



Living Labs as key instrument for the transition to sustainable farming: A European perspective

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The EU policy priorities for agriculture, forestry and rural areas



Organic Action Plan



NEW EU FOREST STRATEGY FOR 2030

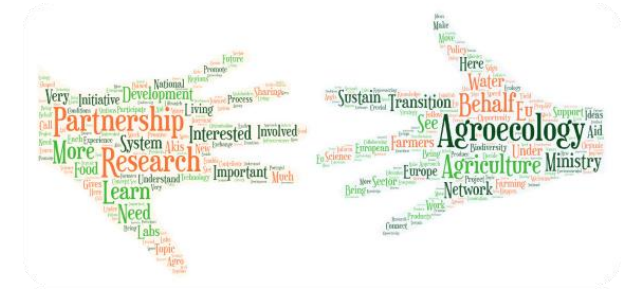
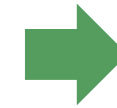
EU's Common Agricultural Policy



Instruments to support living labs

Research & Innovation
Cluster 6 Work Programmes

EU co-funded
partnerships

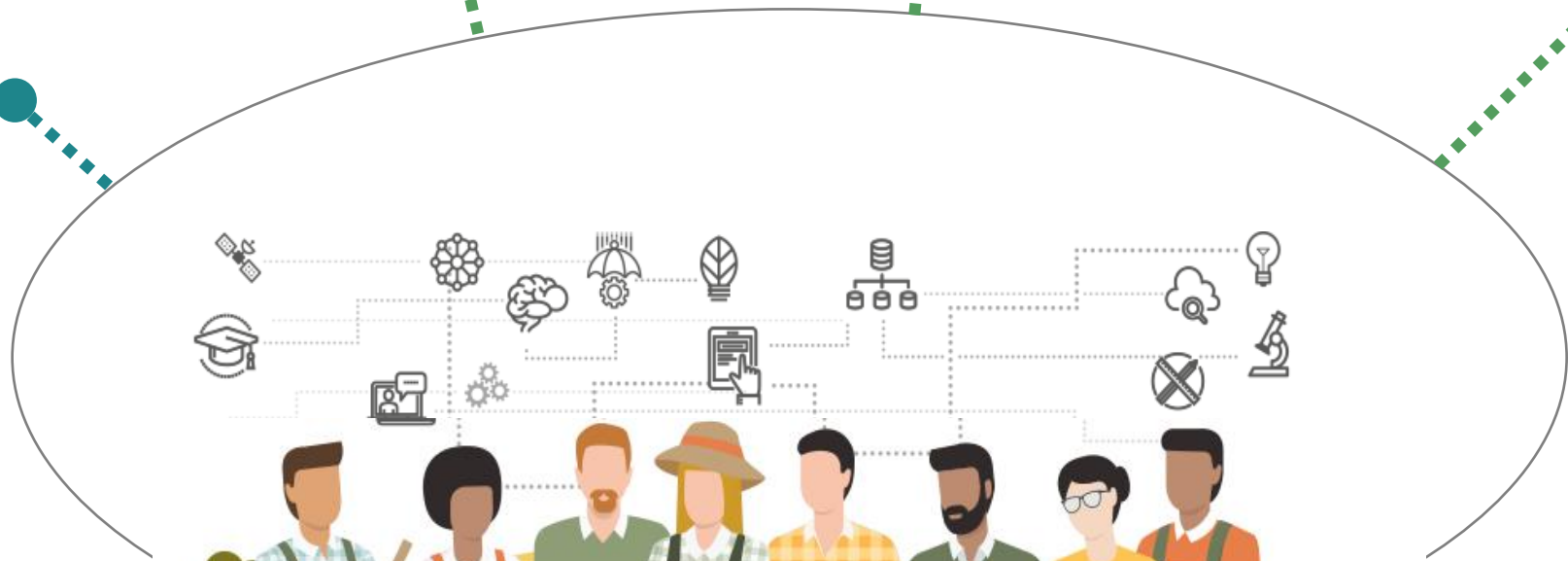


Innovation &
Knowledge
exchange

Missions



'A Soil Deal for
Europe'

