



## Newsletter - December 2023

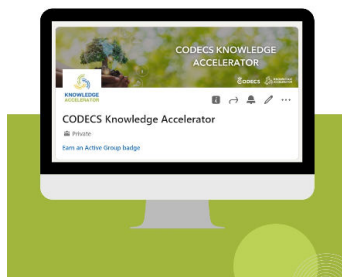
### Reflecting on CODECS Progress at Annual General Assembly



From December 12 to 14, 2023, the CODECS project convened its **Annual General Assembly** at the University of Almeria, Spain. This event, accessible both in-person and online, was a pivotal gathering that brought together CODECS partners to **discuss advancements, achievements, and future directions of the project.**

This event was a success, serving as a nexus for collaboration, knowledge-sharing, and the pursuit of sustainable farming practices through digital innovation. The palpable sense of achievement among the CODECS partners reflects a collective dedication to leveraging technology for positive and lasting impacts on the agriculture sector. As the project looks ahead, the momentum generated at this assembly promises to propel CODECS toward further breakthroughs in the sustainable digitalisation of farming ecosystems.

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### Empowering Collaborative Learning with CODECS Knowledge Accelerator

CODECS is proud to announce the launch of its **Knowledge Accelerator (KA)**. Serving as a pivotal outreach arm of the project, CODECS KA stands as a network dedicated to **fostering knowledge co-creation through a multi-faceted and cross-cutting approach.**

[Join the KA Community](#)

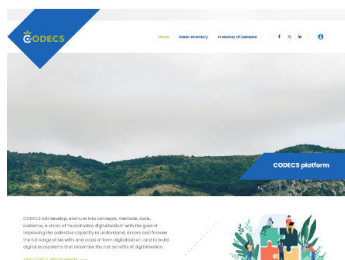
**Sustainable Digitalisation: Shaping the Future of Agriculture**

Join the **first Knowledge Accelerator Webinar** on **25 January 2023, from 10:00 to 11:30 CET**.

During this webinar, we will unveil the **CODECS Digital Platform** and offer **insights from two additional Horizon Europe projects - past and ongoing**, providing a comprehensive perspective on digitalisation in agriculture. Don't miss this opportunity to explore the future of farming through user-friendly approaches and innovative tools.



**Register now!**

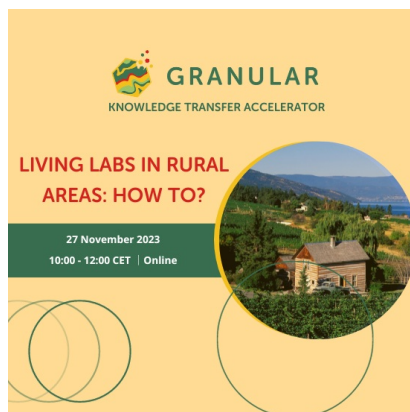


## CODECS launches Digital Platform for Agricultural Innovation

We are delighted to introduce you to the CODECS platform, a dynamic and innovative hub dedicated to showcasing cutting-edge digital tools and research outputs. At the core of its mission is the overarching goal of raising awareness and driving the adoption of technologies that align with a sustainable digital vision.

**Check it out**

## UPDATES FROM THE NETWORK



### “Living Labs in Rural Areas: How To?“, real-life cases at GRANULAR’s webinar

On 27 November, nearly 100 actors welcomed the first GRANULAR Knowledge Transfer activity on “Living Labs in Rural Areas: How To?“, organised by the European Association for Innovation in Local Development (AEIDL).

**Check it out!**



### Mountain actors convene in Hungary to forge pathways for sustainable value chains

From November 6 to 8, around 100 mountain representatives spanning 16 countries and 22 mountain ranges converged in Hungary for the Workshop, ‘Unlocking the Power of Mountain Value Chains’, organised in the framework of the EU-funded MOVING project.

**Check it out!**



## Smart City Expo World Congress

In November 2023, the H2020 project AURORAL took part in the Smart City Expo World Congress, bringing together global experts to connect, learn, and exchange experiences on the future of smart cities. The three-day event sought to establish an international innovation network, promote new collaborations, and create a knowledge-sharing platform for year-round engagement. This edition brought together around 600 speakers, 800 cities and 140 countries. Industry executives, entrepreneurs, public officials, institutions, experts and academia met in Barcelona to discuss the evolution of urbanism.

