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The CAP consultation: An important part of EFFATs strategy for labour rights in agriculture

Throughout the spring the European Commission is conducting a public consultation for the reform of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). EFFAT calls its members to participate actively in the consultation to point out that the needs of agricultural workers are until now not addressed in the CAP. Together we want to advocate for a social reform of the CAP.

We asked **Pietro Ruffolo**, Secretary for European affairs at FLAI-CGIL in Italy, to share his experience on the CAP consultation and the way he's ensuring broad response within his organization.

1. Pietro, how did you at FLAI- CGIL reach out to your members and colleagues to involve them in the CAP consultation?

“We first spoke to all of our members in the National Executive Committee and informed them about the consultation. Furthermore we sent out a circular email to everybody, with the Italian translation of the document provided by EFFAT. We just had to slightly adapt it to our national context.



Not only did I reach out to other unionists but also to my personal networks. I talked to my friends about the consultation and why it is important for us to take part – and encouraged them to participate as well. “

2. What are you planning next to ensure even broader response?

“The next step will be to meet our colleagues from the regional quarters. Within the next weeks I will travel to several regional offices and spread the word. Our aim is to gather at least 200 participants from FLAI-CGIL, but we hope to achieve even more!”

3. Why would you say is it important for us as unionists to take part in the public consultation?

“I think it is important to see it in a bigger context, and to explain to our colleagues and members that it is part of our strategy to fight for labour rights in agriculture. I think it is also important to involve other social movements in this issue. For example I talked to people from the Stop TTIP movement in Italy and tried to gauge their interest in joining the cause!”

Thank you very much Pietro. I hope our colleagues can be inspired by your interview and take an active part in the consultation.

For any questions, ideas or feedback concerning the consultation please contact: effat4@effat.org.

You can still participate in the consultation until the 28. April 2017.

It can be accessed under the following link: <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/FutureCAP>