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New book on the state of agroecology in Europe

MAPPING THE DEVELOPMENT OF AGROECOLOGY IN EUROPE

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The publication of the Second Volume of *Mapping The Development of Agroecology in Europe* comes at a critical time when agriculture is high on the EU policy agenda and agroecology provides a rational, credible way forward. At the beginning of 2024, the <u>European partnership of Agroecology Living Labs and Research Infrastructures</u> was launched to support the implementation of agroecology at the European scale for enhanced sustainable agriculture and food systems development.

Agroecology is a holistic concept that embraces a diversity of interpretations, intentions, and realities dependent on the country, context, history, stakeholders, and socio-political environment. To scale up agroecology, it is critical to document and analyse its development in different contexts. This is necessary to attain larger insights into the state of play in agroecology and support its expansion and use at the policy level.



Mapping the Development of Agroecology in Europe aims to provide an overview of the reality of agroecology in different European countries. This second volume covers eleven new countries: Denmark, France, Hungary, Ireland, Moldova, the Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and the United Kingdom. This adds to the thirteen countries already mapped in <u>Volume 1</u> of the country report series.

This second volume of the country reports series enlarges the documentation, analysis, and development of agroecology in Europe and provides examples of implementation in different countries. Moreover, it provides an overview of the current state of agroecology in each country and the barriers and perspectives for the future development of agroecology in Europe.

Diverse visions, definitions, and uses of the concept of agroecology exist in different countries, but a gradual convergence can be observed. This volume illustrates what needs to happen for the development of agroecology in Europe. Yet more countries are being mapped for the following volumes of this series to give broad analysis and enhanced insights for the future development of agroecology in Europe.

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Volume 2 of "Mapping Agroecology Development in Europe" is available on the <u>AE4EU website</u> as an open-access e-book or directly on <u>Zenodo</u>.

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