



SWIFT

SUPPORTING WOMEN-LED INNOVATION IN FARMING AND RURAL TERRITORIES

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Description

SWIFT is a 4 year long Horizon Europe project which aims to advance the position of women and LGBTQI+ persons in farming, and to investigate the ways in which feminist agroecological processes can promote gender equality and food sovereignty. SWIFT has 14 partners from nine countries and engages with 21 Women-Led Initiatives across 12 countries across Europe, as well as 5 initiatives in Brazil and the USA. The project was co-developed with social movement actors – in particular the Women's Articulation of the European Coordination of Via Campesina – as a way to render visible the frequently overlooked contributions of women and gender diverse persons to social and ecological transformations in rural territories and to work towards agrarian policies that better support their objectives.

The research in Switzerland – being led by the Geneva Graduate Institute – will focus on the contributions of individuals and associations to policy debates on equal rights to own and access land and natural resources, social security entitlements and the representation of women and gender diverse persons within farmers' organisations and agricultural policy-making fora.

SWIFT is an interdisciplinary project that engages with applied feminist innovation studies and seeks to bring together work on the human rights of peasants, feminist political ecology, feminist institutionalism and rural sociology. The application of a feminist participatory research methodology throughout the construction, development and implementation of the project seeks to dissolve the barriers between research and practice by prioritising forms of participatory action research. To do this, SWIFT partners will use a range of methodologies including; photo voice, podcasts, life histories and participatory video alongside public policy and discourse analysis, human rights-based approaches, gender-responsive budgeting and feminist farm viability indicators.

