

EFF Introduction for MAC

June 2025





FOUNDING MEPS



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MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE



*Browse our current
members!*

MEPS

*The European Food Forum (EFF) is an independent,
politically-led, non-partisan, multi-stakeholder forum, led
and governed by elected Members of the European
Parliament.*

Other members

BUSINESS MEMBERS

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS & CIVIL SOCIETY MEMBERS

... AND

SPECIAL MEMBERS

*EU Institutions and
PPP organizations with EU
Institutions*

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & THIRD COUNTRIES



Our first five years in numbers (2019–2024)



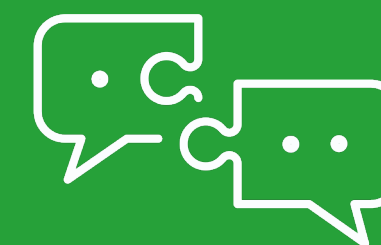
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**Organized
Events**



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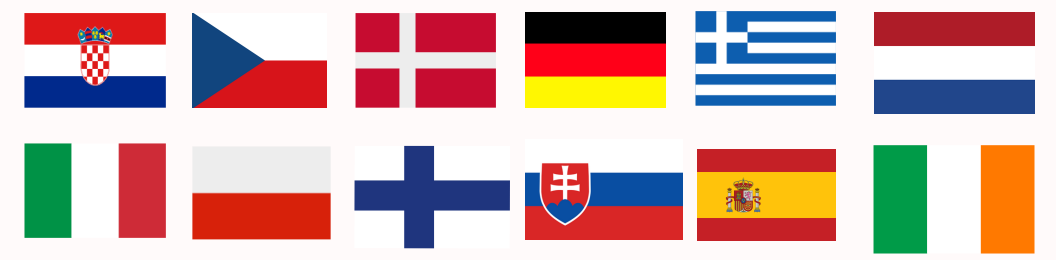
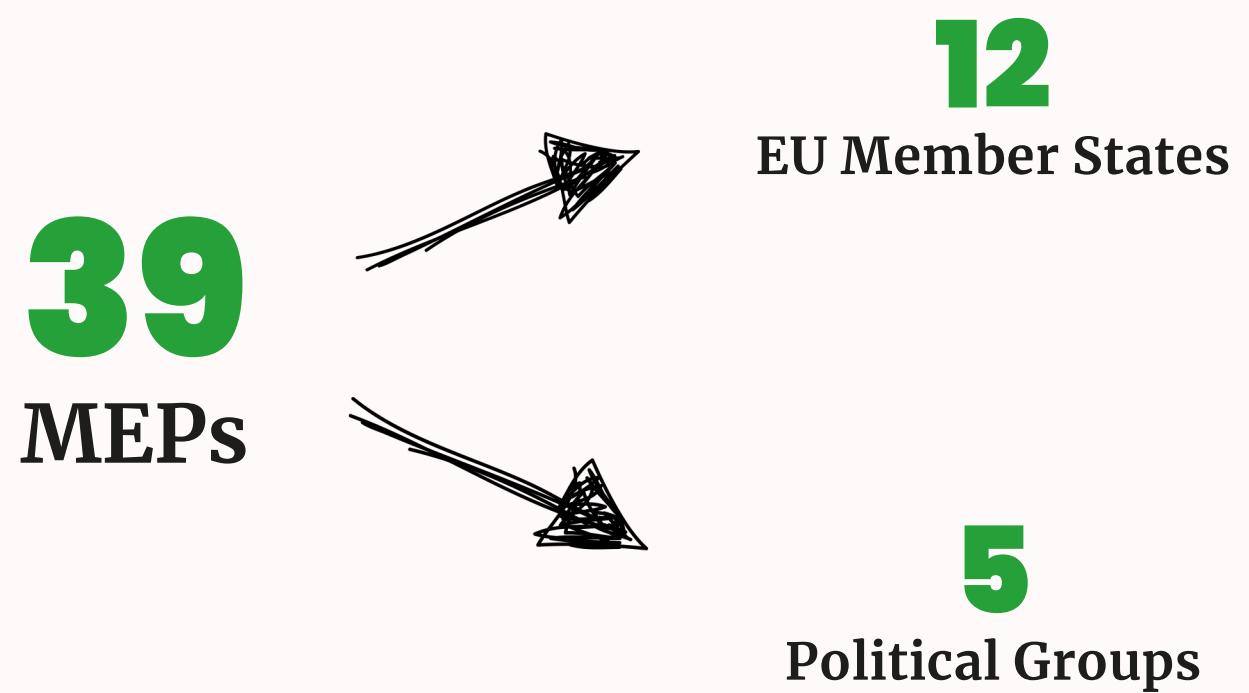
**Speakers
Participated**



