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Our contribution today:

1. Where are the young farmers?
2. Young people in rural areas: struggles and needs
3. What “participation” means to us

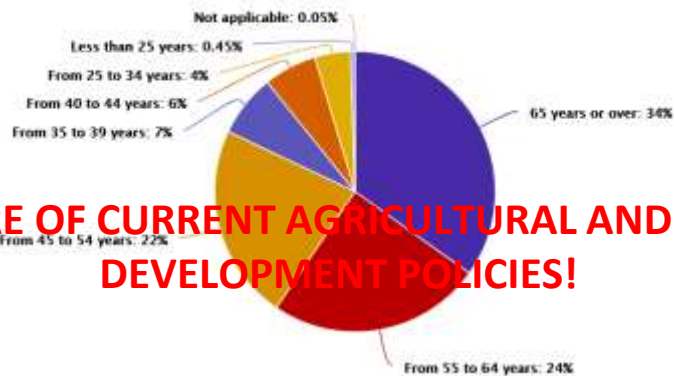


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Age classes of farm managers, EU-28, 2016

Source: Eurostat (online data code: ef_m_farmang)



**FAILURE OF CURRENT AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL
DEVELOPMENT POLICIES!**

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Living and working in rural areas has become very difficult for a young person.

- Access and control over land and other natural resources
- Access to finance
- Access to (local) markets
- Fair prices and incomes for youth
- Access to knowledge
- Digitalisation vs. agroecology (innovation)



Youth is a vulnerable group in society:

less rights, less social protection, less means, more uncertainty.

We need a **right-based approach** to food systems to effectively engage the youth.

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What “participation” means to us

- **Participation in decision-making**
- At different levels: community → international
- Creating space for youth (minorities): to listen, to speak, to lead
- From early stages of decision-making
- Timely and informed participation
- In person
- Respectful of language and cultural diversity



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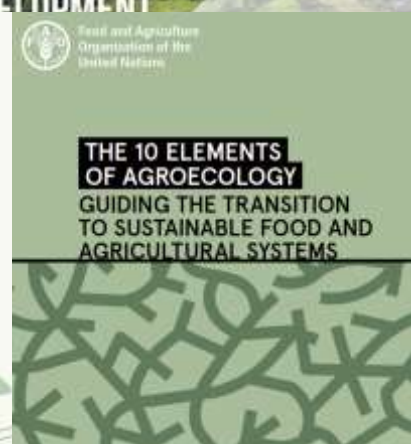
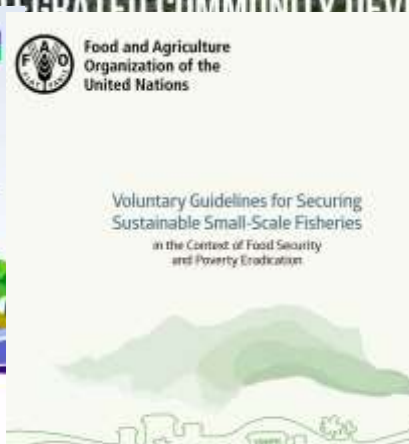
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- **Corporate-led** rural development vs. **community-led** development
 - Key role of governments in reducing corporate capture of global food institutions
- Avoid paternalistic and instrumental approaches to youth participation
 - Youth participation requires **youth recognition, voice and agency**



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Global Action Plan

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**Strategic Framework
2022-31**

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

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Rural Youth Action Plan (RYAP)

Executive Summary

The FAO Conference endorsed the call to develop a rural youth action plan that addresses the importance of making rural areas more attractive for young women and men. The Action Plan should be based on existing initiatives and instruments and be implemented in collaboration with the other Rome-Based Agencies (RBAs) and other organizations. This document presents a five-year Action Plan which is aligned to the five thematic areas identified by COMAG. The goal of the Action Plan is to contribute to the realization of the SDGs by equally empowering rural young women and men, promoting children and other excluded youth groups. The Action Plan is developed under 5 pillars:



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THANK YOU FOR LISTENING AND WE ARE READY TO FOLLOW UP!

