

First Agroecology Europe Forum

Fostering synergies between movement, science and practice

25-27 October 2017, Lyon, France

Agroecology Europe (www.agroecology-europe.org) is an association which aims to promote agroecology in the farming and food sector and in the wider society. To move forward agroecology, the association will together with other NGOs, organise the first Agroecology Europe Forum, to take place 25-27 October at ISARA, in Lyon (France).

The **Forum** is open to all kinds of actors and intends to foster interactions between various stakeholders such as scientists, practitioners, social movements, civil society and policy makers, by facilitating knowledge sharing and common action

Duration and Location

2.5 days (half day on Friday afternoon for farm visits). Location: ISARA, Lyon (France).

Contacts

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Aim and Scope of the Forum

The First Agroecology Europe Forum intends to bring together actors from a wide horizon, who want to share their views and knowledge to design the agricultural and food systems of tomorrow. Tackling challenges related to global change, environmental issues, consumer and citizen expectations require new knowledge and progress in agroecology. Therefore, innovation is required to develop integrative approaches which bridge existing gaps, to integrate different forms of knowledge from a broad variety of stakeholders, to create new initiatives, and to formulate policy recommendations for new pathways towards sustainable agricultural and food systems.

The Forum also aims at the creation of an inclusive European community of professionals, practitioners, and more generally societal stakeholders interested in agroecology.

About the Forum

The Agroecology Europe Forum will be very interactive, combining different approaches and types of activities to stimulate discussions. The Forum aims to attract different types of

stakeholders from the three main components of agroecology: movement, science, and practice, but also policy makers. The programme will include a World Café, plenary sessions, parallel workshops, and open discussions. Posters will be exhibited during the Forum in an open space in order to facilitate networking among participants.

Programme

Sessions

Forum sessions cover general hot topics related to the promotion of Agroecology as the reference model for future sustainable agricultural and food systems in Europe and elsewhere. These topics reflect the ongoing debate around agroecological science, practice and movements. Sessions are handled by a convenor and will include (i) oral presentations, picking up the diversity of approaches to the theme, and (ii) an open general discussion. Regardless of their background, speakers will refrain from the use of jargon (scientific, technical, political) to ensure maximum sharing of ideas among all participants.

Workshops

Forum workshops – suggested by the participants – cover specific cutting-edge topics aiming at the transfer of the spirit of Agroecology into a future action plan for science, practice and movements. Workshops are handled by a convenor (the proposer) and will include (i) short oral impulses, (ii) ample time for open discussion, (iii) wrap-up with drafting of a participatory action plan. Workshop convenors will ensure maximum engagement of all participants in a collective discussion.

Posters

Propositions of posters can still be sent to Alexander Wezel (awezel@isara.fr).

Programme schedule

The Forum programme has been built up in a participatory way, upon the suggestions received by attendants.

This is a provisional programme. Some adjustments might be made for the 3rd circular.

Wednesday 25 October		Organiser
11.00-13.15	Registration	Forum Secretariat
13.15-14h00	Welcome speech, opening remarks and presentation of Forum programme	Alexander Wezel (Agroecology Europe; ISARA-Lyon, France), Stephane Bellon (Agroecology Europe; INRA SAD, France)
14.00-15.30	World café (plenary)	
Break		Organiser/Convenor of session
16.00-17.30	Session 1: Agroecology and Food Sovereignty	Janneke Bruil (Cultivate!) (NL), Sarah Schneider (Misereor)(DE), Stéphane Parmentier (Oxfam Solidarité)(BE), Stanka Becheva (Friend of the Earth)
17.30-18.45	Poster Session (including demonstrations)	
18.45	Buffet dinner	
Thursday 26 October		Organiser/Convenor of sessions or workshops
8.30-10.00	Session 2: Co-evolution of organic agriculture and agroecology	Paola Migliorini (UNISG, IFOAM AgriBioMediterraneo, Italy), Victor González (SEAE, Spain)
	Workshop 1: Land grabbing and the agrarian systems in Western Europe's family farm landscapes: can agroecology play a role?	Stephanie Domptail and Bernd Müller (University of Giessen, Germany), Daniel Mühlleitner (Germany)
	Workshop 2: Exploring agroecology principles	François Delvaux (CIDSE, Belgium)
Break		
10.30-12.00		Organiser/Convenor of sessions or workshops
	Session 3: Development of Agroecological practices	Paolo Barberi (Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa, Italy)
	Workshop 3: How transition to agroecology questions knowledge production and learning dynamics	Helene Brives (ISARA-Lyon, France), Nathalie Gerard (INRA, France), Daniele Magda (INRA, France)
	Workshop 4: Permaculture Design vs. Design in Agroecology. Same, same but different?	Immo Fiebrig (Coventry University, United Kingdom)
	To be confirmed: Workshop Seeds as Commons	Janneke Bruil (Cultivate!) (The Netherlands)
12.00-13.00		
	General Assembly	Board
	Poster session	
Lunch Break		
14.00-15.30		Organiser/Convenor of workshops
	Workshop 5: Agrobiodiversity to support agroecology	Anna-Camilla Moonen (Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa, Italy)
	Workshop 6: Towards Agroecology Territories: stakes and issues for territorial development and research	Perinne Vandenbroucke (ISARA-Lyon, France)
	Workshop 7: Young agroecologists: trajectories and professionalisation	Florian Delespesse (Froidefontaine, Belgium)
	Workshop 8: Public policies for agroecology and the CAP	Stanka Becheva (Friend of the Earth), Stéphane Parmentier (Oxfam Solidarité, Belgium)
Break		
16.00-17.30		Organiser/Convenor of workshops
	Workshop 9: Transformational Learning in Agroecology	Geir Lieblein (University of Life Sciences, NMBU, Norway)
	Workshop 10: Agroecology and Agroforestry	Maria Rosa Mosquera-Losada (European Agroforestry Federation (EURAF), Spain)
	Workshop 11: Transdisciplinary approaches to sustainable agrifood systems	Claire Lamine (INRA, Avignon, France) and Pedro Lopez-Merino
	Workshop 12: Building the narrative and making the case for agroecology	Janneke Bruil (Cultivate!) (The Netherlands), Friends of the Earth and La Via Campesina

