

Viewpoint: Europe's proposed Green Deal is a "disaster under current climatic conditions"

Is Europe sufficiently equipped to cope in terms of food security and supply in the event of sharp rises in temperature and record heat waves? Are certain essential European countries, the breadbaskets of Europe, in terms of agriculture and global supply threatened by global warming?

European policy, in particular the Green Deal, the Green Pact. This is already a disaster for agriculture under the current climatic conditions.

Consider, for example, that by banning the coating of seeds with neonicotinoids – very unfairly vilified for this use – we lost some 30% of the beet harvest in 2020.

Consider, for example, that the European Union aims to increase the share of organic farming to 25% of the useful agricultural area (the Germans of the "traffic light" coalition, 30%) and that the average yield of organic wheat is [struggling](#) to exceed the bar of 30 quintals/hectare (the level of the early 1960s) – and also that the ideologues of organic refuse many elements of genetic, agronomic and technological (and therefore economic and environmental) progress.

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Consider that, closer to home in time, there is still talk of imposing 4% fallow land next year. European Agriculture Commissioner Janusz Wojciechowski wants to wait for the results of the harvests before possibly making a proposal to withdraw the obligation. It's irresponsible.

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