

## EU FOOD & FARMING FORUM

### ORGANIZED BY THE INTERNATIONAL PANEL OF EXPERTS ON SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS

The [EU Food & Farming Forum](#) organized by the [International Panel of Experts on Sustainable Food Systems \(IPES-Food\)](#) will take place in Brussels (Belgium) on 29-30 May, 2018.

Since 2016, the International Panel of Experts on Sustainable Food Systems (IPES-Food) has been undertaking a [collaborative process of research and reflection to identify what tools would be required to deliver sustainable food systems in Europe](#). Based on this work, the EU Food & Farming Forum will provide a platform to collectively identify and agree on priorities for sustainable food systems reforms, bringing greater coherence between policy areas (agriculture, trade, environment, health, internal and external policies) and policy levels (EU, national, local). The Forum will define concrete proposals for a Common Food Policy to be taken up by political parties, campaign groups and lastly by the EU institutions.

The Forum will aim to capture consensus on the key principles for food systems reform in Europe and the types of actions that might be needed in line with the following the six major themes, corresponding to the six working groups at the event:

- Rebuilding agro-ecosystems to increase resource efficiency and circularity, conserve landscapes, and address climate change
- Harnessing the potential of urban food policies, city-region planning and alternative food systems
- Delivering healthy & sustainable diets for all
- Designing trade & development policies that support sustainable food systems in EU and around the world
- Ensuring accountable, participatory governance & monitoring of progress
- Building sustainable farm livelihoods and functional supply chains

The organizers hope that the Sustainable Food Scoreboard emerging from the Forum will become a key reference point for various actors in their efforts to advocate and implement food systems reform in Europe.

One of the works elaborated by IPES is the Report [From](#)



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*Uniformity to diversity: a paradigm shift from industrial agriculture to diversified agro-ecological systems*, published in June 2016 and available in the IPES food website. The Report underlines that input-intensive crop monocultures and industrial-scale feedlots must be consigned to the past in order to put global food systems onto sustainable footing. The solution is to diversify agriculture and reorient it around ecological practices, whether the starting point is either highly-industrialized agriculture or subsistence farming in the world's poorest countries.

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