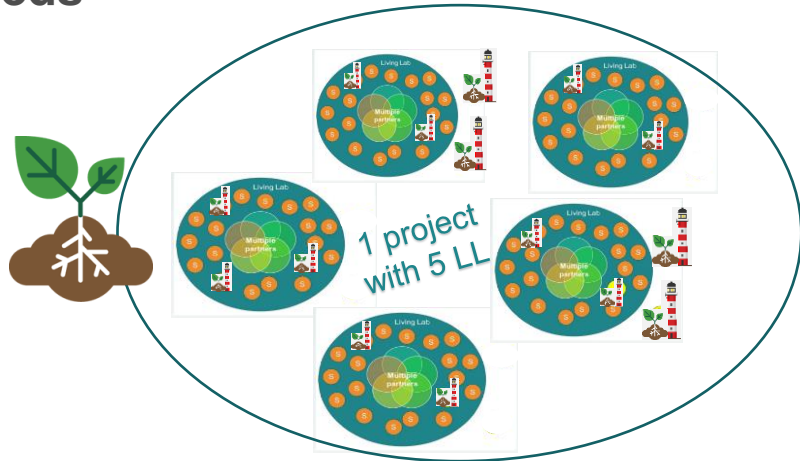


- Horizon 2020 / Horizon Europe
- Common Agricultural Policy

Mission Soil and Agroecology Partnership LLs

Real-life testing and experimentation environments

Co-creation, responding to bottom-up needs

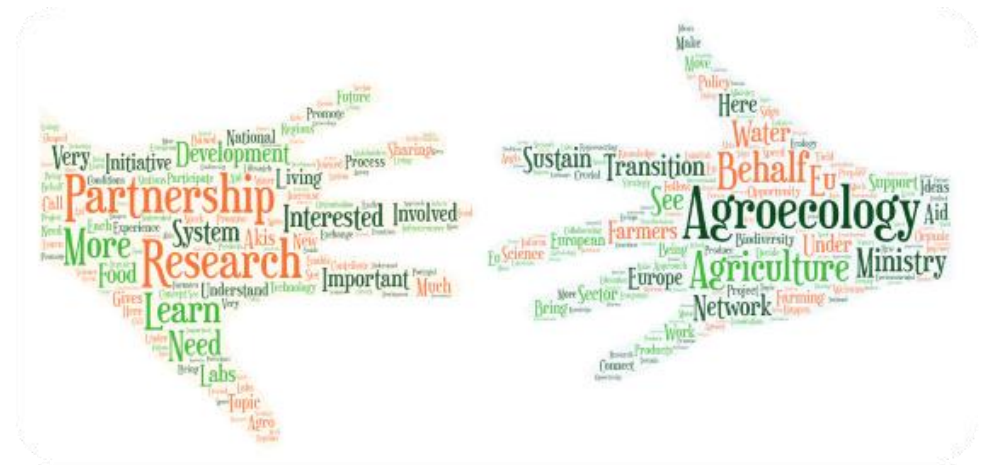


- Goal: **network of 100 Living Labs and Lighthouses** across Europe to lead the transition towards healthy soils
- **R&I programme**, framework for soil monitoring, awareness-raising and soil literacy

Locally embedded

User-centred, place-based R&I ecosystems

Multi-actor and multi-disciplinary



- **joint endeavour** of the EU, its Member States and countries associated to Horizon Europe.
- set up a **Europe-wide network of living labs and research infrastructures** to work on agroecology

How Mission Soil and Agroecology Partnership link together and can contribute to each other?

- Potentially sharing living labs
- ‘Non-research’ activities of the two networks: best practices sharing, experts exchange, capacity building, communication...
- Coordinate calls (agroecological farming practices are beneficial to soil health)
- Clusters of projects: synergies and complementarities
- Soil health monitoring and data collection
- Common policy-related activities (briefs, recommendations) for higher impact
- Common knowledge hub
- ...to be continued

Experiences, learnings, challenges and solutions

- **Need for structural financing mechanisms:**
 - **financial support to third parties** to allow the participation of appropriate stakeholders, including farmers
 - **use of other EU funding sources**
- Positive trend: **Mobilisation at national and regional levels** (ex: Mission Soil)
- **Time challenge:**
 - Support structure to facilitate the initial setting-up
 - Communities reach-out and promotion of results and experiences
- **communication and awareness raising** (exchanging experiences, peer-to-peer learning events, training, etc.)
- Positive examples: several **Horizon projects proposing living labs as implementation modes**
 - Ex.: funded research project on agroecology LLs [ALL-ready](#) with Canadian partners)



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