

# CDG International aspects for agriculture

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# This presentation

- Presentation of Agroecology Europe
- What is Agroecology and why it is important for EU policy making?
- What needs to be done to upscale agroecology?
- How could we move on together?

# Presentation of 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

# Food system transformation level and principles



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

SOURCE: GLIESSMAN (2007) AND HLPE (2019)



# Our Networks and Partners

## Advocacy and Campaigning



**EU FOOD  
POLICY  
COALITION**

**goodfood**  
farming  
EUROPEAN DAYS OF ACTION

## Task Force Agroecology



## International Coalition



**AGROECOLOGY COALITION**

The coalition for the transformation of food systems through agroecology

## Research Interfaces

**SCAR**  
Standing Committee  
on Agricultural Research

**TPorganics**  
European Technology Platform

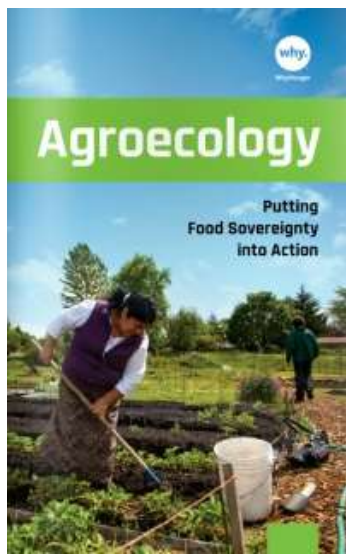
## Horizon Europe Research Project



**Agroecology :  
the way forward to insure food security in  
the short, medium and long-term and  
move towards a climate-resilient  
agriculture**







# Demand on food sovereignty, peasant farming, autonomy for the local populations



- Movement of peasants, indigenous people, farmer groups, e.g. *Via Campesina*
- Co-creation of knowledge
- Campesino-to-Campesino exchange



# Agroecological practices for food security and nutrition

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### Can agroecology improve food security and nutrition? A review

Rachel Bezner Kerr<sup>a,\*</sup>, Sidney Madsen<sup>a</sup>, Moritz Stüber<sup>b</sup>, Jeffrey Liebert<sup>c</sup>, Stephanie Enloe<sup>a</sup>,  
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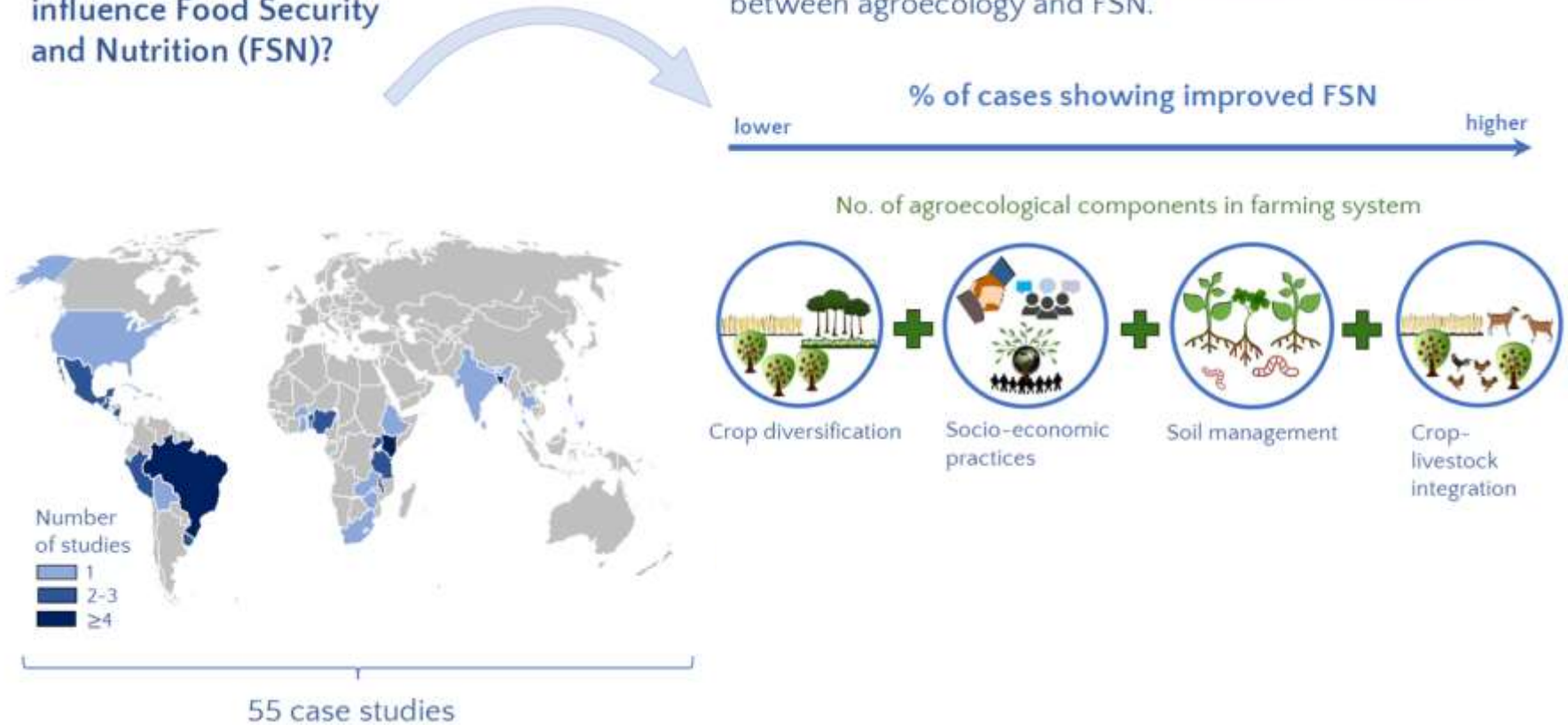
Agroecology increasingly has gained scientific and policy recognition as having potential to address environ-

