



4th Agroecology for Europe Newsletter

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Dear AE4EU friends,
Coming to the end of the second year of the AE4EU project, we are excited to share with you insights into our work already delivered and upcoming activities and events in the 4th project newsletter.

We hope you will enjoy reading the newsletter and updates on the AE4EU project,
Your AE4EU team

Public funding of Agroecology

Within AE4EU, the Coventry University team conducted a mapping on public funding of agroecological research and practices in Europe. The team set out to collect comparable, quantitative data on public funding and discovered significant challenges. If are you interested in the outcomes, read the full article below or watch the interview with Dr Nina Moeller of Coventry University sharing the main findings with you

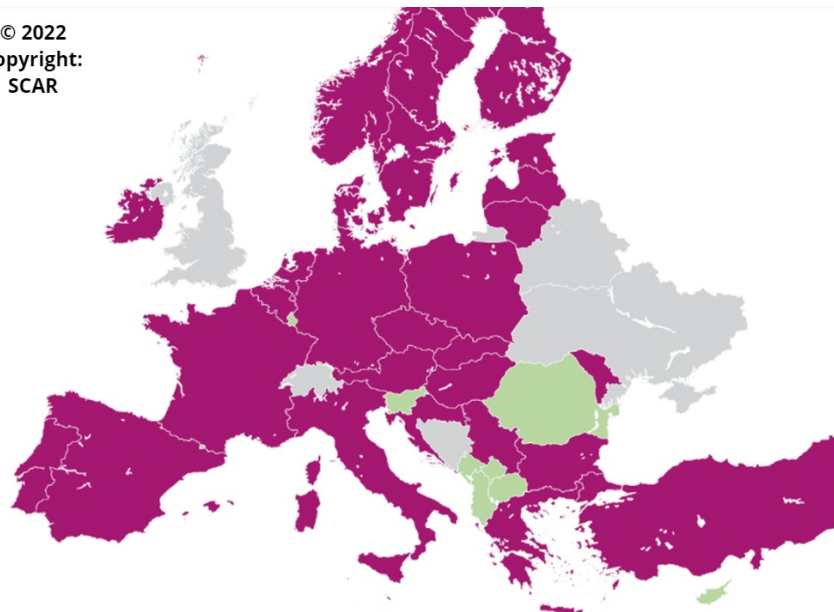
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The development of the SRIA for the AELLRI Partnership

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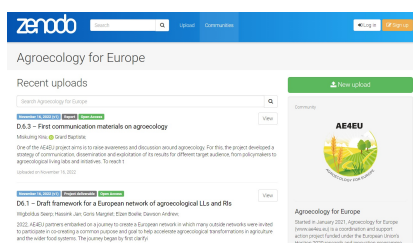
After taking into account inputs from the broader SCAR-AE group and from many relevant stakeholders and a wider consultation to collect feedback a final draft of the SRIA will be available by the end of 2022.

The SCAR Strategic Working Group on Agroecology (SCAR-AE) is the entity reliable for the preparation of the candidate partnership ‘Accelerating farming systems transition: agroecology living labs and research infrastructures’ (AELLRI) and, in particular, for developing the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA).

The SRIA will be the keystone to preparing the annual work plans of the partnership, where the concrete activities to implement by the partnership will be described.

[Read the full article](#)

Project outcomes to share



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10 STEPS TO ACHIEVE THE EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL

#2 AE4EU Policy brief

10 Steps to Achieve the European Green Deal takes the time to show that many of the targets found within the European Green Deal, including the Farm to Fork and Biodiversity Strategies, can be met by a transition to agroecology. It aims to provide such a map through 10 concrete steps that can be taken to achieve no net emissions of greenhouse gases within the agricultural sector.

To the brief



FOSTERING THE TRANSFORMATIVE ROLE OF AGROECOLOGICAL RESEARCH IN EUROPE

#3 AE4EU Policy brief

This policy brief aims to provide research-based recommendations for policymakers that are responsible for the design and funding of research programmes related to sustainable agriculture, as well as agroecology. Based on the research and three surveys that were conducted, the policy brief introduces science-based recommendations.

To the brief

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Farmer-led agroecology
for biodiversity with
climate change

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Time is running out for farmland biodiversity and the environment

The pace of agricultural innovation needs to reflect the speed of climate change with some irreversible tipping points of climate change predicted within a decade. This is a short window of opportunity, especially as current targets for biodiversity conservation in farmland are not being met [5,6]. Innovation, or the adoption of

Changing the narrative

In Western Europe, farming innovation has typically been addressed by the framing of key questions in policy, the commissioning of agroecological research to discover answers, and persuading farmers to adopt these via regulation, incentives, and communication [10] (Figure 1). Farmer-led agroecology changes the narrative to one that explicitly seeks to answer the agro-

Scientific article - "Farmer-led agroecology for biodiversity with climate change"

During the course of the AE4EU project together with others, Anett

Richter from the Thünen Institute for Biodiversity contributed to the scientific article 'Farmer-led agroecology for biodiversity with climate change'.

