



# Agroecology for Europe Newsletter

July 2022

Dear AE4EU friends,

Before the summer break and some restful time for some of us, we are happy to share with you the 3<sup>rd</sup> AE4EU newsletter. In the last month, we were able to organise different events as well as our first in-person meeting.

The development of agroecology in Europe is now in a key period and AE4EU aims to foster its development through many different activities and research: mapping agroecology in Europe, starting to build a network of networks on agroecology as well as developing training guidelines on agroecology. Those are only an extract of the project activities that you will find in this news.

We hope you will enjoy reading this newsletter,

The AE4EU team



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## Agroecology pilot training

**ECVC with the support of local organisations has held three training programmes for agroecology in three different countries.** Those training gather different stakeholders (farmers, research/students, environmentalist organisations and local actors) and will be used to develop pilot training guidelines.



[Learn more](#)

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## Mapping agroecology in Austria and Germany



At the end of March 2022, a **first webinar on the mapping of agroecology in Austria and Germany was organised by AE4EU**. This was an opportunity to present the state of agroecology in those two countries and discuss it with the participants. Documenting and analysing the current development and initiatives linked to agroecology in different European countries is a necessary step to foster its development. Based on an innovative and multiscale methodology AE4EU aims to map agroecology in Europe.

[Rewatch the webinar here](#)

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## A first-person meeting Lugo, Spain in May 2022

After more than one year, the AE4EU team was finally able to meet in person, a very good opportunity to exchange. During a three days meetings, different workshops were organised. One of them was

dedicated to the development of agroecology in Spain and Galicia. **Thanks to our AE4EU partner USC, different stakeholders from national to local actors were there to exchange with our consortium and share their vision of agroecology.** This was a unique opportunity to discuss - in the light of the partnership - the current implementation, lever and barrier to its development.



Interview with  
Benjamin  
Sanchez, SCAR-AE  
Partnership

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Interview with  
Attila Szocs, Eco  
Ruralis

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Interview with  
María Rosa  
Mosquera Losada,  
USC

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## A agroecology network of networks

In spring 2022, after consulting a range of agroecology farmer representative organisations, **AE4EU initiated a process of co-creating an overarching network of agroecological networks in Europe.** [...]. This overarching network is not meant to double up on what existing networks are already doing. Rather, it is meant to **enhance opportunities for exchange, mutual encouragement, collaboration, coordination, shared efforts, and more.** And by doing so strengthen capacities to support agroecological transformations of agriculture and food systems across Europe.

Learn more about it



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## Zoom on two partners

***"Peasant agroecology is a way of life. ECVC supports life-enriching systems and oppose life-alienating systems***

*Ecologically we work together with nature and not against it. We cherish synergies between living beings and prioritize traditional farmer knowledge and participatory, transgenerational, and experiential learning processes*

*Economically we base our principles on forms of economy that is truly beneficial for communities: solidarity, circular, regional, within ecological boundaries*

*Politically we put the small-scale food producers' rights as a priority on the agenda and we form a movement towards equality and social justice for all people worldwide"*

Alessandra Turco, ECVC Coordinating committee member

Meet our partner -  
USC



Picture by José Javier Santiago Freijanes

Meet our partner -  
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## On the AE4EU agenda



**Webinar:  
Development of agroecology in Italy and Greece**

**Wednesday, 6th of July, 16:00 - 17:30 (CET)**

**Registration:** <https://www.ae4eu.eu/webinar-development-of-agroecology-in-italy-and-greece/>

**Moderators**

Baptiste Girard and Alexander Wezel, ISARA, France

**Agenda**

16h – 16h 10: AE4EU – mapping agroecology in Europe to document and push forward its development  
16h 10 – 16h 30: Main results and outcome from the mapping in Greece  
16h 30 – 16h 50: Main results and outcome from the mapping in Italy  
16h 50 – 17h 30: Exchange with participants.



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**Join for discussion & sharing of knowledge!**



**6<sup>th</sup> of July – take part in our webinar on the results of the mapping in Italy and Greece.** A specific time to discuss the current

[Register here](#)

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## A survey on agroecology living labs and similar initiatives in Europe

In the frame of the AE4EU project, we run a **survey on existing living labs in Europe** in order to know what skills, methods and approaches are used in different LL and similar initiatives. Based on this information we would like to **identify the drivers for the successful performance of LLs and RIs in agricultural landscapes**.

Willing to participate in this survey, you can contact Parastoo Mahdavi at [parastoo.mahdavi@thuenen.de](mailto:parastoo.mahdavi@thuenen.de)

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