(Bezner Kerr .... Wezel, 2021)



## How does agroecology influence Food Security and Nutrition (FSN)?

78% of studies found evidence of a positive relationship between agroecology and FSN.



# Climate change adaptation

## → Climate change adaptation with agroecological practices and farm resilience

**BACKGROUND PAPER**



# THE CONTRIBUTION OF AGROECOLOGICAL APPROACHES TO REALIZING CLIMATE-RESILIENT AGRICULTURE

Fergus Sinclair, Alexander Wezel, Cheikh Mbow, Susan Chomba, Valentina Robiglio, and Rhett Harrison

## Executive Summary

It is generally accepted that agriculture is a major driver of climate change as well as being acutely challenged to adapt to

(Sinclair et al. 2019. GCA report)

# The way forward Agroecology in Europe : TYFA scenario

# IDDRI

## STUDY

N°09/18 SEPTEMBER 2018

### An agroecological Europe in 2050: multifunctional agriculture for healthy eating

Findings from the Ten Years For Agroecology  
(TYFA) modelling exercise

Xavier Poux (AScA, IDDRI), Pierre-Marie Aubert (IDDRI)

With contributions from Jonathan Saulnier, Sarah Lumbroso (AScA), Sébastien Treyer, William Loveluck, Elisabeth Hege, Marie-Hélène Schwoob (IDDRI)

- The TYFA scenario (Ten Years for Agroecology) is based on **phasing out pesticides and synthetic fertilisers**, redeploing natural grasslands and extending agroecological infrastructures
- It also envisages the generalisation of **healthier diets** containing fewer animal products and more fruit and vegetables.
- This scenario **meets the food needs** of all Europeans while **maintaining production and export capacity** for cereals, dairy products and wine.
- It **reduces agricultural sector GHG emissions** by 40 % compared to 2010, **restores biodiversity and protects natural resources** (soil life, water quality, more complex trophic chains).



# Recommendations to build markets fostering agroecology



- Conduct public awareness campaigns about the benefits of agroecology and of diversified diets
- Enhance local authorities' capacity to design local policies that support agroecological markets through more direct connection between producers and consumers (particularly diversified market networks)
- Encourage public procurement from agroecological producers by adapting procurement protocols to the local realities of agroecological production and ensure that prices reflect the value added of agroecological production and ecosystem services
- Recognize Participatory Guarantee Systems as a valid means to certify organic, ecological and agroecological producers on local and domestic market
- Recognize central role of farmers and promote coherent policies to increase the number of young people in



## Time for the European Commission to:

- Agroecology has been defined in 2019 by FAO, and by the High Level Panel of Experts, Committee on World Food Security
- Consider the 13 agroecology principles to create policy consistency and a programmatic long term approach in different EU policy areas : agriculture, one health, environment, climate change, international cooperation and trade agreements
- Integrate the 13 agroecology principles within the legislative framework for sustainable food systems (SFS Law) and insure alignment with the current and new CAP

# Thank you a lot for your attention

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