

PROGRAMME AT FEST DER AGRARWENDE 2026

TALKS (IN THE GREAT HALL)

Moderation: Nelia Häuser and Mia Mancini, Good Food Good Farming (GFGF)

15:30 **Welcome** on behalf of the Heinrich Böll Foundation and Meine Landwirtschaft/Wir haben es satt!

Taking a stand through organisation – how young environmental voices are becoming politically effective

This contribution shows how youth organisations in organic farming are repositioning themselves, networking, actively shaping policy and thus taking a stand together. Nationally and internationally.

Lennart Bertels, Junges Bioland e.V. - German

What is going wrong in global water policy?

Profit interests and a lack of civil society participation are further fueling the water crisis. Pedro Arrojo Agudo, UN Special Rapporteur on the human right to water (Videobotschaft) - Englisch

Introducing ELAN (Emancipatory Agriculture Network)

ELAN is an autonomous network of and for FLINTA* individuals from various fields related to agricultural work. Since 2019, we have been coming together to network, exchange ideas and strengthen each other. Many of us work in agriculture in practical and/or theoretical capacities – often in ways that are not very visible, but which are central to a just agricultural transition.

In the UN Year of Women in Agriculture 2026, we would like to present ELAN in a short, collective contribution and highlight why solidarity-based networking among FLINTA* people in agriculture is important.

Cressi und Malu, ELAN - German

Magazine Queere Landlust

Queere Landlust is a magazine, self-published and funded by donations, which aims to connect and raise awareness of queer life and work in rural areas and agriculture.

Heike Bernhardt, Queere Landlust - German

16:00 **The reality behind the scenes at Solawi Waldgarten – Why YOU are needed for a transformation of our food system**

Do you want to be part of a positive change? Solawi, as an alternative supply structure, thrives on people who get involved. With a year's experience on the farm, I want to show you how easy it is for YOU to be part of the food transformation.

Nicole Schiwietz, Solawi Waldgarten

Action days against Fruit Logistica - We grow from below!

On 5 February, we will demonstrate our opposition in front of the Berlin Exhibition Centre, and on 6 February, we will denounce the global agro-industrial agricultural system behind Fruit Logistica in a People's Tribunal!
Lauren, Fight Fruit Logistica - German

New report on food poverty interventions in Europe

Lebensmittelarmut wird oft als ein weit entferntes Problem betrachtet, obwohl sie selbst in EU-Ländern eine strukturelle Realität ist. EStà präsentiert seinen neuen Bericht zu diesem Thema, der in Zusammenarbeit mit der Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung entstanden ist, und erinnert daran, dass es bei der Bekämpfung der Lebensmittelarmut um soziale Gerechtigkeit und nicht nur um Solidarität geht.

Bianca Minotti, PhD

Expert in food system policy and governance, EStà (Videobotschaft) - English

Womens empowerment

Julie Cissé, Managing Director of the Senegalese women's organisation GIPS/WAR

Prevent genetic engineering deregulation!

Judith Duesberg, Genethisches Netzwerk - German

16:30 Starting the Movement "Raus aufs Land"

Oliver Junker-Matthes, Bäläkä - German

Palestinian Sheep Dairy Cooperative

Mohammad Odeh, Palestinian Sheep Dairy Cooperative, (Video) – Arabic

Commitment of migrant associations to the food transition

Yeşil Çember - German

Report from the third Nyéléni Global Forum

Farmers, indigenous peoples, pastoralists, fishers, feminist movements, youth, workers and activists from all continents have come together for the 3rd Nyéléni Global Forum to renew the global struggle for justice, dignity and life.

Paula Gioia, Arbeitsgemeinschaft bäuerliche Landwirtschaft (AbL), La Via Campesina - German

Animal welfare labelling now!

Why we need mandatory animal welfare labelling – and why it has been blocked for decades.

