



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 SOCIALLY INCLUSIVE VISION

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# • 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...).



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#### # 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 do 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.

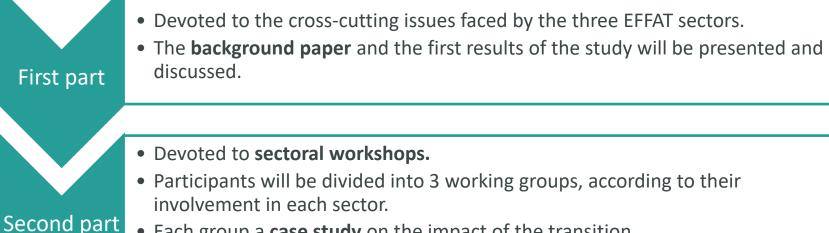
#### 3 to 4 case studies.

- 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



• 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.

