

Hannes LORENZEN

Hannes Lorenzen has been civil servant at the European Parliament from 1985 until 2019. He has mainly worked as senior adviser to *the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development of the European Parliament* with specific tasks on CAP reforms, rural development, food security and quality, organic farming, agro-ecology and climate change. From 2014 to 2018 he was the responsible staff person at the Committee on Agriculture and Rural development for negotiations with EU Commission and Council on the new EU regulation for organic farming.

He has an MA degree in Rural Development Sociology with a postgraduate degree in International Agriculture (*TU Berlin*) with special professional competence in international negotiations (*EU-Institute for Public Administration, Maastricht*) and Mediation (*School for Mediation, Steyerberg*). On the international level Hannes Lorenzen is co-founder of Genetic Resources Action International (www.grain.org) and co-president of the European Rural Development Network Forum Synergies (www.forum-synergies.eu). He is a co-founder and president of the European Reform Alliance ARC2020 (Agricultural and Rural Convention www.arc2020.eu) which during the CAP reform process between 2010 and 2013 has gathered more than 150 networks and umbrella organizations of civil society of farmers, environmentalists, animal welfare groups, rural development and public health organisations. ARC2020 moderated during this period a process to reach a “communication of civil society to the European Institutions on CAP reform. Closer to home, Hannes founded and chairs a local rural development organization on his home island of Pellworm in North Friesland, Germany, which has created synergies between organic farming, renewable energy production, soft tourism and nature protection projects in a local dimension.