Millvina Pitz, PROVIEH e.V.; Matthias Lambrecht, Greenpeace - German

17:00 Singing plants - Cassis B Staudt

Early end to federal programme for restructuring animal husbandry unacceptable

The federal programme for the restructuring of animal husbandry was terminated prematurely at the end of August 2025 by Federal Minister of Agriculture Alois Rainer. It was intended to promote the conversion of livestock housing and the ongoing additional

costs of more species-appropriate animal husbandry. The AbL intends to take action against this.

Christoph Dahlmann, AbL – German

Becoming a landowner for cooperative self-sufficiency – practical example: PlantAge eG

PlantAge eG brings together 1,400 members who run a cooperative vegetable farm in Frankfurt (Oder). Crowdfunding will continue until January 2026.

Frederik Henn, PlantAge – German

Future-proof agriculture needs solidarity

Even in its 15th year, the Community Supported Agriculture network still has some way to go to achieve its goal of 'a community-supported farm in every village'. What makes community-supported agriculture special? How can we support it? What do you need to become a community-supported farmer? And what does the community-supported agriculture movement look like worldwide?

Netzwerk Solidarische Landwirtschaft – German

17:30 Land, dignity and justice – agricultural cooperatives resisting the palm oil industry

In the Aguán Valley in Honduras, farming cooperatives are resisting palm oil companies despite violence and displacement. They are demanding their land back, organising themselves and also making use of the German Supply Chain Act. Christliche Initiative Romero e.V. (CIR), Film

Food is a human right for everyone!

Kick-off for the European Citizens' Initiative

WHES, FIAN, Aktion gegen Hunger, CI Romero und Good Food Good Farming - German

With agroecology into the future

Our food system is facing multiple crises. But there are ways out: agroecology works when participation and clear legal frameworks work together. This leads to specific demands: greater political priority, better opportunities for co-determination and public funding for fair and resilient food systems.

Tina Marie Jahn, INKOTA und Jan Dreier, FIAN - German

Buzuruna Juzuruna

Presentation of the initiative on agroecology and seeds

Serge Harfouche (Video) – English

18:00 BaumLand - Trees and hedges for the fields

BaumLand is a nationwide initiative promoting more hedges, trees and agroforestry. We combine expertise, farming practices and political work to establish woody plants as climate infrastructure in agriculture and agricultural policy.

Florian Fassbinder, BaumLand - German

The future needs pasture!

Sustainable grazing is key to protecting our natural resources: especially in light of the climate crisis and species extinction, pastures promote biodiversity, bind CO₂ in the soil and preserve diverse cultural landscapes.

Alisha Dormanns, Aktion Agrar - German

Dimbaya (The GREAT FAMILY): Decolonial Agroecology for Food Sovereignty & Youth Employment in The Gambia
Alagie Jinkang, Activist-Scholar - English

Naturstation Kirchmöser

In addition to protecting wild bees, we are committed to preserving agrobiodiversity – from participating in scientific experiments on bean cultivation and cooperating with VERN to planting rare and endangered fruit trees.

Irina Mann, Kleingartenverein Bergfrieden e.V. - German

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WORKSHOPS

16:00 Who controls access to water?

Water is a human right, but it is scarce and unevenly distributed worldwide. Profit-oriented use, especially by industrial agriculture and biomass cultivation, deprives smallholder farms, particularly in the Global South, of vital water resources, while climate change and environmental pollution exacerbate water stress. The panel will therefore discuss necessary frame-conditions for equitable water governance and sustainable conflict resolution mechanisms to provide for the human right to water and to make food systems crisis-resilient.

Julie Mathes, Junge Arbeitsgemeinschaft bäuerliche Landwirtschaft (jAbL), Deutschland
Malih Ole Kaunga, Indigenous Movement for Peace Advancement and Conflict Transformation (IMPACT), Kenia
Dinesh Suna, Ecumenical Water Network (EWN), Schweiz
Moderation: Dr. Ingrid Jacobsen, Brot für die Welt
Language: English; Organised by Forum Umwelt und Entwicklung

17:00 Prevent genetic engineering deregulation!

