

Who actually harvests our food? On the situation of seasonal workers in agriculture

Seasonal work has become an indispensable part of agriculture, as we learned at the latest during the Corona Pandemic. In order to secure the harvest, the use of seasonal workers is absolutely necessary. But what are their living and working conditions like? How are housing, social security and health protection organised and regulated? We want to have a look at the current situation and at the framework in which it is taking place. We are not only interested in scandalizing unacceptable conditions, but also in finding out what regulatory approaches exist and how civil society can contribute to ensuring that everyone involved can live from good work.

The aim of the event is to give interested lay people and experts an impression of how fruit and vegetables from regional cultivation are harvested and what the problems are. How do the forms of mobility of workers in the agricultural sector that are common today come about? What challenges are faced by seasonal workers and what kind of support do they need? And what kind of counselling do people need to access their rights?

What efforts are being made to improve the situation of the people involved? What forms of solidarity needs to be put in place or strengthened? What can be done by consumers and committed organizations?

We have invited Elena Trifan from the Harvesting Solidarity project as a discussion partner. This initiative from Romania campaigns for fair working and living conditions for harvest workers. Dr. Peter Birke from the Institute of Sociology at the University of Göttingen describes the effects of legal framework conditions on mobility and fair employment opportunities for the workers. Ben Luig from the organisations European Association for Migrant Workers and Fair Mobility will give us some insight in how counselling and support works in practice.

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