

Exchange Schemes for young farmers in Belgium

EPI (Ecole Paysanne Indépendante)

Scheme name	EPI (Ecole Paysanne Indépendante)
Website	www.lemap.be
Exchange objectives	2 days per week of training with farmers in their own farm during the agricultural seasons (February-October).
Target groups	people interested in agriculture
Number of participants	10 participants /EPI (8) a year
Duration of an exchange	2 days a week from February to October
Finance	agricultural formation subsidies

Farm Stay – Boerderij programma

Scheme name	Farm Stay – Boerderij programma
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Website	http://www.wep.be/nl/werken-op-een-boerderij-in-het-buitenland
Exchange objectives	Discover a farm in a foreign country, discover other cultures, discover a new language and discover a new way of working.
Target groups	Young people
Number of participants	Between 20 and 100 participants per year
Destination(s)	Argentina, France, Ireland, Belgium, Canada, New Zealand (currently available destination); may vary
Duration of an exchange	From 2 weeks to 1 year
Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BE, FR, IRE and Argentina: from EUR 600-700 for stays of 4 weeks but more expensive if longer; New-Zealand and Canada: EUR 1 000 – 1 100; Price is all inclusive. WEP arrange the stay, lodging and food at the farm, administration costs, taxes and local assistance from partner organisation.
Funding source	Own financing of the visiting 'farmer'
Practical arrangements	WEP takes care of everything. The Participant has to take care of passport or Visa (if applicable), with assistance of WEP.
Selection of farmers (guests) and hosts	Selection of farms is done by partner organisation. Selection of guests is based on interview. Sometimes the guests don't fit the programme he/she applied for but WEP will look for another programme that fits the profile/requirements of the guest.



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Insurance	Obligatory general travel insurance (WEP offers this insurance, but the participant can also get it elsewhere). Not included in the overall price. WEP also offers optional annulation insurance.
Assistance in travel etc.	WEP arranges start time and duration of the stay, mediation between farm and guest, but the guest arranges his/her own transport.

WWOOF Belgium

Scheme name	
	WWOOF Belgium
Website	http://www.woof.be/
Exchange objectives	Exchange students provide help with many different activities such as gardening and making compost, animal care, chopping wood, helping with eco-construction projects and much more. WWOOFers in Belgium can develop many skills and learn about many different aspects of organic agriculture and sustainable living practices.
Group determination	Volunteers with no restriction
Destination(s)	Worldwide