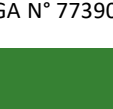




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Understanding & improving the sustainability of agro-ecological farming systems in the EU

This is the 5th newsletter of the UNISECO project WHERE YOU CAN:

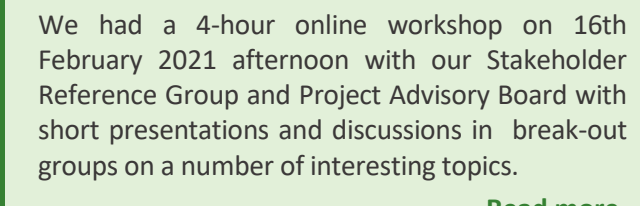
- Find out what UNISECO is all about
- Read about the latest developments of the project
- Know more about networking with other EU projects
- Get information on upcoming events and our final conference
- Find information about how to join us

What is UNISECO ?

UNISECO is an EC funded 3-year Horizon 2020 research and innovation action aiming at strengthening the sustainability of EU farming systems through co-constructing improved and practice validated strategies and incentives for the promotion of improved agro-ecological approaches.

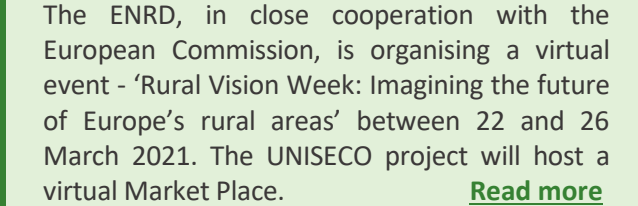
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Latest news from UNISECO



UNISECO PROJECT WORKSHOP

We had a 4-hour online workshop on 16th February 2021 afternoon with our Stakeholder Reference Group and Project Advisory Board with short presentations and discussions in break-out groups on a number of interesting topics.

[Read more](#)


UNISECO AT THE Rural Vision Week

22-26 March 2021

The ENRD, in close cooperation with the European Commission, is organising a virtual event - 'Rural Vision Week: Imagining the future of Europe's rural areas' between 22 and 26 March 2021. The UNISECO project will host a virtual Market Place.

[Read more](#)


7th PROJECT MEETING & STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP

We had our 3rd virtual project meeting this year between 3 and 6 November 2020. On the 4 and 5 November we had two half days of online stakeholder workshop focussed on innovative market & policy incentives, benefits & potential impacts of agroecology transitions & innovations at a wider scale.

[Read more](#)


Conference on the future of soil-conservation farming in Hungary

2 March 2021
online
Many thanks to all presenters and attendees for their active contributions!

As a closing stakeholder event in the HU case study 250 practitioners and experts including farmers, advisors, officials from the Ministry of Agriculture and authorities, representatives of NGOs and civic organisations, and of research and innovation have registered to the conference co-organised with the Hungarian Chamber of Agriculture.

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LATVIAN CASE STUDY: MULTI-CRITERIA ASSESSMENT OF TRANSITION STRATEGY POLICY INSTRUMENTS

An ex-ante multi-criteria assessment (MCA) was undertaken via interviews with 11 MAP members of the policy instruments in Latvia to define priorities for implementation.

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HOW ORGANIC MILK PRODUCERS ARE DOING IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC?

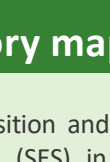
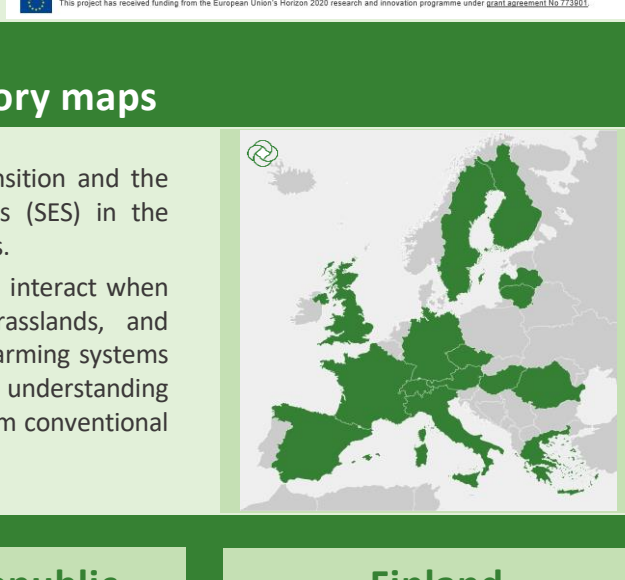
Success story of a farm: income diversification, keeping added value and cooperation pays off!
A visit to a farm involved in sustainability assessments within the UNISECO project.

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REGISTER TO OUR FINAL CONFERENCE

Join us for the final conference of our project!

We will showcase the results of the UNISECO project including strategies for agro-ecological transitions in a diverse set of case studies across Europe, territorial implications of agro-ecological transitions at EU-level, and the Agro-Ecological Knowledge Hub and key recommendations for policy and practice.

