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Insights from CODECS first Science-Policy meeting!

On the 17th of April, the European Association for Innovation in Local Development (AEIDL) hosted the first CODECS science-policy interface meeting, in the framework of CODECS Knowledge Accelerator. Attended by 85 actors from EU institutions, research communities, policymakers, and civil society organisations from across Europe and from several non-EU countries, the meeting served as a platform for discussions and knowledge exchange.

The inaugural session, titled **"Digital Transformation of Rural Areas: Perspective from Science and Policy,"** featured presentations from policy actors and researchers in the field.

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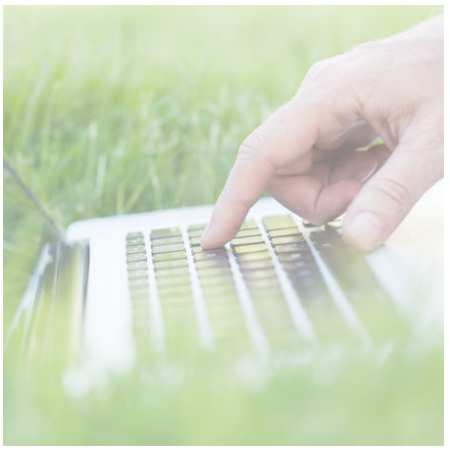
Enhancing Digitalisation in Agriculture: Insights from European Policy Environments



One of the primary goals is to deliver policy recommendations that can enhance farmers' digital readiness and promote the adoption of digital technologies. In March 2024, the University of Córdoba team, submitted the Draft Report on Policy Environments which marks the culmination of their

work over the initial 18 months of the project, unveiling some compelling results

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Launch of CODECS demonstration events on digitalisation of agriculture

On-farm demonstrations play a pivotal role in CODECS project to demonstrate the effectiveness of digital solutions in real conditions to a wide range of stakeholders, but also to capture feedback from end-users on the relevance of these solutions in their context. The 21 Living Labs from the consortium will organise 40 on-farm demonstrations and 20 virtual demonstrations all over Europe during the **lifetime of the project.**

Find out!

CODECS Living Labs ready to demonstrate digital technologies!

In 2023, CODECS Living Labs led workshops in all the 20 locations across Europe in order to discuss about the current perception of cost and benefits of digital technologies and to map the digital ecosystem of each technology that will be demonstrated and assessed in the 20 living labs. Now, after 18 months of project, they are ready to demonstrate and assess the digital technologies they are experimenting at local level.

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Exploring the Future of Farming with Smart Technology

On 10th May 2024, the Agricultural Cooperative Agraria's venue in Koper, Slovenia, hosted a groundbreaking event focused on Digital Technology in Agriculture. This event was organised as part of the CODECS project, hosted by the Living Lab Smart Villages Network from Slovenia.

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The detection of Alternaria in potato crops using drone images

ILVO's Agrifood Technology is one of the CODECS Living Labs and is testing ultra-high spatial resolution RGB imagery taken from drone platforms, AI models, task map generation and label tools for weed, disease and pest detection in commercial farms of arable crops.

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UPDATES FROM THE NETWORK

First EU multi-actor working group: Factors influencing the adoption of Climate-Smart Agriculture

On 23 May 2024, AEIDL organised an event in the framework of the BEATLES Horizon Europe project. It focused on the analysis of behaviours to develop transformational pathways to foster the transition towards fair, healthy and environmentally friendly food systems and the adoption of Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) and smart farming technologies in five Use Cases.

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Boosting digital growth in Sóller workshop to spark innovation

In a significant step towards accelerating digitalisation in rural areas, the SMART ERA project held a dynamic co-creation workshop in May 2024, organised in the pilot region of Sóller. Participants engaged in insightful discussions focused on the digitalization of key sectors such as tourism and agriculture.

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MOVING Final Conference charts future for mountain areas in post-2027 EU priorities

On June 13 and 14, the MOVING Final Conference: “A Future for Mountain Areas in Post-2027 EU Priorities” took place in Brussels, marking the culmination of a four-year journey for the project. The event was strategically timed to discuss the pivotal role of mountains and mountain value chains in achieving Europe’s political targets by 2030 and shaping the post-2027 EU political agenda.

