow Food Nagykoru

Ireland
- An Taisce – The National Trust for Ireland
- BirdWatch Ireland
- Organic Trust CLG

Italy
- Aam Terra Nuova
- Apicoltura Biologica
- Associazione BioDistretto Valdichiana
- Compassion in World Farming Italy
- Consorzio della Quarantina
- DEAFAL ONG - Delegazione Europea per l’Agricoltura in Asia, Africa e America Latina
- Federazione Pro Natura
- FederBio - Italian Federation of Organic And Biodynamic Agriculture
Legambiente Onlus
Lipu - BirdLife Italy
Pesticide Action Network (PAN) Italy
Slow Food Italia
Soleterre ONLUS
Unaapi- Unione Nazionale Associazioni Apicoltori Italiani

Latvia
Latvian Fund for nature

Luxembourg
Action Solidarité Tiers Monde ASTM
Attac Luxembourg
Bio-Lêtzebuerg - Vereeneung fir Biolandwirtschaft Lêtzebuerg asbl
Caritas Luxembourg
Catholic Church in Luxembourg
Centre for Ecological Learning Luxembourg
etika Initiativ fir Alternativ Finanzéierung
Frères des Hommes
Initiativ Liewensufank asbl
Mouvement Ecologique
natur&ëmwelt a.s.b.l.
SOS FAIM
TERRA - Transition and Education for a Resilient and Regenerative Agriculture

Malta
Breeds of Origin Conservancy
Last Friday of the Month Gourmet
Slow Food Malta

Netherlands
Compassion in World Farming Nederland
Museum Geelinck
Natuurmonumenten
Slow Food Nederland

Poland
Compassion in World Farming Poland
EKOLAND Association
Forum Rolnictwa Ekologicznego
Slow Food Warsaw
Slow Food Youth Wrocław
Union of Organic Farmers of St. Francis of Assisi.

Portugal
LPN - Liga para a Protecção da Natureza
SPEA - Sociedade Portuguesa para o Estudo das Aves

Romania
Asociatia Mai bine
Fundatia ADEPT Transilvania
Romanian Center for European Policies
Slow Food Bucuresti Valahia Gusturilor
Slow Food Tara Silvania, Salaj, Romania
Slow Food Tarnava Mare

Slovakia
Agro-Eko forum
CEPTA - Centre for Sustainable Alternatives
Ekotrend Slovakia
Permakultúra SK
Raptor Protection of Slovakia
Regional Association for Nature Conservation and Sustainable Development
Slow Food Pressburg
Slow Food Youth Slovakia
SOS/BirdLife Slovakia

Slovenia
DONDES - Društvo za ohranjanje naravne dediščine Slovenije
DOPPS-BirdLife Slovenia
Inštitut za trajnostni razvoj - Institute for Sustainable Development
Movement for Sustainable Development of Slovenia – TRS
NEC Notranjska ecological centre, Cerknica
Society for conservation, research and sustainable development of the Dinaric ecosystems – Dinaricum Umanotera, The Slovenian Foundation for Sustainable Development
Zavod Svibna

Spain
Asociación Valor Ecológico, CAAE (ECOVALIA)
SEO/BirdLife
Slow Food La Selva Costa Brava Sud

Sweden
Swedish Society for Nature Conservation

United Kingdom
Friends of the Earth ENWI
Slow Food England
Slow Food in the UK
Soil Association
Sustain: the alliance for better food and farming