

# Thematic Working Group on Sustainable Food Systems

Food systems drive biodiversity loss, land use change, unsustainable freshwater use, and greenhouse gas emissions. Climate change also further threatens food supply, ecosystem services, and biodiversity globally.

EU climate and economic policies can play a significant role in shaping sustainable pathways for the agriculture, forestry, and other land use (AFOLU) sector. However, this requires substantial investment, resource mobilisation, and increased awareness of the sector's importance in mitigating climate change impacts.

MAIA is exploring the possibility of establishing a Cluster Group on this topic. The Group would comprise representatives of climate research projects and initiatives beyond Europe and selected counterparts from European projects.

The intention is to provide a new space for open exchange and friendly interaction to uncover opportunities for learning and exchange. Particularly on how certain climate research and policy aspects might be perceived, handled, and/or prioritised differently in other regions of the world.

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