



**Invitation by Italian Campaign  
#STOPUEMERCOSUR**

The Italian #STOPUEMERCOSUR Committee, is pleased to send you information about our initiatives against the EU-Mercosur agreement, particularly the event we will be holding on April 23, 2026, in Brussels. It would be a great help if you could share this information with your contacts and the press and it would be an important opportunity for us to meet you to strengthen the European front of initiatives against Free Trade Areas and for the Reform based on Food Sovereignty.

After countless demonstrations in Italy and the establishment of a National Committee (promoted by Altragricoltura, COAPI - Coordinamento Agricoltori e Pescatori Italiani and the Social Alliance for Food Sovereignty), a delegation from the Italian #STOPUEMERCOSUR Committee will be in Brussels on April 22-23, 2026, to present the campaign against the European Commission's decision to apply the trade agreement between Europe and the Mercosur countries as of May 1, 2026, despite the European Parliament having decided to send the case back to the European Court of Justice.

**The delegation in Brussels has two objectives:**

- to inform stakeholders, Italian MEPs, and the press about the legal warning / complaint / formal notice of default served on President U. Von Der Leyen (and, for their respective responsibilities, on the Italian Government and the European Ombudsman) by Italian farmers, of the developments and further initiatives on the agenda, given given the Commission's announcement that it will continue with its decisions..
- to engage with MEPs from various Italian groups, including to urge them to continue and strengthen their initiatives to oppose the agreement in anticipation of the expected passage of the European Court of Justice. We propose that they coordinate their activities with those of national and international civil society and, in particular, with the Committee #STOPEUMERCOSUR

**We invite, particularly to the event on April 23rd between 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in the "Sala Spaak European Parliament. 1C050", we attach the text of the formal notice sent and, below, the press release issued by Altragricoltura on April 16, 2026. We also provide the following contacts:**

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- Angelo Distefano (COAPI spokesperson) 3313377770 | Email: [presidente@lepartiteiva.it](mailto:presidente@lepartiteiva.it)

# BRUSSELS 22/23 APRIL 2026

The Italian Committee  
**#STOPEUMERCOSUR**  
meets stakeholders,  
the press, and parliamentarians

ITALIAN FARMERS FILE A LEGAL  
COMPLAINT TO U. VON DER LEYEN

April 23, 2026, 11:00 am  
European Parliament  
Room: SPAAK 1C050

## ROUND TABLE

hosted by the M5S - The Left group

**Free meeting with  
all Italian MEPs**



*Press Release, Rome 16.4.26*

(see website: <https://altragricoltura.net/articoli/23-aprile-2026-evento-a-bruxelles-nel-parlamento-europeo-della-campagna-italiana-stopuemercosur/>)

*See also the press release from COAPI (the Italian Farmers and Fishermen Coordination)*

**ITALIAN FARMERS WILL BE IN BRUSSELS FROM APRIL 22ND TO SUBMIT  
THE LEGAL WARNING ACT TO URSULA VON DER LEYEN FOR THE ILLEGITIMATE AND  
IRRESPONSIBLE EU-MERCOSUR AGREEMENT AND THE  
#STOPEUMERCOSUR CAMPAIGN**

**The central event of the two-day event is the public Round Table, which will be held on the morning of the 23rd between 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in the European Parliament Building, Spaak 1C050**

**Press, parliamentarians, and interested parties are invited.**

The #STOPEUMERCOSUR campaign arrives in Brussels, presented in the first public act of the Italian Committee, an initiative organized by the Italian Committee established to oppose the European Commission's decision to implement the agreement starting May 1, 2026, despite the European Parliament voting by majority to refer all documents to the European Court of Justice for a substantive and procedural assessment.

This is a very serious act that not only jeopardizes the fate of many Italian and European micro, small, and medium-sized businesses, but also undermines food security and the environmental balance of many areas. This act is part of the European Commission's extremely worrying tendency to treat agriculture and food as secondary variables in economic, environmental, and social development, sacrificing farmers' and citizens' right to food as a bargaining chip to protect other interests, including industrial supply chains.

Furthermore, this act contradicts all the reform requests presented over the years, betraying the commitments made to its citizens. The measure deprives elected members of Parliament of the right and duty to decide based on the popular mandate they have received, imposing decisions using antidemocratic methods that have the clear objective of reintroducing an old and obsolete agreement that only serves the interests of speculative agribusiness and other economic sectors.

The process that led to the creation of the Italian STOPUEMERCOSUR Committee has developed over the past few months, starting with the first demonstration in Milan with hundreds of tractors, organized by COAPI, followed by countless initiatives (including in Padua, Parma, Avellino, Vittoria, Alessandria, etc.), culminating in the two-day event in Rome on March 6 and 7, when farmers "escorted" the group that submitted the formal notification to the European Commission at the Ministry of Made in Italy, asking the Italian government to suspend the application procedures pending the opinion of the European Court of Justice and the discussion and decision of the European Parliament.

The legal formal notice, addressed to President U. von der Leyen, accompanied by a complaint to the European Ombudsman (with a request to open an investigation) and a notification to the Italian Government (represented by President G. Meloni and Minister A. Urso), has already been served by Altragricoltura, the trade union confederation for food sovereignty, signed by its Secretary General, drafted by the legal team of Soccorso Contadino, countersigned by Italian organizations and social groups on behalf of Italian farmers, and supported by a broad group of forces being formed following the establishment of the Committee.

A delegation representing the Committee will arrive in Brussels on April 22 for a series of meetings with various stakeholders and elected members of the European Parliament, starting with members of the three groups that publicly opposed the agreement by voting to refer it to the Court of Justice (Lega, M5S, AVS), as well as all others who agree to meet. One of the goals of the Brussels initiative is to pressure MEPs to listen to farmers and address the concerns of a sector experiencing a dramatic crisis, which is set to worsen with the implementation of this agreement

The central event of the two-day event is the public roundtable, which will be held on the morning of the 23rd from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Sala la Spaak 1C050. Organized and promoted by MEP Gaetano Pedullà of Movimento 5 Stelle (M5S-The Left); the roundtable is open to all Italian MEPs and their guests.

Participants from Italy include: **Gianni Fabbris** (Confederal Secretary of Altragricoltura CSSA), **Angelo Distefano** (COAPI spokesperson), **Massimo Passaro** (Lawyer from Soccorso Contadino), **Adriano Noviello** (Federation of Breeders and Shepherds - Altragricoltura), **Marco Dallera** (COPOI - Italian Fruit and Vegetable Coordination), **Daniele Ponzano** (Independent Farmers of Piemonte), **Francesca Petrini** (National President of CNA Agri-food), **Monica Di Sisto** (Fairwatch, journalist - advocacy senior consultant).

Information: <https://altragricoltura.net/stopuemercosu> <https://coapi.sovranitalimentare.it>

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