A 'research-embedded-in-action' framework to foster agroecology

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I assume we agree on urgency of radical change
Revolution not cosmetics
I define my semantics
(paying heed to Wezel et al 2009)

• More than ‘adopting some agroecological practices’
• Whole-system re-design:
  reference, permaculture
Beyond labels

(...yet be clear on what I mean by agroecology)

• Plants, animal, people → food, fibre, fuel, etc.
• All env. & human aspects
• Favour natural processes

Altieri, 2002
Civiltà dell’Orto

For me, a perfect example of agroecological project
Grower participation in research

Warner, 2006
Develop agroecology through the praxis

- Abandoned land, abandoned buildings
- Pleading for an integrated approach
Abandoned land & buildings (an example)

7.2 ha (arable land), sale price € 750,000
Estimated cost of refurbishment € 1 million
1050 m² of buildings
I have a dream...
What framework?

1. Steering group, e.g. for
   - business plans
   - farmers’ involvement
   - legal framework & advice.

2. Catalyst.
To recap...
A new mind for novel solutions
Collect data while we do ALL that we do!
Try not! DO or DO NOT, There is no try.
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