[Read more on the conference page](#)
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Registrations close on 15 March 2021


REGISTER NOW UNISECO FINAL CONFERENCE VIRTUAL EVENT 18-19 March 2021

<https://uniseco-project.eu/final-conference>

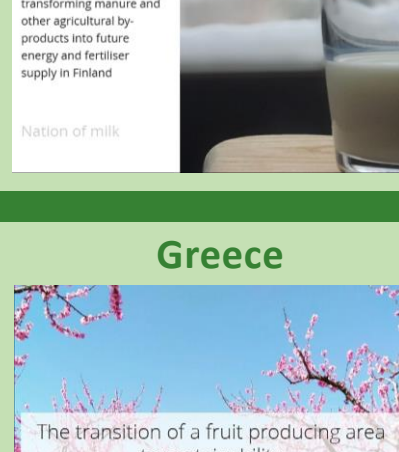
"Strengthening the sustainability of EU farming systems, through co-constructing improved and practice-validated strategies and incentives for the promotion of improved agro-ecological approaches"

<https://uniseco-project.eu/>

UNISECO story maps

Get to know the central issues of agro-ecological transition and the results of the assessment of socio-ecological systems (SES) in the UNISECO case studies through our multimedia story maps.

The SES provides an understanding how these systems interact when farmers manage particular resources (e.g. soil, grasslands, and permanent crops). The main purpose of studying the farming systems in UNISECO with the SES approach was to increase the understanding why some systems succeed or fail in their transition from conventional to agro-ecological farming systems.



Austria

Mitigation of climate change by humus formation in arable farming

Chörgen, Vorarlberg, Austria

Kaindorf

Czech Republic

Improvement of soil properties on arable land

Improvement of soil properties on arable land by crop rotation and other soil protection measures carried out under conversion to organic dairy farming

Finland

Transition towards carbon-neutral milk

How policies are transforming manure and other agricultural by-products into future energy and fertiliser supply in Finland

Nation of milk

France

Viticulture and agroecology (France)

Cooperation between farmers to foster agroecology in arable viticulture

Germany

Improving biodiversity and water quality while limiting the negative impacts on the economic viability of farms

The farming family in Lower Saxony, Germany

Greece

The transition of a fruit producing area to sustainability

Ioannina, Greece

Hungary

Sustainable resource management to increase economic viability

Jointly established organic traditional cropping farms in Hungary

Italy

Promoting Biodistricts can help the agroecological transition in Chianti (Tuscany)

Latvia

Improving the sustainability of grassland-based organic dairy farming in Latvia

Efficient livestock-based organic dairy farming and consumption

Lithuania

Keeping it small and extensive: the way to a sustainable future in the Lithuanian dairy sector

Finding a way how to sustain small dairy farms, while producing quality products with benefits for environment and society

Romania

Small-scale farming in Transylvania

Preserving the agroecological and biodiversity of small-scale organic dairy farming in Transylvania

Spain

Agro-ecological farming systems in northern Spain

Empowering small-scale, local and organic farmers

Sweden

Potential for increased food production from ruminant farms

Developing national and international networks by supporting the role for smallholder dairy farming

Switzerland

Strategies for reducing stocking densities

In the context of agricultural path dependencies, improved economic resilience and highly sensitive ecosystems in the eastern Central Alps Region (Austria)

United Kingdom

Delivering Public Goods

Transitions to Agro-Ecological Farming Systems in North-East Scotland, UK

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Open Access Scientific articles from UNISECO

- [Position paper: Policies for agroecology in Europe, building on experiences in France, Germany and the United Kingdom](#) . Vol. 70(2)2020. Journal of Sustainable and Organic Agricultural Systems.
- [Research article: Assessing agro-ecological practices using a combination of three sustainability assessment tools](#). Vol. 70(2)2020. Journal of Sustainable and Organic Agricultural Systems.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 03/2021: [VIRTUAL: UNISECO final conference](#)
- 03/2021: [VIRTUAL: ENRD-EC Rural Vision Week, 22-26 March 2021](#)
- 03/2021: [VIRTUAL: Forum for the Future of Agriculture \(FFA\) annual conference, 23 March 2021](#)
- 03/2021: [VIRTUAL: Annual Conference of The Agricultural Economics Society, 29-30 March 2021](#)
- 04/2021: [VIRTUAL: AAG Annual Meeting 2021, 7-11 April](#)
- 05/2021: [VIRTUAL: 2nd International Scientific Conference "Sustainable Bioeconomy Development 2021: Adaptation to Climate Change, 20-21 May 2021](#)
- 05/2021: [EU Green Week 2021, 31 May – 13 June](#)
- 06/2021: [VIRTUAL: XVI Congress of the Eur. Association of Agricultural Economists \(EAAE\), 2021 20-23 July](#)
- 07/2021: [VIRTUAL: 7th International Degrowth / 16th International Society for Ecological Economics Joint Conference, 2021 5-8 July](#)
- 08/2021: [VIRTUAL: Eurosoil 2021 Congress, 24-27 August 2021, Geneva, Switzerland](#)
- 09/2021: [VIRTUAL: Landscape 2021 Conference, Berlin, Germany](#)
- 11/2021: [3rd Agroecology Europe Forum, 2021 18-20 November, Barcelona, Spain](#)

JOIN US!

Your active engagement is important to ensure that the innovative tools, approaches and policy recommendations that we develop reflect the views of those who are directly involved in delivering or seeking to strengthen the sustainability of EU farming systems through co-constructing improved and practice validated strategies and incentives for the promotion of improved agro-ecological approaches.

THERE ARE MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED IN UNISECO:

- Participate in national workshops
- Contribute to our virtual Multi-Actor Platform online community (MAP-NEF)
- Take part in the case studies

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A summary of results will be sent in our last UNISECO newsletter, scheduled for April 2021. Thank you for signing up to the UNISECO newsletter. Further information can be found on the [UNISECO project website](#) & [Agro-ecological Knowledge Hub homepage](#). UNISECO in the [EIP-AGRI multi-actor projects database](#).



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