

Embracing Change: The CODECS Journey Towards Sustainable Agricultural Digitalisation



We are delighted to present the inaugural edition of the CODECS Newsletter, your go-to source for updates and insights on the Horizon Europe project, **CODECS** - a four-year endeavor aimed at revolutionizing agricultural digitalisation for sustainable and transformative change. With **33 partners** spanning across Europe, the project is **coordinated by the University of Pisa**.

CODECS, which stands for "**maximising the CO-benefits of agricultural Digitalisation through conducive digital ECoSystems**", is driven by a shared vision to enhance the motivation and capabilities of European farmers in embracing digitalisation as a catalyst for positive change.

As we embark on this groundbreaking journey, we bid farewell to our esteemed partners from the H2020 Project **DESIRA** (Digitisation: Economic and Social Impacts in Rural Areas). After four fruitful years, DESIRA has reached its conclusion. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the DESIRA partners for their accomplishments and their recent Final Conference in Brussels.

As DESIRA concludes, CODECS stands ready to take the baton of rural digitalisation. **We are committed to capitalizing on the knowledge, networks, and achievements of DESIRA**, ensuring a seamless transition to the next phase of this vital journey. To this end, CODECS partners have aligned themselves with the DESIRA Declaration, reaffirming our dedication to sustainable digitalisation and collaborative engagement.

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Introducing the CODECS Leaflet – Your Guide to the Project

CODECS is thrilled to announce the release of the CODECS Leaflet, a comprehensive guide to their groundbreaking project. Discover the essence of this innovative initiative, explore the project's goals and potential, and unlock new frontiers in agricultural digitalisation.

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Collaborative Success: CODECS' Impactful Presence at the SHERPA Final Conference

The SHERPA Final Conference provided a platform for CODECS to showcase their work and engage with stakeholders in shaping the future of rural development. Through their participation in the Rural Corridor and policy sessions, CODECS highlighted the importance of connected rural areas and inclusive policies, leaving a lasting impact on the discourse.



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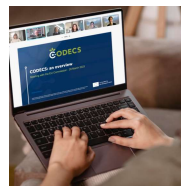
CODECS Partners in Brussels to Advance Project Goals

CODECS partners gathered in Brussels after the successful DESIRA Final Conference to continue driving the project forward. The meeting focused on in-depth discussions and preparations for the Annual Living Labs (LLs) Workshops, aiming to explore the potential of digitalisation within CODECS and foster collaboration among the Living Labs.

[Check it out!](#)

CODECS and QuantiFarm Presented to the EC and the REA

CODECS and QuantiFarm projects gain momentum as they enter a productive phase. An online session was organized to introduce both projects to European Commission and European Research Executive Agency representatives, fostering collaboration and networking opportunities. The projects' coordinators highlighted key similarities and engaged in lively discussions.



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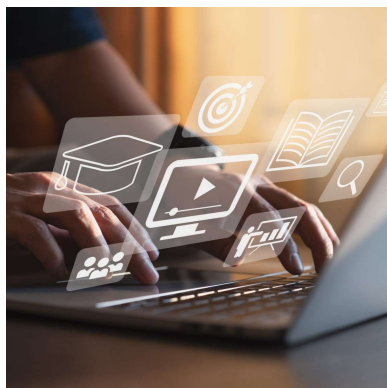
UPDATES FROM THE NETWORK



Join the DESIRA Final Declaration!

The DESIRA Final Conference brought together 120 participants from 20 countries to collaborate on summarising DESIRA's work and objectives over the past four years. The focus is on establishing sustainable rural digitalisation as a key goal, addressing rural issues and involving the community. This requires strong policies, clear implementation responsibilities, resource assessment, and effective allocation. Thus, we urge the European Commission to provide the necessary tools for effective rural digitalisation policies.

Read and join us!



European Commission Proposes Measures for Advancing Digital Skills

The European Commission has put forth two proposals for a Council Recommendation, aiming to enhance digital education and training across Europe. These proposals address the need for comprehensive government approaches and the bridging of digital skills gaps. They emphasize universal access, inclusivity, and the integration of digital skills at all levels of education and training. The proposals align with European digital rights and contribute to key strategic objectives.

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CODECS joins the EU Agri Research Conference in Brussels

The EU Agri Research Conference 2023 concluded successfully, gathering leading experts and stakeholders to discuss the future of agriculture and research. CODECS actively participated, showcasing their initiatives and contributing to the conference's communication efforts. Valuable insights and collaborations were formed, driving progress in CODECS' ongoing project and shaping the long-term research agenda for the agricultural sector.

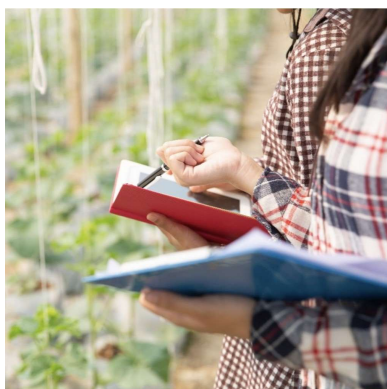
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Building Resilient Rural Communities: REBOUND Training Programme Announcement

AEIDL, in collaboration with LDnet, presents the REBOUND Erasmus project offering a Level 6 training programme on Rural Community Resilience. This practitioner-oriented online training aims to share good practices, promote knowledge, and develop skills for individuals actively involved in rural development or community work. The programme focuses on theoretical concepts and their practical application, fostering consensus and commitment to resilience among stakeholders.

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BEATLES Project Provides Feedback on REvised EU Marketing Standards for Agricultural Products

The BEATLES project, focused on climate-smart agriculture, has conducted research on the adoption of sustainable food systems in the EU. They highlight the importance of EU marketing standards for ensuring quality and preventing competition distortions. However, outdated standards may hinder efficiency and sustainability goals. Aligning with the European Green Deal and Farm to Fork Strategy is essential. AEIDL's policy experts coordinated feedback to the European Commission on the revision of EU marketing standards.

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Participate in the Tools4CAP first Info Session!

Tools4CAP, which stands for Innovative Toolbox empowering effective CAP governance towards EU ambitions, will organise an online info session on June 26, 2023, from 10 am to 12 pm (CET) aiming to present the project and the opportunities of engagement.

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GRANULAR Digital Platform is Live!

GRANULAR Digital Platform is an online interface to visualise and analyse the datasets of interest for rural areas and rural communities. Rural actors can benefit from the datasets the GRANULAR project will provide in the [Digital Platform](#). These datasets are thought to help them understand their rural areas and taking decisions grounded on evidence. Moreover, as the project will be providing content from a European scope, people will be able to identify good practices from other regions.

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The New Horizon Europe FUTURAL Has Been Launched!

FUTURAL is a Horizon Europe project launched in Athens on June 15th and 16th, 2023. Its goal is to empower rural communities by enabling their active participation in driving positive change. Over the course of 2023-2027, FUTURAL will develop customized smart solutions for diverse rural contexts, considering geographical and socio-cultural factors. These solutions, along with contributions from other EU initiatives, aim to address societal, environmental, and financial challenges. FUTURAL seeks to create a lasting impact by implementing community-led innovations and fostering collaboration among various initiatives.

[Check it out!](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Rural Geo 2023

26 - 29 June 2023

Groningen, The Netherlands

Smart Village Forum

28 June - 3 July 2023

Jupiter, Romania

Taking action to tackle rural depopulation

29 June 2023

Brussels, Belgium

Shaping the future of rural areas

27 - 29 September 2023

Sigüenza, Spain

MOVING EU MAP webinar | Protected natural sites: A constraint or an opportunity for mountain value chains?

5 October 2023

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