

Concept note

Event at the European Parliament on the Right2Food & FSFS

October 26th from 12.30 to 14.30h

Context setting – the EU FSFS

A rights-based approach to food systems transformation in Europe centers around the recognition and protection of human rights related to food, ensuring that all individuals have access to safe, nutritious, and culturally appropriate food, while also respecting the environment and the rights of food producers. This approach aims to address the challenges faced by vulnerable populations and promote social and ecological justice throughout the food system.

A rights-based approach for food systems transformation in Europe requires collaboration among governments, civil society organizations, businesses, and citizens. By recognizing and promoting human rights within the food system, Europe can work towards creating a more equitable, sustainable, and resilient food system that leaves no one behind in Europe and beyond.

The F2F Strategy recognises food systems should be steered to ensure healthy people and a healthy planet, now and in the future. Nonetheless, a human right perspective enabling that transition needs to be reinforced in the process of law-making under the EU legislative framework on Food Systems (FSFS).

The European Union has a unique opportunity to set direction of travel based on food as a human right and put at the core of the food systems transformation the rights of peasants and rural workers and the right to a healthy and clean environment. This rights-based approach requires systemic rather than sectoral shifts. The FSFS should provide legal basis through State duty in protecting public interest and bring together various public policy sectors impacting food from production to consumption for coherence.

Objectives

1. Inform EU legislators of the key contributions that the normative content of the Right to Food and Nutrition can make to advance towards a social and ecological just transformation of food systems
2. Promote the EU leadership in adopting a right based approach that brings into conversation right to food, right to a healthy environment and right of peasants to ensure a transition to sustainability