Friday 27 October		
8.30-10.00		Organiser/Convenor of sessions or workshops
	Session 4: Making the transition	Alain Peeters (RHEA, Belgium)
	Workshop 13: Perennial Crops	Eric Sten Jensen (SLU, Sweden); Christophe David (ISARA-Lyon, France)
	Workshop 14: Digital and technological revolution in the agricultural sector: Fitting in the Agroecological approach?	Vasileios Gkissakis (Agroecologiki SP, Greece)
Break		
10.30-12.00		Organiser/Convenor of workshops
	Workshop 15 (Follow-up): Making the transition	Sabine Zikeli (University of Hohenheim, Germany)
	Workshop 16: Legumes in European cropping systems for climate change adaptation	Ralf Bloch (Leibniz Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research, ZALF, Germany)
	Workshop 17: Development of small scale agroecological entrepreneurship	Vasileios Gkissakis (Agroecologiki SP, Greece)
	Workshop 18: Rural-urban linkages in agroecology	Janneke Bruil (Cultivate!) (The Netherlands), Urgenci and RUAF
Break		
12.00-13.00	Concluding remarks Forum	
Lunch Break		
13.30-17.30	Farm and Field visits	Organiser of visits
	Visit 1: Organic horticulture and CSA system	Aurelie Ferrer (ISARA)
	Visit 2: Farmer tools construction	Fabrice Clerc (Atlier Paysanne); Josephine Peigne (ISARA)
	Visit 3: Livestock farm	Marc Moraine (ISARA)
	Visit 4: Integrated crop-livestock farm (including demonstration of the CAPSELLA participatory smartphone app for soil quality evaluation)	Jean-Francois Vian (ISARA)
	Visit 5: Markets and organic/fairetrade company	Helene Brives (ISARA)

REGISTRATION

Please register on www.agroecology-europe.org/registration/

After having completed the registration, please proceed to the payment of the Forum Fee (either by credit card or bank transfer)

The registration fee includes participation in the Forum, a copy of the Abstracts of presentations and posters (on a USB key available at the Forum), welcome drink, buffet dinner on Wednesday, and coffee breaks.

The registration fee does not include accommodation (see below for details), dinner on Thursday and participation in the Friday afternoon excursion (optional).

Fees

(AE EU = Agroecology Europe)

Early bird (before August 31)	Euro
Regular person	170
Regular person (member of AE EU)	70
Farmer	120
Farmer (member AE EU)	40
PhD student	70
PhD student (member of AE EU)	40
Student	50
Student (member of AE EU)	20

Normal registration

Regular person	200
Regular person (member of AE EU)	100
Farmer	150
Farmer (member AE EU)	70
PhD student	100
PhD student (member of AE EU)	70
Student	80
Student (member of AE EU)	50

Visits

Field visit Friday 27th October	15
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Student and PhD please send a copy of your student card or other confirmation about your status to the conference secretariat (jdjebrani@isara.fr). Farmers, please provide us with the name of your farm and the address.

Please pay the registration fee either directly via www.agroecology-europe.org/buy-your-ticket/ or via bank transfer to the following bank account:

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Account No.: 39914816000
Bank: CREDIT AGRICOLE CENTRE-EST
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3rd circular

To be released by mid-September. It will include information about the detailed final programme of sessions and workshops, and the list of posters.

Organizing committee:

For Agroecology Europe: Paolo Bàrberi (Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa, IT), Stéphane Bellon (INRA SAD, FR), Paola Migliorini (University of Gastronomic Science, IFOAM AgriBioMediterraneo, IT), Alain Peeters (RHEA, BE), Alexander Wezel (ISARA, FR, DE), Sabine Zikeli (University of Hohenheim, DE)

From other NGOs: Janneke Bruil (Cultivate! (offspring of ILEIA), NL), Sarah Schneider (Misereor, DE), Oxfam Solidarité (Stéphane Parmentier, BE), Maria Dolores Raigón, Victor González (SEAE, ES), Stanka Becheva (Friends of the Earth Europe).

The venue of the Forum

The Forum will take place in Lyon, the city of Gastronomy, with its old town centre also recognized under UNESCO World Cultural Heritage. The venue of the Forum is located at ISARA-Lyon, a French "Grande Ecole" (graduate college) specialized in agricultural, food and environmental science. ISARA is offering a wide range of Bachelor and Master level curricula in agriculture, food science, agribusiness and environmental science. At the crossroads of food, agriculture and environmental issues, ISARA also develops research activities and advisory services, mainly in agroecology and sustainable food systems.

Detailed information on how to reach ISARA is provided on www.agroecology-europe.org/where/

Accommodation

Information for some hotels can be downloaded from:

www.agroecology-europe.org/accomodations/

Be aware that Lyon is a very international city with many congresses, conferences, and events as well as quite some tourists. So book early!

Ask for special rates for the Agroecology Forum. We will try to negotiate reduces room rates with some hotels.

For students interested to stay with other students of ISARA please contact Julie Djebrani (conference secretariat): jdjebrani@isara.fr

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