



## Welcome to the ALL-Ready Newsletter!



**Dear reader,**

Welcome to “**ALL-Ready**”, the project funded by the European Commission to shape the future network of Living Labs and Research Infrastructures to accelerate agroecological farming in Europe. The overall goal of the project is to integrate agroecology knowledge into agricultural production systems, by engaging all the stakeholders in the value chain. The Living Labs and Research Infrastructures in coordination with farmers and researchers will generate scientific results that will benefit agroecology transition. More info on the [project website](#).

The ALL-Ready project’s full name is “The European Agroecology Living Lab and Research Infrastructure Network: Preparation phase”, and it is a Coordination and Support Action (CSA) funded under Horizon 2020, the European Union's Research and Innovation programme, working in close collaboration with other ongoing projects, especially [Agroecology for Europe \(AE4EU\) project](#).

We are pleased to introduce the first ALL-Ready newsletter, and look forward to sharing more news with you soon. Enjoy!

The ALL-Ready Consortium



## **Agroecology and agroecology transition - key concepts**



Agroecology is a different way of farming and organising food systems. It is a way of working with food that uses diversity, considers the local context, and employs adaptive management at all levels of the agri-food system. Agroecology is not just a concern of producers. It is rather a profound change in reasoning about the shape and role of food systems, and so includes citizens and policy makers at the local and global level, individually and collectively.

To set up the framework and pave the way for a future network of living labs and research infrastructures for agroecology transition, the ALL-Ready consortium identified the key principles, concepts, and criteria which are applicable to place-based open innovation arrangements such as living labs (LLs) and research infrastructures (RIs).

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## **The European partnership on agroecology living labs and research infrastructures**



The European Commission has proposed a European partnership **“Accelerating farming systems transition: agroecology living labs and research infrastructures”** in order to structure and support a network of living labs and research infrastructures that will accelerate the transition towards agroecology throughout Europe. It will allow long-term, site-specific, multi-stakeholder and real-life experimentation, and implementation of research activities on agroecology at the European and national levels.

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## Living Labs & Research Infrastructures and their role in the agroecology transition



### LL and their role for the agroecology transition

Living Labs are a participatory way to develop solutions to a problem with all stakeholders and, therefore, can support the agroecology transition. Living labs for agroecology transition will work to improve sustainability and resilience not only at the agroecosystem level, but also at landscape level, while considering the food system as a whole.



### RIs and their role for the agroecology transition

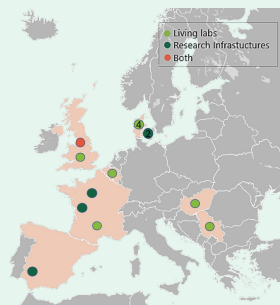
Similar to living labs, research infrastructures can have an important role in agroecology transition. They allow scientists to observe / experiment / predict agroecosystem and agri-food redesign, but they can be used for education or public services as well. All together they contribute to the collection of scientific knowledge on agroecology, supporting the agroecology transition.

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## ALL-Ready Pilot network of LLs and RIs soon to be launched



One of the main aims of ALL-Ready is to prepare and pilot a **European network of Living Labs (LL) and Research infrastructures (RIs)** that will enable the transition towards agroecology throughout Europe.

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## ALL-Ready criteria and indicators for the network inclusion



In order to identify organisations that could strengthen the transition to agroecology in Europe, ALL-Ready compiled a set of **criteria** and **indicators**.

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## ALL-Ready Stakeholder Engagement. Workshops and Advisory Board meeting



On 4 October, the ALL-Ready consortium had the pleasure to host two important meetings online.

The event was organized in two parts:

1. Morning: **Co-creative workshop** with stakeholders on the Contribution of a network of living labs and research infrastructures in further supporting the agroecological transition, and
2. Afternoon: The first ALL-Ready **External Advisory Board event**.

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## Agroecology Horizon2020 Results Pack



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Under **Horizon 2020**, the EU has funded several research projects dedicated to advancing **agroecological research**. A CORDIS Results Pack on Agroecology has been published in six languages highlighting 11 EU-funded research projects that demonstrate the potential of agroecology for transitioning toward sustainable, climate and ecosystem-friendly farming and food systems.

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