

# ENAF essentials

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- Contributing to agroecological transformation of farming and food systems in Europe
- Complementing 'top-down' initiatives with 'bottom-up' energy, motivation and capacities



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# Program for today

Before a brief break

- The **essence of ENAF**
- Taking agroecology to the next level in Europe by **Pablo Tittone**
- **Artistic expressions**
- ENAF and **East-West conversations** on agroecology and its potential to transform our food systems by Attila Szocs and Jesse Donham
- Experiences from a Dutch **Agroecology transformation living lab** by Klarien Klingen

After the brief break

- **Interactive sessions** with breakout rooms
- **“Shifting gear”**
- **Sharing** from the different breakout rooms
- Teaser on **Agroecology Knowledge hub**
- **Next steps** of ENAF and options for joining
- **Open floor** for direct feedback
- Closing

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- **BREAK**



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# Vision ENAF

to see people across Europe enjoying all the good that comes with food systems that are grounded in the principles of agroecology since they will be environmentally conscious, socially just and economically fair.



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# Background and mission

Emerged from an interactive and co-creative process that took place in 2022 to create a ‘network of networks’ (NofN) to support agroecological transformations of European food systems.

## Mission

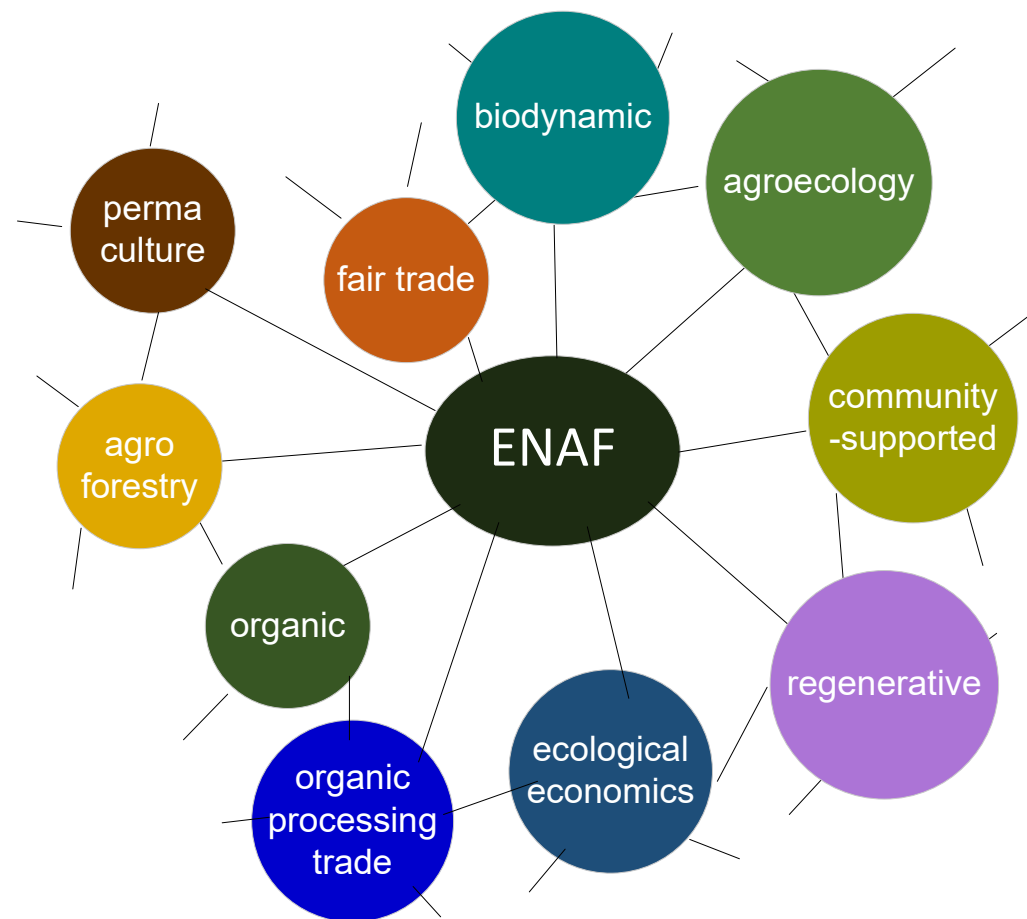
- To activate the combined potential and capabilities of existing national and European networks to be able to contribute more effectively across sectors to agroecological transformations of agricultural and food systems in Europe.

Remains a ‘network of networks’ that focuses not on connecting individual organisations, but on connecting existing **networks and associations**.



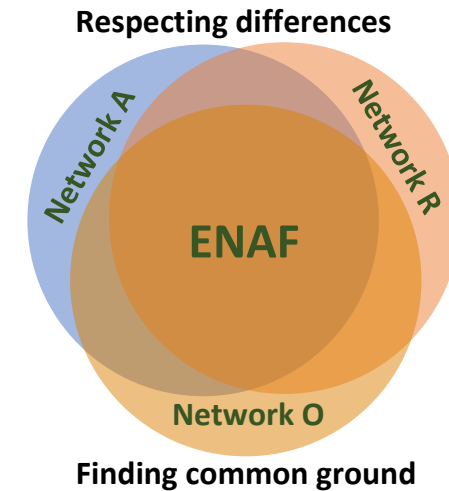
# Purpose and value proposition

- Promote agroecology as an **integrated food system approach** that addresses fragmentation of food system networks.
- Address the disconnect between **top-down and bottom-up**, farmer/grassroots orientations of policies and agendas.
- Create opportunities for a stronger, combined **voice and influence** in relation to policy and research agendas.
- Complement what participating networks are already doing by creating **synergies and supporting** shared efforts so that the efficacy of their work is enhanced.
- Help **ideas to spread** more rapidly across national boundaries, thus supporting local innovation.



