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Event | 17.10.2013

Feeding Europe in times of crisis

Towards a more resilient food system

CONFERENCE DOCUMENTATION

- WATCH THE RECORDED VIDEO STREAM OF THE CONFERENCE
- Download the study (in French) Nourrir l'Europe en temps de crise Vers des systèmes alimentaires résilients

The Greens/EFA group is organising a conference on the theme: "Feeding Europe in times of crisis." In the coming years, Europe is likely to suffer significant systemic shocks and face a very unstable climate. The shocks are not only financial and economic, they are also social, and concern energy, climate and ecosystem. Under these conditions, we need to rethink the issue of food security in Europe, without focusing solely on agricultural production, but on all food systems (distribution, processing, storage, consumer research, trade). How to produce enough food with less fossil energy? How to secure the supply of cities? Why encourage short supply chains? How to produce food while restoring ecosystems and protecting the climate?

The first part of the conference will present the study "Feeding Europe in times of crisis" and ways to build resilient food systems. In the second part, the speakers will address the various policy responses at European and local level.

15h00

Introduction

Yves Cochet, Greens/EFA MEP (France)

15h10 - 15h30

Presentation of the study "Feeding Europe in times of crisis" Pablo Servigne, agronomist

15h30 - 16h45

1st Roundtable: Building resilient food systems

Moderation: Agnès Sinai, Journalist

- Azul Valerie Thome, fondatrice de Food from the sky (UK)
- Jean-Pierre de Leener, agriculteur bio
- Perrine Hervé Gruyer, Ferme du Bec- Hellouin (France)
- Bart Staes, Greens/EFA MEP (Belgium)

16h45 - 18h00

Second roundtable: What policy responses?

Moderation: Agnès Sinai, Journalist

- Olivier de Schutter, UN Special Rapporteur for the Right to Food
- Evelyne Huytebroek, Environment and Energy Minister in the government of the Bruxelles-Capitale Region
- Notis Lebessis, representative of DG AGRI
- Martin Häusling, Greens/EFA MEP (Germany), Member of the Commission Agriculture and Rural Development

Conclusion

Nikos Chrysogelos, Greens/EFA MEP (Greece)

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