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The QuantiFarm Toolkit: Purpose and Audience

The QuantiFarm project has reached a major milestone: the QuantiFarm Toolkit, an inclusive online platform focused on Digital Agriculture Technology Solutions (DATSs), is now available for users to explore. The QuantiFarm project developed and implemented an Assessment Framework to evaluate the costs and benefits, as well as the positive and negative impacts of DATS along the three sustainability dimensions: economic, environmental, and social.

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EUROPEAN NEWS

EU GREEN WEEK

Discover key EU agricultural news!

The EU-Farm Book released the **EU-Farm Book platform**, for agricultural communities to access and share knowledge. The EU also launched the **Agri Sustainability Compass**, an interactive tool for tracking sustainability in agriculture across 20 indicators. Furthermore, the Joint Research Centre published a **paper on the long-term impacts of the digital transition on EU farmers and rural communities**, including solutions for a sustainable digital transformation in agriculture.

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EU Green Week 2024

As humanity faces recurring water-related crises, this edition of the annual conference looked at what is needed to make the EU more water resilient. The Green Week 2024 Conference was held on 29-30 May. A fantastic array of speakers discussed all aspects of water management: Fostering a water-smart economy, restoring and safeguarding the disrupted water cycle, ensuring widespread access to clean and affordable water, as well as sanitation and international water cooperation.

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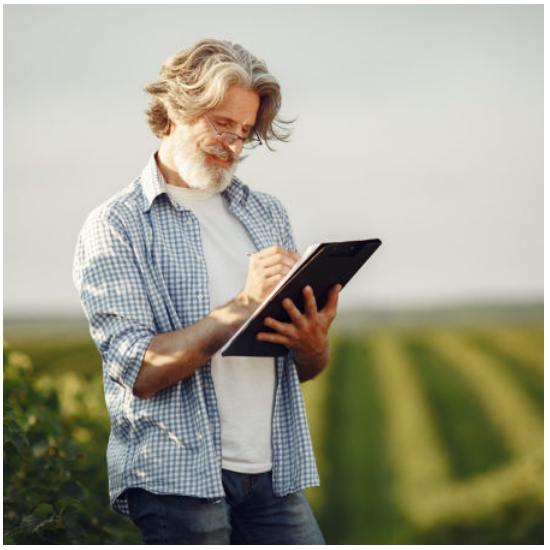

EU Releases Survey to Address Farmers' Concerns Across the Food Supply Chain

In light of the recent farmers' protests across Europe, and following a paper sent by the Commission to the Belgian Council Presidency on actions to help reduce the administrative burden of farmers, the Agriculture and Fisheries Council convened on February 26th to address urgent responses to the crisis affecting the agricultural sector. This meeting provided an opportunity to deliberate on immediate responses to the ongoing issues and, paved the way for strategic planning to address structural issues over the medium and long term.

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The EIP-AGRI Innovation Awards

Since the establishment of EIP-AGRI in 2012, more than 3 400 Operational Groups (OGs) have contributed to the increased productivity and sustainability of agriculture and forestry in the EU. In order to celebrate the great variety of innovative OG projects and their achievements over the past eight years, the EU CAP Network support unit for Innovation and Knowledge exchange | EIP-AGRI organised the EIP-AGRI Innovation Awards 2024. The main objective of the awards was to recognise and reward outstanding EIP-AGRI OGs which have developed innovative practices, solutions, products and processes.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Good Practice Workshop: Assessing the contribution of carbon farming to CAP climate objectives
24-25 June 2024
Nantes, France

European Rural Mobility Network
3 July 2024
Online

The path to economic resilience in rural areas
10 July 2024
Online

International Conference on Sustainable Development 2024
19-21 September 2024
Hybrid

Demo Event – Greenhouse smart sensors at Djajic Farm
25 September 2024

European Week of Regions and Cities 2024
7-10 October 2024
Brussels, Belgium

Demo event – Demonstration of the Innovative Soil Scanner
21 November 2024

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