

CULTIVATING CONNECTIONS: THE MEDITERRANEAN AGRICULTURAL NETWORK

In the heart of the Mediterranean, farming systems are today called upon to respond to complex challenges: the climate crisis, biodiversity loss, and social inequalities. Agroecology not only represents a technical response, but also a cultural social, and economic vision that places the territory, shared knowledge and the dignity of agricultural work at the centre, offering solutions rooted in local lands and communities.

This Manifesto stems from a participatory process involving farms, technicians, research institutions and local communities, with the aim of building a Mediterranean agroecological network oriented toward a regenerative, fair, and sustainable agricultural model.

SHARED PRINCIPLES

- **Protection & enhancement of biodiversity** & ecosystems.
- **Promotion** of environmental, social & economic **sustainability**.
- **Safeguarding food sovereignty** of local, healthy, accessible food.
- **Strengthening the local economy** through short & fair supply chains.
- **Promote fairness & equity** in agricultural working conditions.
- **Strengthening local networks** for participation & shared knowledge.

COMMITMENTS

- ✓ **Agroecological diversification:** promote diversified production systems that integrate crop varieties, animal species, and management practices to reduce dependence on external input, safeguard natural resources, and ensure bio-diversity and resilience.
- ✓ **Ecological management / Climate resilience:** support practices to reduce pesticides and fertilizers, improve soil fertility and resource efficiency, and make farming systems more resilient to the impacts of climate change.
- ✓ **Education, training and research:** provide opportunities for learning, applied research, and consumer awareness to strengthen the link between production and conscious consumption.
- ✓ **Social equity and responsibility:** promote rights, dignity, and inclusion for agricultural workers and rural communities.
- ✓ **Agroecological network:** connecting farmers, researchers, institutions, and citizens to share knowledge and drive a community-based ecological transition.

Being part of the network means:

- ✓ Gaining visibility for your agroecological activities and practices;
- ✓ Accessing opportunities for collaboration by joining shared initiatives and innovative projects;
- ✓ Exchanging experiences and skills to enrich both professional and cultural growth;
- ✓ Giving and receiving support – technical guidance and human connection.

...and many more to come!

**Join us. Sign the Manifesto.
Help the network grow.**



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