96

**Hours of
Open Debate**

Members Overview



34
Business
Members

26
Public Institutions
&
Civil Society Members

2
Special
Members



MEPs



**Laura
Ballarín Cereza**

S&D
Spain



**Brando
Benifei**

EFF Founder
S&D
Italy



**Biljana
Borzan**

S&D
Croatia



**Asger
Christensen**

Renew Europe
Denmark



**Alessandro
Ciriani**

ECR
Italy



**Barry
Cowen**

Renew Europe
Ireland



**Carmen
Crespo Díaz**

EPP
Spain



**Salvatore
De Meo**

EPP
Italy



**Elena
Donazzan**

ECR
Italy



**Carlo
Fidanza**

ECR
Italy



**Pietro
Fiocchi**

ECR
Italy



**Emmanouil
Fragkos**

ECR
Greece



MEPs



**Mario
Furore**

The Left
Italy



**Esther
Herranz García**

EPP
Spain



**Adam
Jarubas**

EPP
Poland



**Stefan
Köhler**

EPP
Germany



**Kateřina
Konečná**

Non-attached Member
Czech Republic



**Camilla
Laureti**

S&D
Italy



**VP Miriam
Lexmann**

EPP
Slovakia



**Norbert
Lins**

EPP
Germany



**Morten
Løkkegaard**

Renew Europe
Denmark



**Cristina
Maestre**

S&D
Spain



**Idoia
Mendía Cueva**

S&D
Spain



**Alessandra
Moretti**

S&D
Italy



MEPs



**Dario
Nardella**

S&D
Italy



**Cynthia
Ní Mhurchú**

Renew Europe
Ireland



**VP Pina
Picierno**

S&D
Italy



**Nicola
Procaccini**

ECR
Italy



**Adrián
Vázquez Lázara**

EPP
Spain



**Raúl de la Hoz
Quintano**

EPP
Spain



**VP Antonella
Sberna**

ECR
Italy



**Christine
Schneider**

EPP
Germany



**Christine
Singer**

Renew Europe
Germany



**Mariateresa
Vivaldini**

ECR
Italy



**Sander
Smit**

EPP
Netherlands



**Tomislav
Sokol**

EPP
Croatia



**Pekka
Toveri**

EPP
Finland



**Jessika
Van Leeuwen**

EPP
Netherlands



**Maria
Walsh**

EPP
Ireland



Business Members





Public Institutions & Civil Society Members





Special Members



Co-funded by the
European Union



**European Committee
of the Regions**



EFF STEERING COMMITTEE



Stefan Köhler
Chair, Germany



Brando Benifei
EFF Founder, Italy



Biljana Borzan
Croatia



Pietro Fiocchi
Italy



Alessandra Moretti
Italy



Christine Schneider
Germany



Sander Smit
Netherlands



EFF BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Part of the EFF Steering Committee



Iliana Axiotiades
Chair



Dionne Heijnen
Treasurer



Nenad Peric



Bojin Bojinov



Eva Falch



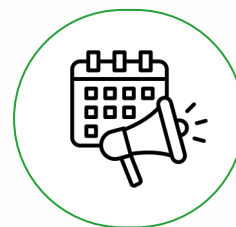
Piet van der Meer





WHAT DO WE DO?

Our Regular Activities



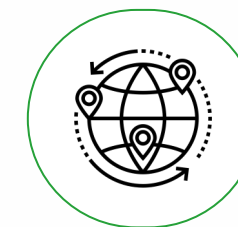
Events



**Study
Visits**



Going Local



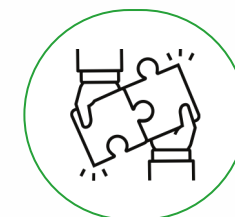
Going Global

Communities

Our intranet space for members to connect, collaborate, and exchange knowledge.



