

International Workshop:
Nature Friendly Farming
Transforming the CAP for nature and people

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At the beginning of the new legislature of the European Parliament NABU, BirdLife Europe and the European Environmental Bureau (EEB) invite you to a debate on nature friendly farming and the future of the Common Agriculture Policy.

The state of nature is dire: **1 Million species are facing extinction during the next decades** as recently stated in the new report of the International Panel on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES). The current loss of biodiversity is as severe as the climate crisis. Both are intertwined and threaten world food security. The intensification of farming practices is one of the main drivers of the loss of species and habitats and is one of the largest threats to agriculture itself.

The new Common Agricultural Policy must transform our current intensive agricultural farming system towards nature friendly farming and the new European Parliament has to be at the forefront. The outgoing parliament has failed to find a common position and has been deeply divided over the level of the future environmental ambition. Now, the newly elected MEPs will have to pick up this conflict and to find an answer to these questions: How will the environmental crisis affect agriculture in Europe? What different farm models can help reconcile agriculture and nature? How can European policy support these solutions?

At this critical moment, we invite you to our workshop in Brussels on the **9th September (12am to 6pm) in the Representation of the Region of North-Rhine-Westphalia (Rue Montoyer 47).**

Our event will bring together farmers, civil society and representatives of the European Institutions, who will discuss these questions and how European agriculture can achieve the transition to sustainable food systems that support nature and people.

Preliminary Agenda

11:30 Registration and Networking lunch

12:45 Welcome and introduction
Olaf Tschimpke, President of NABU

Session 1: European Farmland in Crisis

13:00 Biodiversity loss on agricultural land
Prof. Josef Settele, UFZ

13:20 Is the CAP addressing today's problems in the sector?
Prof. Harald Grethe, HU Berlin

13:40 Q&A

14:00 Coffee break

Session 2: Solutions for Nature Friendly Farming

14:30 Transition to Agro-Ecology
Alain Peeters, Agroecology Europe

14:45 Nature inclusive agriculture in the Netherlands
Alex Datema, BoerenNatuur

15:00 Integration of nature protection and rice farming in Italy
Alice Cerutti, Cascina Oschiena

15:15 Round table with Q&A

15:45 Coffee break

Session 3: From Solutions to Policy

16:15 Study launch: Analysis of the previous work on the CAP in the EP
Kaley Hart, IEEP

16:45 Panel Discussion with Members of the European Parliament, Civil Society and Farmers

18:00 Closing remarks followed by networking drinks

Simultaneous translation between English and German will be provided.

Please register under this link or by using the QR code below: bit.ly/workshop_CAP

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Workshop Venue

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