[To the article](#)

AE4EU webinars

Agroecology research in Europe: current status and perspectives



AE4EU Webinar
Agroecology research in Europe: current status and perspectives
Thursday, 3rd of November, 10:00 - 11:30 (CEST)

The webinar will present the outcomes of the mapping activities on agroecology research in Europe carried out within the EU-funded project Agroecology for Europe (AE4EU).

Agenda

- 10h – 10h 10: General introduction regarding the AE4EU project (Alexander Wezel – ISARA)
- 10h 10 – 10h 50: Presentation of the methodology and main results (Ileana Iocola and Stefano Canali – CREA)
- 10h 50 – 11h 20: General discussion with the audience

Join for discussion & sharing of knowledge

Register now:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZMvd-qhqDluG9N-LKof9e0gLLw9U8MHeR5w>

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The webinar took place on the 3rd of November 2022, presenting the outcomes **of the mapping activities on agroecology (AE) research in Europe** carried out within the AE4EU project. Around 50 participants took place in the webinar and discussion focusing on:

- i) the connections among European countries involved in AE research;
- ii) the implementation of AE elements in the current EU research initiatives, and
- iii) the recommendations for future research agendas to better strengthen AE and its transformative role in Europe.

[Rewatch the webinar here](#)

AE4EU webinar - Development of agroecology in Bulgaria and Romania



AE4EU Webinar - Development of agroecology in Bulgaria and Romania
Thursday, 6th of December, 16:00 - 17:30 (CET)
Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/3zTq1ch>

Documenting and analyzing the development of agroecology in different countries and context is important to enhance up and out-scaling of agroecology at European level. Based on the AE4EU project (Agroecology for Europe – www.ae4eu.eu), a mapping of agroecology in Bulgaria and Romania in its different dimensions was achieved to provide an overview of its development. This webinar will provide key results and discuss them with the participants.

Moderators: Baptiste Grard and Alexander Wezel, ISARA, France
Presenters: Attila Szocs Boruss Miklos, Eco Ruralis; Vasileios Gkisakis, ELGO; Vladislav H. Popov, Agricultural University of Plovdiv

Agenda

- 16h – 16h 10: AE4EU – mapping agroecology in Europe to document and foster its development
- 16h 10 – 16h 30: Main results and outcome from the mapping in Romania
- 16h 30 – 16h 50: Main results and outcome from the mapping in Bulgaria
- 16h 50 – 17h 30: Exchange with participants

Join for discussion & sharing of knowledge

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On the 6th of December, the 3rd AE4EU mapping webinar took place presenting the results of the mapping in Bulgaria and Romania. A specific time to discuss the current development of agroecology and the next steps.

[Rewatch the webinar here](#)

Open meeting - Experience sharing with Dr Olena Motuzenko on gastro-tourism “Academia, civil society and local communities - united to keep knowledge alive”



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During this one-hour open meeting, Dr Olena Motuzenko shared her experience and story about **the recently launched Atlas of 85 Ukrainian products of cultural value at Terra Madre and the process and participatory methodology behind this work**. The project joins various stakeholders: Slow Food network leaders from Kyiv and Lviv, Ukrainian and Italian academia, also local communities in 7 regions of Ukraine, with whom Dr Olena Motuzenko has been working to help show value and reconstruct the knowledge of traditional farming practices linked to local food culture and gastronomy.

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Zoom on two partners

We are happy to introduce you to other AE4EU project partners: Wageningen University and Research (WU) and Coventry University (CU).

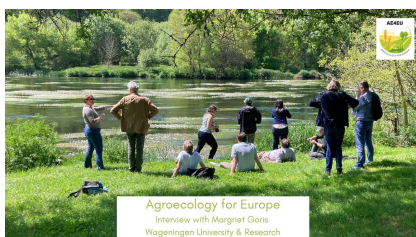
The **Centre for Agroecology Water and Resilience (CAWR) at Coventry University**, UK, is leading on Mapping funding for Agroecology.

Wageningen University & Research is focused on the cocreation of a living lab and mapping on agroecology in the Netherlands and the cocreation of a network of European network organisations working on agroecological transformations (NofN).

To find out more about our partners and the work that they are doing within AE4EU click below to read the full article or watch the short video interview with the two partners taken during the AE4EU annual meeting in Lugo in 2022.

[Meet our partner - WUR](#)

[Meet our partner - CU](#)



Video interview WUR



Video interview CU

On the AE4EU agenda



Launch event of the Network of European Networks on agroecological transformation in agriculture and food (NofN).

NofN's mission is to connect, strengthen and support existing networks and organisations to improve collaboration and dialogue across sectors working for the transformation of food systems. It is meant to be bottom-up, people-led and transdisciplinary in orientation, and to embrace all agroecological principles. NofN seeks to connect and amplify the voices and influence of a range of types of networks on agroecology, organic farming, regenerative farming, community-supported agriculture, and more related approaches.

In March 2022, the first meeting of the NofN took place. We are now looking forward to the formal launch of the NofN during a **special Launch event on the 26th of January 2023**. The NofN will then be presented through a formal starting document which is currently being drafted and will be fine-tuned interactively with participants to form the basis for further steps.

If you are interested in the NofN and want to know more about the Launch event and how to join click on the link below.

Registration form



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