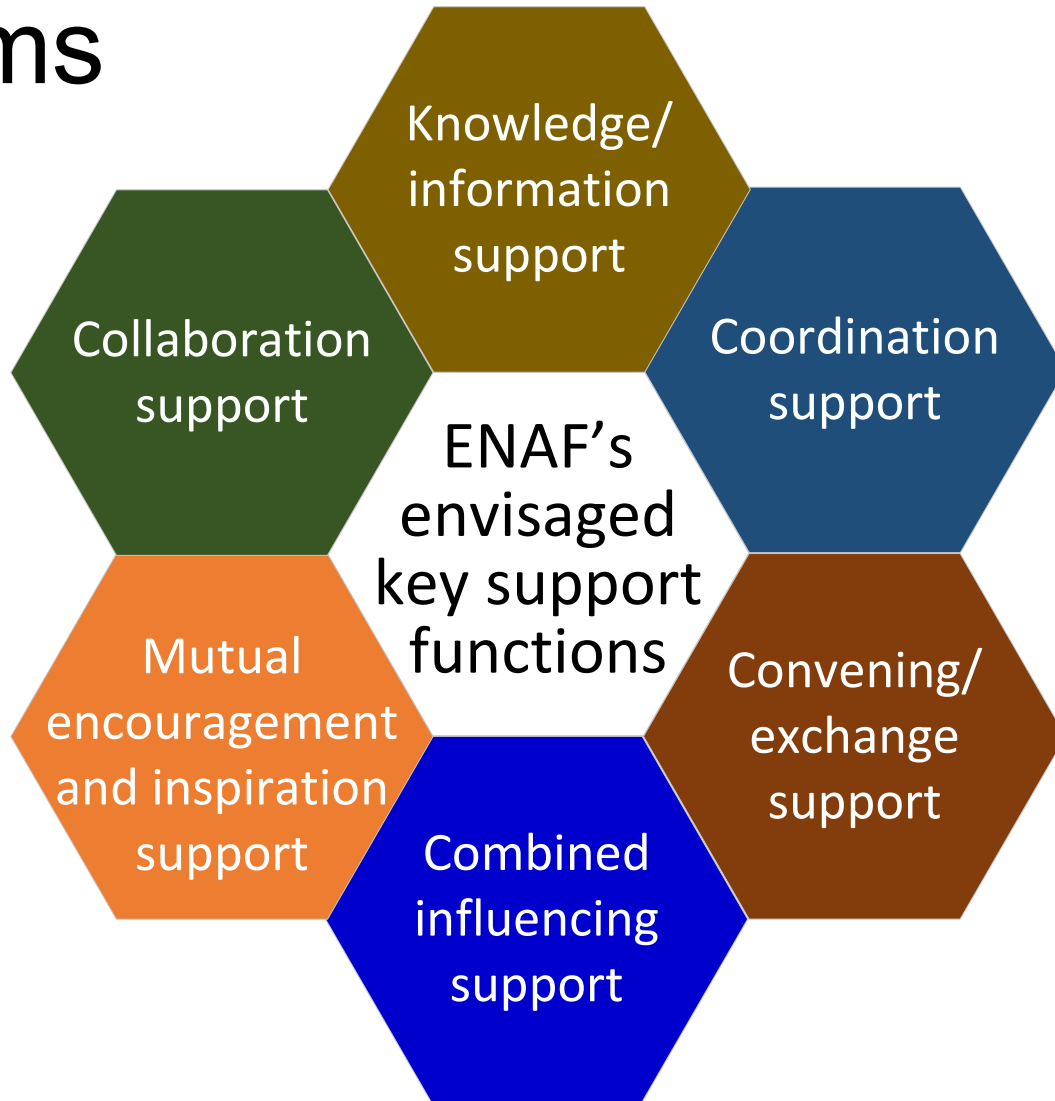
# Orientation

- Acknowledging the agroecological **principles** as guiding principles.
- The **voice** of agroecological food producers all over Europe being central (bottom-up).
- **Add value**, not compete with existing networks, associations, and initiatives.
- Focus on **common ground** as participating networks and associations.
- **Relationship** building across Europe, notably including Eastern Europe.





# Aims



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# Plan for 2023

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- Fully establish ENAF (legally), thus enabling a membership setup
- Organizing various activities
- Secure host(s) and initial funding for continuation into 2024
- Live event and handover in November 2023





More on the next steps for ENAF  
later this afternoon



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# Breakout rooms

## Room 1 and room 2:

Exchanging advice on what would be the appropriate **focus and priorities for ENAF**.

## Room 3:

**Explore ways to interact** and potential ways to **collaborate** with **EU** initiatives and organisations.



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