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## FINAL CONFERENCE

### ONLINE

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Understanding and Improving the Sustainability of Agro-ecological Farming Systems in the EU

## Join us for the virtual conference of our H2020 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.

The event will provide opportunities to:

- Debate approaches, findings and lessons for policy and for practice, and the spatially explicit interactive online tool to explore sustainability impacts of agro-ecological farming systems;
- Contribute to an evolving debate of the role of agroecology in sustainable farming and food systems in Europe, and of effective policy support;
- Network with key stakeholders, researchers and other interested parties.

Project results are intended to contribute to the implementation of the EU Farm to Fork Strategy, Biodiversity Strategy for 2030, the preparations of the European R&I partnership on agroecology living labs and research infrastructures, and the national CAP Strategic Plans.

The target audience of this conference is farming organisations and stakeholders across the value chain, the European Commission and EU and national public authorities, international organisations, NGOs and civil society organisations, knowledge and innovation networks and brokers, and researchers.

### REGISTER NOW!

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Registration for this event closes on 15 March 2021

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# AGENDA

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18 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	
09:00	Welcome introduction to conference, Lara Congiu, REA Project Adviser
09:15	Setting the scene on the EU policy context, Susana Gaona Saez, DG Agri Policy Officer
09:45	Webinar: Governance and sustainability of agro-ecological transitions – Synthesis of main findings and recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Introducing the UNISECO project and its transdisciplinary approach</li> <li>○ Synthesis of strategies of agro-ecological transitions</li> <li>○ EU-level sustainability implications of agro-ecological transitions</li> <li>○ Recommendations for research and policies at regional, national and EU levels</li> <li>○ Introduction to and demonstration of the Agro-ecological Knowledge Hub</li> </ul>
12:30	Introduction to parallel sessions and booths for the afternoon - Virtual guidance tour
13:00	Lunch break
14:30 – 17:00	Conference sessions and information booths providing detailed insights on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Key actions and lessons from a multi-actor perspective to overcome barriers of agro-ecological transitions from 15 European countries</li> <li>○ Farm level sustainability impacts of agro-ecological transitions</li> <li>○ Territorial sustainability impacts of agro-ecological transitions</li> <li>○ Role and potential of Multi-Actor Platforms in agro-ecological transitions</li> <li>○ Demonstration of the agro-ecological knowledge hub and the Socio-ecological system interaction tool (SESSIT)</li> </ul>
17:00	Forward look to workshop on agro-ecological transitions on the 19 <sup>th</sup> March
17:15	End of day

19 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	
09:00	Welcome and workshop introduction
09:15	Presentations introducing the European R&I partnership on agroecology and its preparation and providing insights into lessons learnt and emerging key issues for supporting agro-ecological transitions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ European R&amp;I partnership on agroecology, Susana Gaona Saez, DG Agri Policy Officer</li> <li>○ H2020 ALL-Ready project, Heather McKhann, FACCE-JPI</li> <li>○ H2020 LIFT project, Laure Latruffe, INRAE</li> <li>○ H2020 UNISECO project, Gerald Schwarz, Thünen Institute</li> </ul>
10:15	Break
10:45	Discussion of emerging key issues and possible contributions to the preparation of the European R&I partnership on agroecology, national level CAP strategic plans and future research topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ How can actors throughout the value chain be engaged in agro-ecological transitions?</li> <li>○ What role and potential do local Multi-Actor Platforms have in supporting agro-ecological transitions?</li> <li>○ How can the future CAP effectively support agro-ecological transitions? Which instruments need to be strengthened?</li> </ul>
11:45	Break
12:00	Roundtable discussion of future research topics to support agro-ecological transitions
12:45	Summary of workshop and outlook to next events
13:00	End of workshop

UNISECO is a European Union research project aiming to develop innovative approaches to enhance the understanding of socio-economic and policy drivers and barriers for further development and implementation of agro-ecological practices in EU farming systems.

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