

Community Supported Agriculture and access to land

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A European network of grassroots organisations securing land for agroecological farming.

The challenges in **Europe**

- **Preserving land** in agricultural use, in the face of increasing external pressures (urban sprawl, infrastructures..)
- Curtailing land concentration, to ensure the existence and viability of **small-scale farms**
- Providing **access to land** for new entrants, and thereby ensuring the renewal of farmers' generations
- Valuing better **socio-ecologic services** provided by certain forms of farming

European Network Access to Land

- **An informal network for experience sharing and visibility**
20 initiatives from 10 countries: DE, UK, FR, SP, BE, IT, RO, LIT, A, CZ
- **Bringing together** civic organisations involved in promoting land access and stewardship
- **Learning** from each other
- **Developing** common strategies for capacity-building, representation, research and communication
- **Dynamic** process

Partners

- **Belgium:** Terre-en-vue, De Landgenoten
- **Catalonia:** Xarxa de custodia del territori, Rurbans – Escola de Pastors and Terra franca
- **France:** Terre de liens
- **Germany:** Regionalwert AG, BioBoden and Kulturland e.G.
- **Italia:** AIAB- Associazione italiana per l'agricoltura biologica,, Campi aperti/ Accesso alla terra
- **Lithuania:** Viva sol
- **Romania:** Eco Ruralis
- **UK:** Soil Association, Enlightened Agriculture and Biodynamic Land Trust
- **Czech Republic:** N.P.P.
- **Austria:** NEL

Approach

- **Advising, supporting and training** farmers and future farmers, with regard to access to land options
- **Acquiring land** (raising investment and donations from the public)
- **Making agreements with landowners** in order to provide land with favourable terms to farmers
- **Strengthening relationships** between farmers and communities and developing urban/ rural solidarity
- **Raising awareness** about land use and environmental protection

CSA and access to land – Why?

- CSA and A2L are both part of the food sovereignty movement - consolidating cooperation is important!
- A2L is an issue likely to arise during the lifespan of a CSA project
- CSA is a key player in securing land for agroecology
- Toolkit for CSA movement and other interested (practical)
- Making the case (political)

CSA and access to land – the links

- CSA group starts new project and enables access to land for new farmers
- CSA group helps to maintain an organic farm (this might include purchase of new land)
- CSA networks play an important role in setting up A2L initiatives
- CSA turn prosumers into farmers
- ...

Open discussion

- Up to you....



Wishing you good steps ahead!



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