CODECS Final Conference

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DAY 1

Day 1 will focus on the research insights generated by CODECS, presenting the conceptual framework, empirical analyses of digital ecosystems, and evidence on the environmental, economic and social impacts of farm digitalisation. Through presentations and a round table discussion, the day will combine scientific findings with Living Lab experiences to provide a comprehensive understanding of how digitalisation operates in practice across European farming systems.

DAY 1 – 15 SEPTEMBER	
13:30 – 14:00	Registration & welcome coffee
14:00 – 14:15	**Welcome and introduction to the day** • Serafin Pazos-Vidal, European Association for Innovation in Local Development (AEIDL) • Gianluca Brunori, University of Pisa & CODECS Coordinator
14:15 – 14:30	**Keynote speech** – Pierluigi Londero, Directorate-General for Agriculture & Rural Development (DG AGRI), European Commission
14:30 – 15:30	**Understanding digital agriculture as a system** • Conceptual framework for sustainable agriculture – Katrine Soma, Wageningen Research • Process modelling of digital ecosystem – Chiara Mannari, CNR • How is AKIS building digital innovation ecosystems? – Simona Cristiano, CREA Moderator: Daniele Vergamini, UNIPI
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 – 16:45	**Digital ecosystems in practice: insights from Europe** • Comparative assessment of digital ecosystems – Rosa María Heredia Hortigüela and Cynthia Giagnocavo, University of Almeria • Example from the field – Jovana Milosavljeva, Ag Futura (Macedonian Living Lab) Moderator: Cynthia Giagnocavo, University of Almeria
16:45 – 17:45	**Round table – Costs and benefits of farm digitalisation** • Economic perspective – Constantine Iliopoulos, ELGO • Social perspective – Beatriz Herrera, University of Hohenheim • Environmental perspective – Alexia Gobrecht, INRAE • Practical experience – Jonathan Van Beek, ILVO (Belgian Living Lab) Moderator: Véronique Bellon-Maurel, INRAE
17:45 – 18:00	**Wrap up** - Merveille Ntabuhashe, AEIDL
18:00 – 19:00	Networking cocktail

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DAY 2

Day 2 will focus on policy implications, exploring how European frameworks, governance systems and innovation networks shape digital agriculture. The programme will present practical policy tools developed by CODECS and facilitate discussions between policymakers, researchers and stakeholders to identify priorities for ensuring a sustainable, inclusive and well-governed digital transformation of agriculture in Europe.

DAY 2 – 16 SEPTEMBER	
08:30 – 09:00	Registration & welcome coffee
09:00 – 09:15	**Welcome and introduction to the day** - Merveille Ntabuhashe, AEIDL
09:15 – 09:30	**Keynote speech** – Francesco Iadecola, Directorate-General for Agriculture & Rural Development (DG AGRI), European Commission
09:30 – 10:30	**Policy environments shaping digital agriculture** • Policy environments for digitalisation in Europe – Mar Delgado, University of Cordoba • AKIS and digital innovation ecosystems – Pierre Labarthe, INRAE • Foresight analysis: potential impacts of digitalisation-related policies? – Niamh Mahon, James Hutton Institute • Paschalis Tziastas, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation (DG RTD), European Commission Moderator: Serafin Pazos-Vidal, AEIDL
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:00	**Policy pathways for sustainable and inclusive digitalisation** • Policy tools for sustainable digitalisation – Serafin Pazos-Vidal, AEIDL • Policy pathways for gender equality in agriculture – Jun He, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) • The gender dimension of farm digitalisation – Gianluca Brunori, UNIPI Moderator: Emilija Stojmenova Duh, University of Ljubljana
12:00 – 12:45	**Panel discussion - From evidence to EU policy: recommendations, tools and the road ahead** • Emils Kilis, Baltic Studies Centre • Daire Boyle, Envenflow & 4Growth project • Ian Baker, Catalys Moderator: Mar Delgado, University of Cordoba
12:45 – 13:00	**Wrap up and conclusions -** Gianluca Brunori**,** CODECS Coordinator
13:00 – 14:00	Networking lunch

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