Dialogue



Collaboration



**Up-to-Date
Expertise**

EFF Educational Programme



EFF Academy



**EFF
Thesis**



EFF Pathways



How do we work?

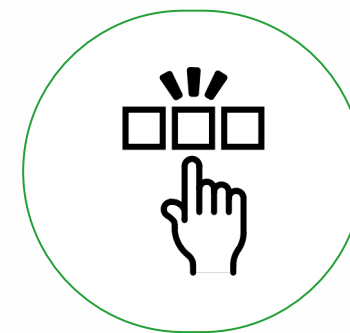
Programming Committee



Proposals



**Programming
Committee**



MEP Selection



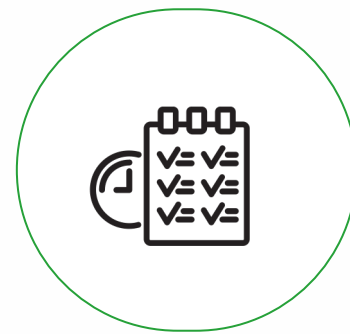
**Steering
Committee
approval**

Organizing Committee

The Organising Committees (OCs) are ad-hoc taskforces composed of members who volunteer to assist in shaping the agenda of each EFF event. All EFF members can join OCs for scheduled events.



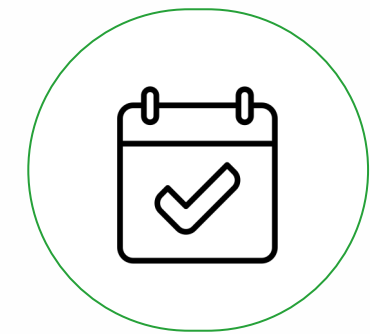
Each OC is led by at least one leading MEP, who hosts the event and makes the final decisions on the title, focus, speakers, agenda, and final date. The leading MEP is a Political member who volunteers to host the approved event.



While the event topic and the time of the year are decided in the Programming Committee annual meeting and confirmed by the Steering Committee, the leading MEP is responsible for the event and makes final decisions on the title, focus, speakers, agenda and final date.



The final title of the event is collectively determined, accompanied by a concise event description, which is typically assigned to one of the OC members and amended by all the others.



After the event, the OC dissolves.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

All activities of the European Food Forum (EFF) are fully funded by membership fees. This approach ensures the EFF's independence and its commitment to not taking any positions. Therefore the EFF does not accept sponsorships.

Members of the European Parliament: No fees

Other Members (Annual Fee)

Business Members

- **Standard fee:** 11.000 Euros
- **Small & Medium sized* enterprises:** 2.200 Euros (*as per EU recommendation 2003/361, companies with less than 250 employees on their payroll, an annual turnover not exceeding 50 million euros and/or an annual balance sheet total not exceeding 43 million euros, and no more than one third of their capital owned directly or indirectly by a larger company*).
- **Food, Agriculture and Retail Associations:**
 - Standard fees: 5.500 Euros
 - Associations with an annual budget below 300.000 Euros: 2.750 Euros
- **Sector Association:**
 - Standard fee: 5.500 Euros
 - Associations with an annual budget below 300.000 Euros: 2.750 Euros

Public Institutions & Civil Society Members

Universities, NGOs, Research & Innovation Centers/Agencies, Foundations representing non-commercial interests or having no corporate members: 550 Euros

NB: law firms, consultancy companies and other professional services firms are not eligible for membership.

What we aim to achieve



01.

The Coverage of All
MEP Nationalities



02.

The Coverage of All
Relevant Topics
and EP Committees



03.

Bringing a high level, global
discussion on agrifood with the
collaboration of all the different
stakeholders to Brussels



Driving policy debate for sustainable food systems

The EFF is an independent, politically-led, non-partisan, multi-stakeholder forum, founded and governed by elected Members of the European Parliament. Our aim is to foster collaboration, innovation, and responsiveness in the development of sustainable food policies that address local, European, and global challenges.

The European Food Forum does not itself take positions on specific policy issues.



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