

Joint recommendations on the development of the NRR plans

The following stakeholders (list below) request the EU Member States authorities in charge of the development of the national 'Nature Restoration Plans' to:

- 1) Explicitly **recognise the key contribution** of organic, agroecological farming, and agroforestry practices among the measures to restore and increase the resilience of agricultural ecosystems in the context of the Nature Restoration Regulation (NRR). Specifically, their role in contributing to the NRR objectives of rehabilitating pollinators, butterflies and biodiversity in general;
- 2) **Harmonise metrics** of already existing legislation (e.g. CAP) with the NRR metrics, such as the definition of 'landscape features';
- 3) **Highlight the relevance** of increased farming independence from external inputs in ensuring both high environmental standards and competitive farms across the different biogeographic regions of Europe;
- 4) **Adopt a landscape-level approach** that leverages the role of [high-diversity] landscape features—such as agroforestry systems, hedgerows, and buffer strips—in enhancing the health of both agricultural and forest land. Such an approach is crucial for building natural resistance against pests and pathogens by supporting natural enemy populations and improving ecological connectivity across landscapes.
- 5) **Increasing data interoperability** (relying on parcel-level information) in view of ensuring coherence across policy objectives while further encouraging the transition towards organic farming and agroecological production systems.

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6) **Ensure that the transition payments** as part of the post-2027 CAP prioritise organic farming, practices based on agroecology and agroforestry to contribute to the provision of public goods, essential for nature protection and restoration in EU agricultural ecosystems (particularly by avoiding the use of synthetic pesticides through integrated pest management, establishment/management of landscape features, crop rotation, buffer strips, etc.) and towards the objectives of the Nature Restoration Regulation (NRR).

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