



Paving the way to agroecology transition
in Europe - Update on ALL-Ready's
activities

Welcome to the final ALL-Ready Newsletter



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Dear reader,

ALL-Ready, our three-year EU-funded project preparing for the European Network of Agroecology Living Labs and Research Infrastructures, has come to an end. Catch up on the activities in the final phase of the project and all that will follow!

The final [joint conference](#) of ALL-Ready and its sister project AE4EU took place in September at the Committee of the Regions in Brussels. It was a day packed with interesting panels and lively discussions on how Living Labs and Research Infrastructures can support the transition towards agroecology and what's to come in the future. At the occasion of the conference, our [booklet](#) showcasing the ALL-Ready Pilot Network was launched. We have issued several [policy briefs](#), summarising the policy recommendations and key messages generated by the project. [Fact sheets](#), practice abstracts and our deliverables have been published as well. More information below!

The ALL-Ready Consortium

ALL-Ready & AE4EU final conference



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On 27 September 2023 the final project conference took place at the Committee of the Regions in Brussels. Together with the AE4EU project, we presented our experiences and learnings from the past three years of the project. Keynote speaker Roberto Berutti, Member of the Cabinet of Agriculture Commissioner Janusz Wojciechowski, confirmed that Living Labs are important in achieving and even surpassing environmental, climate, farming, and biodiversity policy objectives. Heather McKhann (INRAE), coordinator of the ALL-Ready project, stressed the importance of diversity in establishing resilient systems. In the afternoon, panellists discussed how Living Labs and Research Infrastructures can support the transition towards agroecology as well as what the role of regions is in this.

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Policy Briefs published on agroecology transition in Europe

