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Abstract

Seven potential controversial topics in agroecology are presented and discussed from a European perspective. Agroecology Europe (AEEU) obtained from an iterative, participatory approach with members and comparisons including views from other parts of the world. The seven controversial topics are as follows: i) use of agroecology versus peasant farming versus larger farms; ii) technological innovations in agriculture and precision farming; iii) engineering in agriculture; iv) local and short food circuits; v) social justice; vi) gender perspective. The article presents a diverse range of points of view related to geographical area and sociopolitical contexts. However, there are several common points to redesign farming and food systems, as a lever acting on several topics, and in considering agroecology as a multiactor approach for the needed transition.

Keywords

Agroecological practices, agroecological principles, participatory multiactor approach, transition to sustainable

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