Agroecological living lab to foster the transition, empower participation, promote innovations

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INTRODUCTION

Goal & agenda of the Workshop

Generate dialogue and create an inspiring space for collaboration, action, and knowledge exchange

● Introductory presentations - 20 min
● Small group discussion - 45 min
● Reporting and wrap-up - 25 min
Agroecosystem living labs (AELL)

→ mechanism for creating an experimental environment in real-life spaces not only for technological research but also for new organisational and institutional forms (McPhee et al. 2021; Ingram, 2015; Nevens et al., 2013; Turner et al., 2020)

→ practice-driven organizations that facilitate and foster open, collaborative innovation, as well as real-life environments or arenas where both open innovation and user innovation processes can be studied and subject to experiments and where new solutions are developed (AE4EU)
Living Laboratories

A four-fold typology

• **Multilizer-driven** LLs - the focus is on developing and testing new products and services

• **Enabler-driven** LLs - pursue some kind of social innovation or societal improvements

• **Provider-driven** LLs – aim at promoting research and theory development, augmenting knowledge creation, and finding solutions to specific problems.

• **User-driven** LLs are established by user communities and focus on solving users’ everyday-life problems, typically build upon a significant problem or a specific community of interest (Schuurman et al. 2013)
AGROECOLOGICAL LL

→ transdisciplinary approaches which involve farmers, researchers and other actors of the agri-food sector into co-learning, co-design, monitoring, and evaluation of agroecological practices in order to develop innovative solutions aimed at fostering agroecological principles in the community and its transition towards sustainability (Rastorgueva et al. 2024)
As case studies for AE4EU project, three ALLs were created, at different scales:

- local (Coventry, England, UK),
- regional (Varaita Valley in the Western Alps, Italy),
- national (the Netherlands).
ITALIAN ALL (Natalia Rastorgueva)

STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGEMENT IN VARAITA VALLEY, PIEDMONT

New Highlander farmers
ITALIAN ALL

THE FIRST WORKSHOP
ITALIAN ALL

THE SECOND WORKSHOP
ITALIAN ALL

THE 3 WORKSHOP & FARMERS MARKET 2023
ÖMKi On-farm Living Lab

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GROUP WORK - step I

8 tables with 8/10 person each

1. Choose a table with a stakeholder role: farmers, researchers, advisors, policy makers, consumers, activists, food producers/industries

2. Choose a rapporter of your table

3. Briefly introduce yourself and describe your LL and experience (1 min x person) 10 min
GROUP WORK - step II

INDIVIDUAL REFLECTION (5min)

Think about these questions:

- How to engage new people with specific interests into the LL activities?

- What are the main steps/actions (methods) that should be done for (further) development of the LL?

- What are the achieved or desired results/impacts (transformative changes) of the LL activities?
GROUP WORK - step III

GROUP DISCUSSION & WRITING OUTCOMES (30 min)

Write your group outcomes on www.menti.com use code 56967491
GROUP WORK - step IV

Reporting and wrap-up (25 min)

- each rapporter present your group outcomes (3 min each)
Thank you!!
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