

Agroecology for European policies and practice

Agroecology Europe (AEEU)

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Who is Agroecology Europe

Agroecology Europe is the European association promoting the transition towards agroecology-based sustainable farming and food systems as a set of practices, a science and a movement across Europe and throughout the world, by facilitating knowledge sharing and action.

More than 300
members from 15
countries

established in 2016 to
support the agroecological
transition in Europe

aims to analyse, design, develop
and promote the transition towards
agroecology-based farming and
food systems

NGOs, Universities, Scientists,
Students, PHD students, farmers,
social movements, etc.



Intends to place agroecology
high on the EU agenda

Foster interactions between
actors in science, practice
and social movements

The 13 principles of Agroecology (HLPE, 2019)

TRANSFORMATIONAL

LEVEL 5

Build a new global food system based on participation, localness, fairness and justice

LEVEL 4

Reconnect consumers and producers through the development of alternative food networks

LEVEL 3

Redesign agroecosystems

INCREMENTAL

LEVEL 2

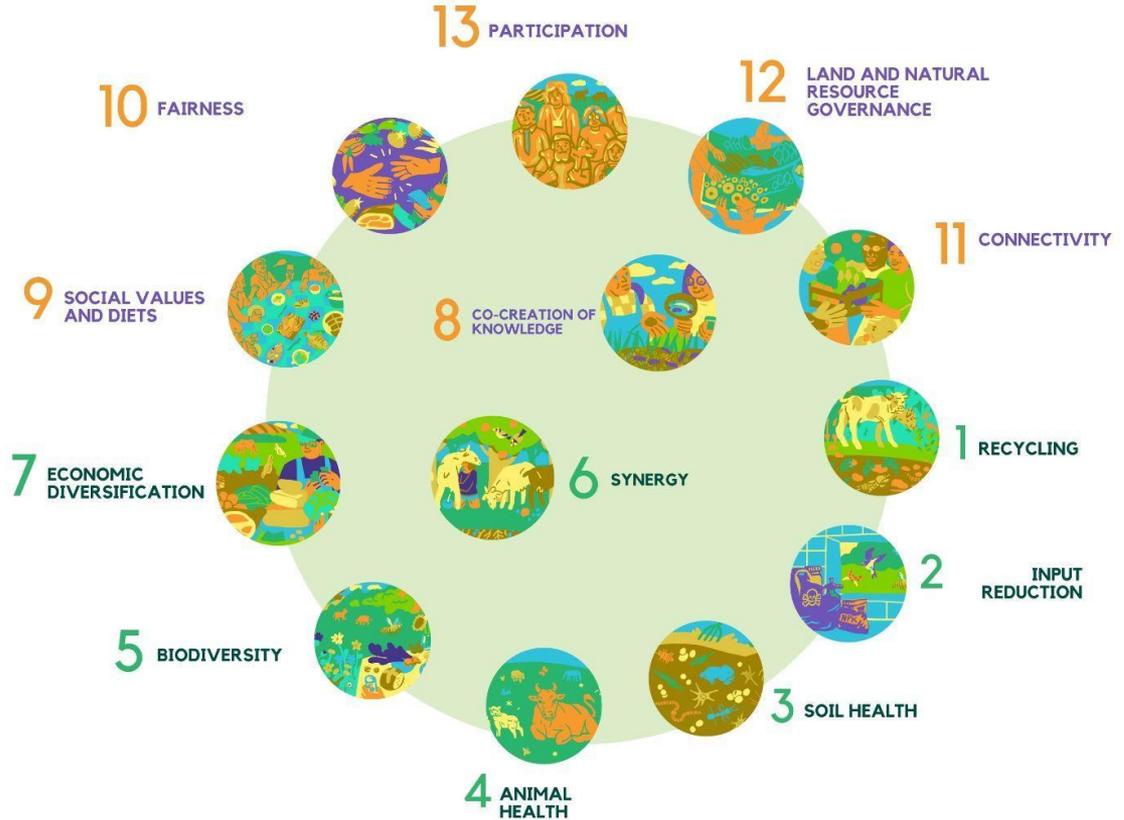
Substitute conventional inputs and practices with agroecological alternatives

LEVEL 1

Increase efficiency of input use and reduce use of costly, scarce or environmentally damaging inputs

FOOD SYSTEM

AGROECOSYSTEM



THE FIVE LEVELS OF TRANSITION TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS AND THE RELATED 13 PRINCIPLES OF AGROECOLOGY

SOURCE: GLIESSMAN (2007) AND HLPE (2019)

CAP 10 OBJECTIVES



**ENSURE
FAIR INCOME**



**INCREASE
COMPETITIVENESS**



**REBALANCE
POWER IN
FOOD CHAIN**



**CLIMATE CHANGE
ACTION**



**ENVIRONMENTAL
CARE**



**PRESERVE
LANDSCAPES &
BIODIVERSITY**



**SUPPORT
GENERATIONAL
RENEWAL**



**VIBRANT
RURAL AREAS**



**PROTECT
FOOD & HEALTH
QUALITY**



10 FAIRNESS



**7 ECONOMIC
DIVERSIFICATION**



**8 CO-CREATION
OF KNOWLEDGE**



6 SYNERGY



3 SOIL HEALTH



1 RECYCLING



2 INPUT REDUCTION



5 BIODIVERSITY



11 CONNECTIVITY



**12 LAND AND NATURAL
RESOURCE GOVERNANCE**



13 PARTICIPATION



**9 SOCIAL VALUES
AND DIETS**



4 ANIMAL HEALTH

AEEU proposals for an agroecological CAP and a long-term vision for rural areas

- **If basic subsidies are maintained, they should be paid on a full-time equivalent worker (FTE) basis and not on a hectare (or livestock head) basis anymore.**
Insuring income security to the remaining farmers' population, creating new jobs, opening new perspectives for European agriculture, new entrants and young farmers
- **Developing efficient Farm Advisory Services supporting farmers during their transition towards agroecological systems.** This could include the implementation of a training network with well-trained advisers and a network of innovative farms that could be used as “lighthouses” from which principles may radiate out to local communities.
- **Creating “Land banks” at European scale and in all Member States for facilitating young farmers and newcomers to buy or rent land on the basis of a project that is relevant and consistent with the goals of the ‘Green Deal’ and the future ‘Farm to Fork’ programme.**

AEEU proposals for an agroecological CAP



- The main part of taxpayer's money spent within the CAP should be allocated to the production of public goods, i.e. the provision of ecosystem services such as:
 - ◆ Sequestration of carbon in agricultural soils
 - ◆ The restoration of rural biodiversity
 - ◆ The development of the ecological network that structures the landscapes
- payment for result-oriented agro-environment and climate measures