



Prioritizing the above mentioned issues in the debate and discussion on the future of the CAP is only the beginning. As citizens and as consumers, we have a responsibility to demand changes in public policies that may be currently hindering, rather than stimulating, the changes we want to see.

Help us campaign for the CAP we envision. You can do this by 'liking' our facebook page; asking local policy-makers to debate the CAP with local youth; organizing events in your community; and by signing our petition for a cleaner, fairer, healthier and better CAP on the website, where you can also find more information:

www.cap2013.org | info@cap2013.org

Help us create the global food system we want our children to inherit.

The **Youth Food Movement** is an international network of young farmers, cooks, artisans, activists and students that are actively changing the future of food and farming | www.youthfoodmovement.net

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Food For Change





New Generations, New CAP

In 2013 the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) will be reformed. The CAP has proven to be a strong and successful policy instrument in creating European food security in the past. However, it does not fit the challenges we face now and in the near future. That is why we, young Europeans, are launching the campaign **CAP 2013: Food for Change**.

We are aiming to get young people from across Europe involved in the discussion about our future agricultural policy. The main goal of our CAP 2013 campaign is to start asking the right questions and to stimulate a critical debate that will lead to answers and innovative solutions that will help change the CAP in a positive way.

Asking the right questions on the future of the CAP is difficult, and there are no easy answers. Yet, we believe that the reformed policy should present a new vision of our food system. The CAP reform is an opportunity for citizens across Europe to rethink the current production, distribution and consumption of our food.

To launch our campaign, we propose that the following issues must be given priority in any future scenario.

SUSTAINABILITY
INNOVATION
YOUNG PEOPLE
SCALE
MEAT & DAIRY



SUSTAINABILITY • Instead of a single focus on economic objectives, the new CAP should take environmental sustainability as its core value. In our view, the CAP should form the cornerstone of a food system that produces sufficient amounts of healthy food, while protecting or regenerating the environment rather than degrading it.

INNOVATION • Research must be done to understand how traditional knowledge and modern techniques can be integrated to develop innovative environmentally friendly agricultural practices. We can do this by funding projects to research alternative production methods such as agroecology, agroforestry, saline agriculture and permaculture.

YOUNG PEOPLE • A new CAP should invest in getting young people involved in food production and assist them to build

a strong network connecting rural and urban communities. The policy should allocate money to training programs that allow young farmers to adopt innovative and environmentally friendly agricultural techniques.

SCALE • Allowing a good balance between small, medium and large scale production through differentiated measures and ensuring that small-scale producers do not pay the price of tighter regulations designed mainly for large-scale producers.

MEAT AND DAIRY • A new CAP needs to address problems related to the production of meat and dairy. The reformed policy should start allocating fewer funds to the European meat and dairy production sectors, and contribute to the transition from the production of animal to vegetable proteins.