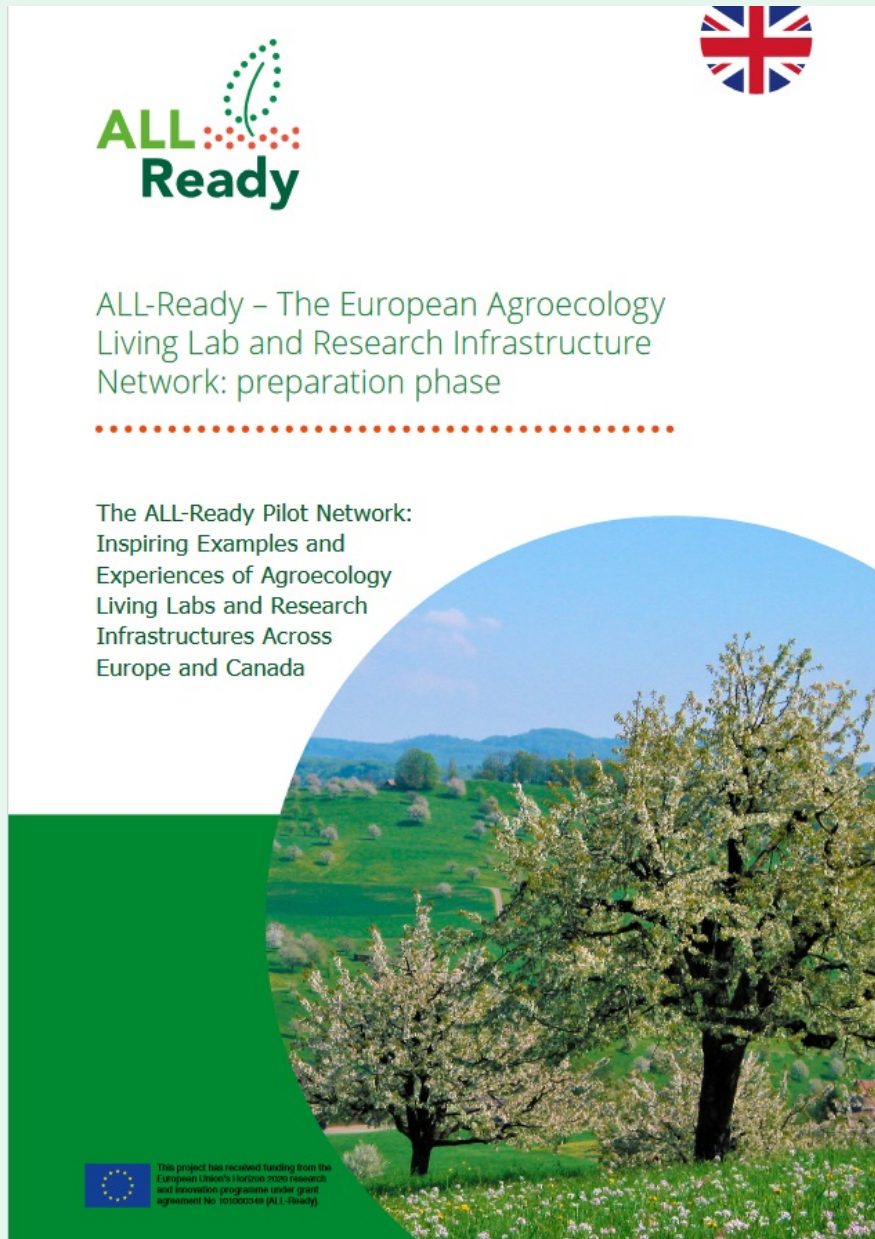


Several policy briefs were produced during the project. The briefs highlight policy recommendations and key messages to support agroecology transition at EU, national and regional levels. The briefs address the added value of the European Network of Agroecology Living Labs and Research Infrastructures, issues of long-term implementation and sustainability, policy incentives and respective barriers as well as co-creation involving multiple stakeholders. The

briefs are available through [Zenodo](#).

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ALL-Ready Pilot Network booklet is available!



The [ALL-Ready booklet](#) showcasing the pilot network is now available. The booklet showcases inspiring examples of agroecology living labs and research infrastructures across Europe. It highlights the achievements of the pilot network and its future role. In total, 20 pilot members are presented, of which 13 are agroecology living labs and 7 are research infrastructures. The booklet is now available both digitally and in print in English and 6 other European languages.

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Fact sheets are published!



During the project, 10 [fact sheets](#) were produced. Each one covers a specific outcome or takeaway from a particular project activity. Have a look at the fact sheets and learn more about the added value of the network, capacity building to support agroecology transition, or why research infrastructures are important for agroecology transition.

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First International Forum on Agroecosystem Living Labs, Montreal Canada

Montreal Conference

The first [International Forum on Agroecosystem Living Labs](#) (IF-ALL 2023) was held in Montreal, Canada, on 4-6 October 2023 as part of the Adaptation Futures conference. It was co-organised by the ALL-Ready partners Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) and the French National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and the Environment (INRAE). During the event, Heather McKhann (INRAE, ALL-Ready coordinator) presented on “Living Labs for Agroecology Transition”, drawing on lessons learned in ALL-Ready and in particular the conceptual framework and the criteria for self-assessment of living labs. José Manuel Avila (LifeWatch ERIC, WP leader on Knowledge and Data management) made a presentation in the session on “Promoting innovation through living labs” in which he show-cased the [Agroecology Virtual Research Environment](#) (VRE) as a powerful tool to facilitate efficient data management and enhance collaboration among diverse users. He showed the platform's potential to boost knowledge sharing, and communication among the Pilot Network's living labs and research infrastructures.

Agroecology Partnership

The future European Partnership “Accelerating farming systems transition: agroecology living labs and research infrastructures”, known as AGROECOLOGY, has been positively evaluated and is expected to start in January 2024. It brings together 70 partners from 26 countries with an estimated total budget of EUR 300 million over 10 years. It is based on the partnership [dossier](#) and the [SRIA](#) that were prepared by the SCAR Agroecology Strategic Working Group, with inputs from ALL-Ready. Much of the work performed in ALL-Ready will be taken up in the partnership through the involvement of several ALL-Ready partners as work package leaders or deputy leaders.

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