SHARED VISION FOR THE EUROPEAN AGRIFOOD SYSTEM

As agreed upon by 150 participants from the European ecosystem of regenerative agriculture from 18 countries during the 2nd Climate Farming Conference, co-organised by Akademie Schloss Kirchberg & Climate, 25.-27.10.2022

“We envision an agrifood system centred on reverence for life. Life is understood as health for all beings on personal, communal and ecosystem levels. - for humans, animals, plants, soils and ecosystems alike. Life is present today and for generations to come.

Understanding natural dynamics and their stewardship is deeply embedded in our society, from early childhood education to how every member of society relates to our health and nature. We therefore understand the imperative of diverse voices, from ancestors to women, indigenous groups to representatives of future generations. We allow inclusive dialogues to heal us.

Food production includes all phases of ecosystem succession in a context-appropriate way. We treasure diversity as a central element without the need for a “regenerative” label. Creating dependence, fragility and exploiting vital resources of the future is recognised as the absurdity it is, rather than the norm. Access to land is not a question of wealth but proven stewardship for the benefit of the whole.

The agrifood web comprises mutually beneficial relationships and distributes benefits, risks and information among all stakeholders. Food communities are as localised as possible to enhance empathy and connection. Healthy food is accessible to all.

Farmers, as stewards of key processes that sustain healthy societies, receive the recognition they deserve as food producers and as role models for how we as a society interact with our ecosystems. It’s a sought-after profession for children.”