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UNDERSTANDING & IMPROVING  
THE SUSTAINABILITY OF  
AGROECOLOGICAL FARMING SYSTEMS  
IN THE EU

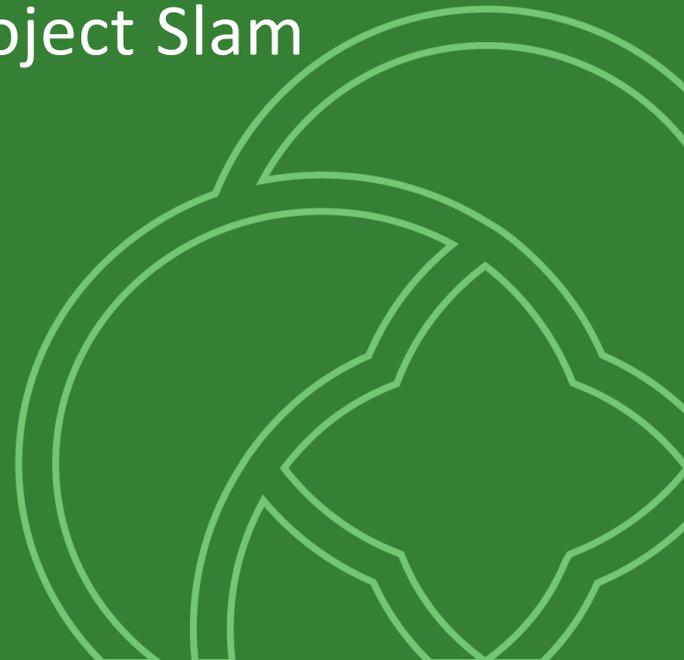
# UNISECO Project

SCAR-Agroecology 2nd Project Slam  
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## Main objective:

- To strengthen the **sustainability of European farming systems**, through co-constructing **strategies and incentives for agro-ecological transitions**.

**Status quo** - Current sustainability performance of farming systems

**Barriers and drivers of agro-ecological transitions** – Understanding “failure and success”

- **Case studies: Local context and systems level**
- **Initiating and enhancing transitions**
- **Multi-actor platforms: Capacity building and cooperation of actors**

**Sustainability implications of the strategies** – impacts in the context of future uncertainties

**Strategies for agro-ecological transitions** – Developing solutions who can do which actions

**Practice and policy recommendations at local, national and EU level**

- **Enhancing knowledge: social capital and trust**
- **Generation of added value: cooperation**
- **Effective policy design: role of local actors**
- **Changes in consumer preferences and diets**



- **Recommendations on agroecological research:** future research needs identified, e.g. agroecology and climate change, upscaling and value chains and roles, and impacts of agroecology on wider rural areas, communities and territories
- **Recommendations on innovation instruments needed to test agroecology concepts and practices:** importance of social innovation for the governance of transitions and networks
- **Recommendations on governance and suitable funding schemes and regulatory drivers:** key areas of funding, e.g. education and capacity building, combination of private and public incentives
- **Key actors of transitions:** scope and range of actors (e.g. school programmes and urban consumer perspectives)



**Thank you for your attention.**

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