[Check it out!](#)



## Exploring challenges of the Finnish farm work and their working culture

On December 4, 2023, took place the first Finnish Community of Practice (FinCoP) workshop, delving into the complexities of farm work in Finland taking into the whole project focus Finnish dairy sector. FinCoP members focused on the current situation of the Finnish dairy farms and their work culture especially taking into account work safety. The objective was taken to pinpoint areas for improvements and draw a clear thematic plan for the FinCoP's future workshops.

[Check it out!](#)

## EUROPEAN NEWS



## Insights from the EU AGRI-Digital Conference: Paving the Way for a Digital Future in Agriculture

The recently concluded EU Agri-Food Days, that took place from 6 to 8 December in Brussels, brought together a diverse group of stakeholders to explore the future of European agriculture, the implications of digital



## Green light to the EU Council conclusions on the Long-Term Vision for Rural Areas

The Council of Agriculture and Fisheries Ministers of the EU gave the green light to the conclusions document on the long-term vision for rural areas (LTVRA). In alignment with CODECS objectives, the Council notes the need to encourage digital innovation, data infrastructure

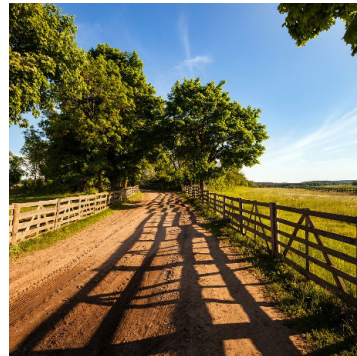
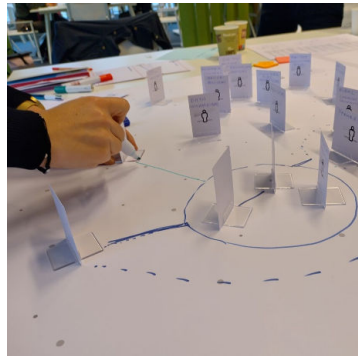


transition, and the crucial role of sustainability.

and the acquisition of digital skills to boost the competencies needed for the digital transformation of rural areas.

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### Joint Research Centre's Digital Transition Toolkit

The Joint Research Centre has launched a toolkit for policymakers focused on digital transition. The objective of this toolkit is to ease strategic discussions regarding the impact of digital transition on farmers and rural communities.

### Summary of CAP Strategic Plans for 2023-2027: joint effort and collective ambition

This report confirmed in the Commission's view the important role of CAP Strategic Plans for maintaining farmers' income and food security, while supporting EU agriculture's transition to a sustainable farming model in the 2023-27 period.

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### Future of Agriculture: Speeches from EU Agrifood Days

In her speech during the EU AGRI Food Days, President Von der Leyen called for a Strategic Dialogue to be launched next January, bringing together farmers and food entrepreneurs, scientists and technologists, retailers and consumers, environmental organizations, animal rights groups, big and small players, traditional and organic food providers. Additionally, Commissioner Janusz Wojciechowski said that the future of agriculture will be based in what he calls "the '4 S's - security, stability, sustainability and solidarity".

### Food 2030 Research and Innovation - Pathways for action

This publication provides an update on the European Commission's Food 2030 initiative and aims to guide future research and innovation policy reflections related to Horizon Europe, the farm-to-fork strategy, the European Green Deal and beyond..It sets out eleven pathways for action where research and innovation can concretely deliver co-benefits related to nutrition, climate, circularity, and communities, at multiple levels: from local to international.

[President Von der](#)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### Tools4CAP Academy Module 1 - Inventory of methods and tools

17 January 2024

Online

### Fostering resilience in rural communities

23 January 2024

Online

### Sustainable Digitalisation: Shaping the Future of Agriculture

25 January 2024

Online

### European Summit of Regions and Cities

18 - 19 March 2024

Mons, Belgium

### European Research and Innovation Days 2024

20 - 21 March 2024

Brussels, Belgium & Online

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