



# NEWSLETTER

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## GOOD, TOGETHER WE CAN DO MORE

GOOD is on a mission to revolutionise weed management through innovative sustainable solutions. By maximizing the potential of Living Labs, together we are (co) creating systemic and sustainable agroecological strategies for weed management. In doing so, we are simultaneously building a network for large-scale long-term transition to biodiversity-based agri-food systems.

Our core activity of the project are the GOOD synergies - our commitment to increasing impact. We connect with other initiatives and connect scientific and policy perspectives for maximum reach. Our goals include scanning promising AWM practices, fostering cross-project collaboration and ensuring widespread communication and dissemination of results.

Join our network in the transition to sustainable agriculture with the GOOD project! E-mail us: [contact@goodhorizon.eu](mailto:contact@goodhorizon.eu) and let's work together for a greener, more sustainable GOOD future!

## NEWS FROM THE LIVING LABS

In the GOOD project, 16 Living Labs (LLs) across Europe act as hubs for developing sustainable solutions for Agroecological Weed Management (AWM) in both annual and perennial crops through collaboration between partners and stakeholders. Initial activities included testing different green manure crops to assess biomass production and weed suppression.

In the Dutch LL, white mustard, phacelia and perennial ryegrass were tested, with phacelia and white mustard outperforming perennial ryegrass in both biomass production and weed suppression. Phacelia was identified as the most promising green manure crop for further experiments. In the upcoming 2024 growing season, seed onions will be grown in trial fields to evaluate the impact of different green manures on onion crops. In addition, four weed control strategies will be tested and compared with standard practices.

The Cherry Living Lab in north Extremadura focuses on enhancing weed management practices in both organic and conventional mountain systems. Initial activities included sowing cover crops in the Jerte Valley, consisting of *Trifolium subterraneum*, *Ornithopus sativus*, grass mixture, and biodiverse mixture. Parameters such as diversity, biomass, and coverage are being evaluated. In Living Lab France, 2 trials conducted in young apple plots in Integrated Fruit Production, under conditions close to those of the real farm. The objective of these 2 trials is to evaluate, in the specific case of the young apple orchard, a set of short-term transferable strategies, based on existing mechanical equipment and combinations of methods.

## LIVING LAB BOARD MEMBERS


Stakeholders form the Living Lab Board, comprising farmers, researchers, advisors, consumers, policy makers, and industry actors engaging in co-creation discussions. Their diverse perspectives and expertise are vital for project success, ensuring effective development and implementation of the Living Lab activities. Stakeholders play a key role in decision-making and solution co-creation, facilitating broad support and acceptance of project outcomes. Interested in joining? Email us at [contact@goodhorizon.eu](mailto:contact@goodhorizon.eu) to connect with your local Living Lab or contact your closest Living Lab: <https://www.goodhorizon.eu/platform/living-labs/>.

## EVENTS AND OTHER MEETINGS WHERE GOOD IS PRESENT

GOOD is committed to raising public awareness about its goals and achievements through active participation in various meetings and events across Europe and beyond. Project partners have consistently presented GOOD at open field days, national events, and international scientific gatherings, forging connections with farmers, researchers, and policymakers in agroecology and sustainable weed management. The project's outreach efforts spanned multiple continents, including appearances at conferences such as *the 21st Conference of the Weed Science Society of Greece*, *the 6th International Eco Summit Congress* in Australia, and *the 14th European Conference on Precision Agriculture* in Italy. By engaging with audiences worldwide, GOOD seeks to foster collaboration and knowledge exchange, contributing to the global discourse on sustainable agriculture. You can see more activities here: <https://www.goodhorizon.eu/communicating-the-good-project-in-the-first-six-monthsat-a-glance/>

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