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Towards agroecology in Europe?

Agroecology for Europe (AE4EU): Building a European network on agroecology to accelerate the transition towards sustainable agriculture and food systems.

Started in January 2021 for three years, the project **AE4EU** aims at enabling a **successful transition to agroecology**.

Thanks to this newsletter, you will discover the main actions and progress of this ambitious project.



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Agroecology, Europe's new challenge?

European agriculture and food systems face a large number of challenges such as soil erosion, land and water degradation, loss of biodiversity, access to land and other productive resources, indebtedness of farmers, loss of farms and climate change.

Agroecology offers approaches to face these challenges enabling the design, development and facilitation of a transition towards sustainable agriculture and food systems taking into account biodiversity conservation, low environmental impact and socially just and economically fair system.

Through the project AE4EU, **12 European partners join forces** in a coordination and support action to develop a framework for a European network of agroecological living labs, research infrastructure and learning spaces for farmers, researcher and civil society actors.

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Agroecology, a key concept...

"Europe is now at a turning point regarding the future of European agriculture. Agroecology is a key concept for embracing practice, research, innovation, and education, and being essential to transform our agricultural and food system and tackle the climate and nature emergencies and at the same time providing healthy food based on a strong and living rural environment. I expect the AE4EU project having a key impact in supporting this transition."

Dr Alexander Wezel, Research Director of ISARA, Lyon-Avignon, France

Agroecosystem living labs

Living labs are comparable to ecosystem with different living organisms and are known as user-centered approach with involvement of multiple actors to co-create, explore and evaluate innovations together in a real-life condition.



Using an original methodological approach, the project AE4EU aims at improving our understanding of agroecosystem living labs in Europe.

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Zoom on two partners



ECO RURALIS

Partner of AE4EU, Eco Ruralis is a national association of small-scale agroecological food producers, peasants and people working in rural areas from Romania. Established in 2009, Eco Ruralis is representing the needs, interests and rights of more than 17.000 members across the country.

[Eco Ruralis: learn more](#)



ISARA

Coordinator of the project, ISARA is an Engineering School for Agriculture, Food and Environment that offers professional engineering programme as well as Master of Science programmes, and carries out research and extension.

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