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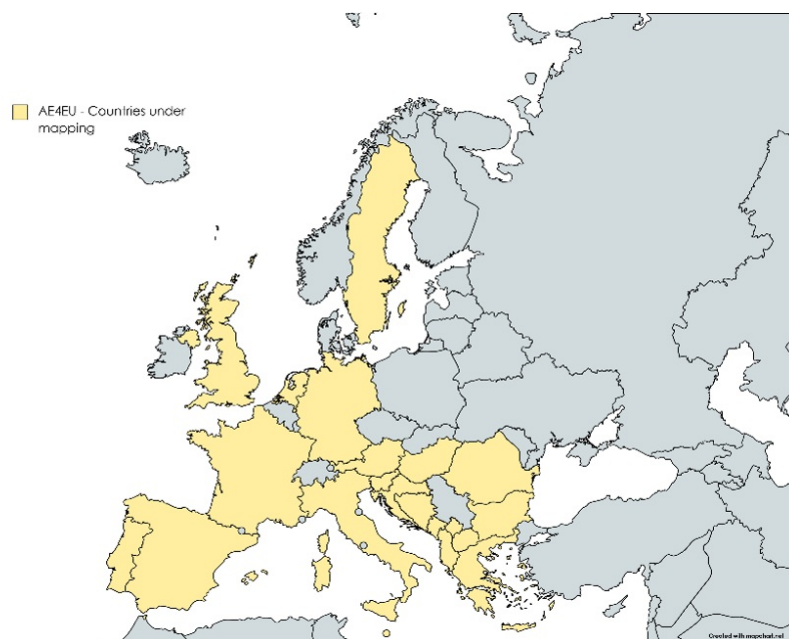
Newsletter AE4EU - January 2022

Dear AE4EU friends,

we are happy to share with you this 2nd newsletter that marks the first year of our project. As you will see we progressed and took actions on different dimensions of our project.

We hope you will enjoy reading our news. Do not hesitate to contact us to learn more and exchange about our project.

The AE4EU team



Mapping agroecology in Europe – a key step

Mapping and analysing the development of agroecology in different European countries is a process of great importance for spreading respective knowledge and support its development.

In order to participate in this dynamic, the AE4EU (Agroecology for Europe) project has started to map agroecology-related initiatives and development at different level in **more than 20 countries of the European continent**.

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A survey on agroecology and research, an essential combination-participate!

The AE4EU team aims to **assess how agroecology is understood and perceived by research planners and designers in Europe**. Our work will also characterize the implementation of agroecological elements in various European countries and institutions.

Through those tasks, **AE4EU intends to map projects, programmes and institutions involved in agroecology** research at national, transnational, and European levels.

[Participate to our survey here!](#)

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Living labs for co-development and co-learning

Linked to our task 'Living Labs for co-development and co-learning', **we are setting up and facilitating 3 living labs in 3 countries (IT, NL & UK)** to develop context-based and site-specific solutions to the central question "which mechanisms will strength the agroecological research and innovation ecosystems in Europe?".

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Funding agroecology Analysing existing funding and design of future schemes

Within AE4EU existing **public and private funding schemes across Europe will be assessed, compare, and use** as a basis to co-design future funding schemes.

One of the challenges of this work is to ascertain how much public money is spent on agroecology in every country in Europe.

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A planned research and innovation partnership on agroecology in Europe

More and more grassroots organisations, research institutes and other stakeholders are nowadays working towards the development of agroecology in Europe, and the world.

To encourage this dynamic, engage and gather stakeholders to support agroecology development throughout Europe, the European Commission is working with Member States, Associated Countries and a wide range of stakeholders on a proposal for a research and innovation partnership on agroecology living labs and research infrastructures.

The partnership aims to

- Strengthen the agroecology research and innovation ecosystem;
- Improve farmers' knowledge on the implementation of agroecology and its benefits;
- Improve the sharing of knowledge and experience across regions and countries;
- Boost the co-creation of solutions
- Strengthen the science-policy dialogue on agroecology
- Designed around the concept of living labs and research infrastructures, the partnership would start in 2023-24.

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Zoom on two partners



"The activities we are carrying out have been designed to provide knowledge and guidance to the policymakers who are committed to draft quality research and innovation programmes aimed at fostering and promoting agroecology and sustainable transformation of European agro-food systems."

Stefano Canali, Research Manager and CREA leader of AE4EU



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