The current rules on genetic engineering, including labelling of end products, environmental risk assessments and restrictions on patents, are now under threat. The law is set to be passed by the European Parliament in February or March. This is our chance to prevent this attack on the European precautionary principle and consumer protection. What is the current situation and what can we do now?

Barbara Endrass, Arbeitsgemeinschaft bäuerliche Landwirtschaft (AbL)

Judith Duesberg, Gen-ethisches Netzwerk (GeN)

Sinay Gandenberger, Bund Ökologische Lebensmittelwirtschaft (BÖLW)

Language: German

18:00

'Food is a human right for all!' - Information and exchange on the European Citizens' Initiative

Initiative

In this workshop, we will present the European Citizens' Initiative (ECI) 'Food is a human right for all'. The aim of the campaign is to collect one million valid signatures for a fair agricultural transition and the protection of the right to food in the calendar year 2026.

We will present the milestones and explain how the initiative can be supported. A significant part of the workshop will be devoted to structural networking. We want to see which organisations can contribute support throughout the year. The workshop also provides a framework for coordinating actions and effectively pooling existing resources. Vertreter*innen von Wir haben es satt!, FIAN, Aktion gegen Hunger, CI Romero und Good Food Good Farming sein, die bereits in der Kampagne involviert sind.

Language: German

EXCHANGE IN THE FOYER

16:00

Fairness in the food chain – what exactly does that mean and how can we achieve it?

Freddy works on a vegetable farm and reports directly from the field on how market power is shifting risk to suppliers. Reinhild is also a farmer, but has been working for many years as an agricultural expert for environmental organisations, currently at Deutsche Umwelthilfe (DUH). Both report on the struggles against corporations, on progress and loopholes. They present scientific analyses and data that will enable you to take a whole new look at your next visit to the supermarket...

Frederik Henn, PlanAge; Reinhild Benning, Deutsche Umwelthilfe

Language: German

16:45

How can I demonstrate my commitment to systemic change in agriculture in my everyday life – demonstrating commitment through networking

Let's find out together in an open discussion. We want your ideas and your participation. In addition, we will introduce ourselves as the newly founded OV jAbL Bavaria.

Tristan Billmann und junge Arbeitsgemeinschaft bäuerliche Landwirtschaft (jAbL) Bayern

Language: German

17:30

Solar energy in the fields – what is needed for a soil-friendly energy transition?

We want to move away from fossil fuels – that's why we need the energy transition. At the same time, the expansion of solar energy in the context of an increasingly concentrated land market is also contributing to an increase in lease prices. How can we ensure that the energy transition does not come at the expense of diverse, rural agriculture?

Together with our speaker from the green energy sector, we will discuss possible criteria for land allocation and look at what is currently standing in the way of a land-friendly energy transition.

MOVIES

16:00 **Pickers**

There are over two million migrant workers in agriculture in Europe. They are an essential part of our food system. However, this work often leads to modern slavery: unacceptable working and living conditions, wages below the minimum wage, inadequate access to healthcare and the violation of their fundamental freedoms and human rights.

Original version with Spanish and Arabic audio, with English subtitles

Film discussion with Kateryna Danilova, IFA, and Lena Luig, Heinrich Böll Foundation

17:15 **Toxic Harvest**

Toxic Harvest shows the devastating consequences of highly dangerous pesticides in South Africa. The film shows how these chemicals pollute soil, water and food – with serious consequences for people and the environment. It focuses on the life stories of farm workers who are exposed to toxic substances on a daily basis. They are courageously fighting against an unjust and exploitative system.

Original version with English and Afrikaans audio and German subtitles

Film discussion with Jan Urhahn, executive producer, and Lena Luig, Heinrich Böll Foundation

EXHIBITIONS AND INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES

CIRQUE DU SOIL

An interactive exhibition about food production.

PIG FOR PIG

In 2021, 50,000 pigs died in a major fire at Europe's largest piglet breeding facility in Alt Tellin, Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania. In the artistic-political campaign *Schwein für Schwein* (Pig for Pig), you can help us model a pig out of clay for every pig that died in agony.