



Eco Ruralis Association together with European Coordination Via Campesina and its partners invite you at the

Public conference: *The rights of peasants*
In the context of the UN process towards adopting a Declaration on the rights
of peasants and other people working in rural areas
- 15th of November 2017 – Bucharest, Romania – Cervantes Institute -

Considering the exacerbating phenomenon of the economic marginalization of peasants, the critical quota reached in rural migration, as well as the effects of climate change, peasants are seeking solutions at the highest level, negotiating the realization of the most powerful international instrument to protect human rights.

The process towards a Declaration on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas had been initiated 16 years ago by the international peasants movement of La Via Campesina, representing more than 200 million members around the world.

In Eastern Europe and especially in Romania whose more than 4 million active peasants account for almost 50% of European Union's peasants, the premises of this Declaration have at least the same relevance as the Common Agricultural Policy.

We have the pleasure of inviting you to participate in our conference, hosting Romanian and international experts in an exchange of views with relevant decision-makers.

DRAFT AGENDA:

10:30 – 11:00	Participants' registration
11:00 – 11:10	Welcoming. Opening words: <i>The importance of recognizing Peasants' Rights</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dan Cismaș, member of Eco Ruralis Association's Coordination Committee
11:10 – 12:30	Session 1. <i>Why do we need a Declaration on the rights of peasants? The process and presentation of the United Nations Declaration on the rights of peasants. The right to food sovereignty. The right to participation in decision-making.</i> Guests: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Ramona Duminițoiu – European Coordination Via Campesina• Ms. María Natalia Pacheco Rodríguez - Permanent Mission of the Plurinational State of Bolivia to the United Nations in Geneva• Mr. Melik Özden – Europe – Third World Centre (CETIM)• Mr. Petre - Florin Manole – member of the Chamber of Deputies – Romania Parliament, the Commission for Human Rights• Mrs. Darya Alekseeva – Regional Partnership Development Officer, FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia
12:30 – 12:45	Coffee break
12:45 – 14:00	Session 2. <i>Regional cooperation and the importance of Eastern Europe. General obligations of member states.</i> Guests: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Petre Daea – Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development in Romania – TBC• Ms. Ramona Duminițoiu – European Coordination Via Campesina• Representative of the Ministry for External Affairs - TBC• Guests from Eastern Europe<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mrs. Vladlena Martsynkevych – Bankwatch, UkraineMrs. Anna Danyliak – Ecoact, UkraineMr. Saša Petrović – Amacentar, SerbiaMr. Anatolie Albin – Grădina Moldovei, Republic of Moldova

Mr. Miloš Homola – Ecotrend, Slovakia
Mrs. Monika Styczek - Ekoland Lubelskie, Poland
Mr. Georgi Mederov – Za Zemiata, Bulgaria
Mrs. Olena Borodina - Ukrainian Network for Rural Development

14:00 – 15:00 Lunch break – Peasant buffet

15:00 – 15:45 **Session III.** *The right to Land.* Guests:

- Mr. Attila Szocs – Coordinator The Right to Land programme, Eco Ruralis Association
- Dr. Ana María Suárez Franco – Permanent representative of FIAN International in Geneva

15:45 – 16:30 **Session IV.** *The right to seeds. The right to means of production.* Guests:

- Mrs. Stela Zămoiu – member of the Coordination Committee of Eco Ruralis Association
- Mrs. Genevieve Savigny – European Coordination Via Campesina
- Mr. Adrian – Claudiu Prisnel – member of the Chamber of Deputies – Romanian Parliament, Commission for Agriculture, forestry, food industry and specific services

16:30 – 17:00 Conclusions

The event “The rights of peasants in the context of UN process towards the adoption of the Declaration on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas” will take place on the 15th of November 2017, in Bucharest, Romania at Cervantes Institute – 38 Regina Elisabeta Blv.

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