




## Who are we?

The non-profit and voluntary operating **PeaceBread Association** based in Berlin, as well as its partners that are associated with each other through the international "PeaceBread" network

 **demonstrate** the mutual connection between peacekeeping in Europe and the world and sustainable agriculture,

 **contribute** to the commemoration of the fall of the Berlin Wall and the Iron Curtain in the year 1989 and refer through this to the new opportunities for the European peacekeeping,

 **promote** understanding, solidarity and peace in Europe from the perspective of the people in the rural areas.





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**AGRICULTURE** NEEDS PEACE

PEACE CAUSES **REMEMBRANCE**

REMEMBRANCE CREATES **VALUES**

## PeaceBread is ...

-  a symbolic transnational project in Europe,
-  a network connected with agriculture and the rural areas for dialogue and peace,
-  a civic initiative of dedicated personalities and partners.

The Federal Minister for Food and Agriculture, Julia Klöckner, is the patron of the PeaceBread project.



## From the rye field by the Berlin Wall ...



## ... along PeaceBread discussions ...



## ... to the network for peace and agriculture.



"Those who work their land will have abundant food, but those who chase fantasies have no sense." (Proverbs Salomon 12, 11)

Every year since 2005 the rye field on the former Death Strip of the Berlin Wall by the Chapel of Reconciliation on Bernauer Street has been tilled, harvested and the flour has been baked into bread.

In the time of upheaval around 1989 many citizens and rural entrepreneurs that were connected with agriculture showed their pragmatic and peaceful attitude and therefore were an important base for the national and European identity and for peace. Since then 11 countries from Central Eastern and Southeastern Europe joined: Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.

In the year 2013 the rye seed from Bernauer Street was cultivated at other equally symbolic and historically important sites in the eleven partner countries along the former Iron curtain. In the year 2014 the whole harvest was mixed into the "Jubilee Rye", grinded and baked into the joint "PeaceBread".

The initiator and organizer of the joint action was the non-profit PeaceBread Association founded in 2012, which wanted to contribute with this to the 25th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall.

The highlight of the festivities was the European conference "Peace and Agriculture" in Berlin and Brandenburg, which was organized by the Association at the beginning of October 2014 with all the partner countries and many organizations that are connected to the project as well as an ecumenical thanksgiving with a symbolical bread breaking of the first European PeaceBread.

"In a mission of high symbolic value, and shared with joy, we grow rye - that was harvested on the former Death Strip of the Berlin Wall - at historic sites of our national histories. By seeding and cultivating this rye, we combine commemoration and conservation with considerate planning and shaping of a peaceful future (Mutual Declaration of the participants of the conference "Peace and Agriculture" in Berlin on September 30, 2014)

Originating from the festivities in Berlin representatives of the civil societies of all twelve partner countries founded the international PeaceBread network. Every year since then they organize in one of the partner countries conferences for "Peace and Agriculture" as well as a festive ceremony that includes the baking of the joint PeaceBread. The agenda of the conferences include the sharing of experiences, promoting understanding and developing shared ideas.

Every year the PeaceBread Association organizes the FORUM PeaceBread, a platform for a dialogue about peace, Europe, agriculture and the rural areas.



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### Messages of the project

1. Peace and understanding between nations are the keys to a successful and sustainable agriculture.
2. Sustainable agriculture provides peace and secures the understanding between nations.
3. Sustainable agriculture is not only economically efficient but ecologically and socially just, it treats the natural resources with care and allows economizing for future generations.
4. Sustainable European agriculture bears responsibility for feeding the world's population.