



Taking Part in climate action to build
a **just transition** in the agro-food
and tourism sectors

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EFFAT PROJECT ON JUST TRANSITION

RETHINKING THE AGRO-FOOD AND TOURISM
SECTORS WITH A NEW SUSTAINABLE AND
SOCIAALLY INCLUSIVE VISION

NOVEMBER 2021

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

The **scope**: 3 sectors of EFFAT

- Agriculture
- Food and drink processing
- Hospitality

A precise understanding of the stakes

- Assessing how agriculture, food processing and hospitality sectors **contribute to climate change** and how climate change impacts those sectors.
- Assessing the impact of **European Policies** of those 3 sectors.
- Understanding of the impact of climate change and green transition on **jobs** and **working conditions** in the EFFAT sectors in the future.
- Identifying the **obstacles for the transition to be fair and just** (e.g. financialization of the sectors, process of concentration affecting different levels of the food chain, precarious work, power imbalances affecting most vulnerable actors, economic model...).

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

A clear vision on the objectives to reach

- Identifying clear objectives and specific drivers to achieve a **sustainable, inclusive and socially just transition in the 3 sectors.**
- Assessing what should be done to develop truly **sustainable food and farming systems with quality job creation.**
- Assessing what could be the role of **agroecology** to develop a more sustainable agriculture with quality jobs.
- Developing the concept of **sustainable tourism from a workers' perspective** and identify what role tourism can play in developing more sustainable food and farming systems.

Tools to support EFFAT actions and its affiliates

- Providing **policy recommendations** on EFFAT action at EU level taking also into account EU environmental policies such as the Green Deal, F2F Strategy and Fit for 55 package.
- Providing EFFAT Member Organizations tools to promote EFFAT demands also at **national level** before their governments.



LITERATURE REVIEW AND DESK RESEARCH

- ▶ A **literature review** and analysis covering the subject of:
 - The contribution of the agricultural, agro-industry and hospitality sectors to **GHG emissions**.
 - The impact of climate change on these sectors.
 - Impact and challenges on **employment and working conditions** (trends and main stakes).
 - Biodiversity issues: Focus on **agro-ecology** (underlining the economic effects and on working conditions such as health and safety).

- ▶ Objective: identifying the **major social and economic challenges** facing these 3 sectors in relation to the green transition, as well as the **risks and obstacles to a just transition**.

- ▶ Syndex will expand its database by contacting relevant organization directly, supplementing this research with interviews if necessary.

- ▶ A background paper will be developed based on this research to feed the regional seminars.

QUESTIONNAIRE AND CASE STUDIES

▶ A questionnaire

- In order to get an idea of the debate within the trade union movement at **national and regional level**.
- Identifying possible **good practices** and **experiences** that can be shared.

▶ 3 to 4 case studies.

- Each case study will be **representative of the structural issues** for these sectors and/or regions in the context of the green transition (impact on employment, skills, technological changes etc.).
- Identify potential cases of interest based on our own research, the recommendations of the EFFAT Secretariat and the steering Committee, exchanges with stakeholders and the **results of the questionnaire**.
- These case studies will have a national or regional dimension and will cut across public policy, economic, social and environmental dimensions.

▶ Interviews might be conducted



FOUR SEMINARS

- ▶ Cycle of **4 regional seminars in 2022.**
- ▶ 3 main objectives:
 - To present the **initial results** of our work (general analysis, points of vigilance, etc.) and gather your reaction.
 - To raise **participants' awareness** of the issues at stake.
 - To gather **feedback**: to enable a direct **understanding of the trade union issues** expressed by the national players (issues, risks and obstacles linked to a just transition)
- ▶ Essential to build policy recommendations.



THE SEMINARS

First part

- Devoted to the cross-cutting issues faced by the three EFFAT sectors.
- The **background paper** and the first results of the study will be presented and discussed.

Second part

- Devoted to **sectoral workshops**.
- Participants will be divided into 3 working groups, according to their involvement in each sector.
- Each group a **case study** on the impact of the transition.

In order to support the workshops, in particular the working groups, Syndex, in cooperation with the EFFAT secretariat and the steering committee, could bring in **external speakers** (e.g. IDDRI and IEEP, institutional players such as the European Environment Agency, private sector, etc.)

FINAL OUTPUTS

- ▶ A **guide** “Taking part in climate action to build a just transition in the agro-food and tourism sectors”
 - Developed with the desk research, case studies and will be enriched with the results of the workshops and the questionnaire in order to **formulate recommendations on Just Transition** in agriculture, food processing industry and hospitality sectors.
- ▶ A **“working tool”**
 - A short document on the consideration of environmental issues for **workers’ representatives** in transnational companies including European Works Councils’ members to deal with **Just Transition related issues** within their companies and factories.
- ▶ Those elements will be presented in a last conference.



TO CONCLUDE

- ▶ Development of a critical and forward-looking thinking within EFFAT on Just Transition, assessing both risks and opportunities for workers on Just Transition.
- ▶ A project “action oriented”
 - Not only an understanding of the issues, but recommendations for action.
- ▶ A participative project based on the participation of EFFAT member organisations.