



NEWSLETTER

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Get ready to be inspired! In this edition of the Agroecology's Good newsletter, brought to you by the GOOD Horizon project (goodhorizon.eu), we're bursting with exciting updates. From innovative resources to impactful webinars and a memorable gathering in Cyprus, we're driving agroecology forward across Europe. Dive in and join us on this journey to transform agriculture for a healthier planet!

ANNUAL MEETING CYPRUS APRIL 2025

On 3 and 4 April 2025, Project GOOD's annual meeting unfolded in the vibrant city of Limassol, Cyprus, hosted by the **Cyprus University of Technology (CUT)** in a stunning library (photo 1). With nearly all project partners present, the event buzzed with collaboration. The local organizer, Prof. Dimitris Tsaltas and the scientific project manager Alexandros Tataridas from the University of Coimbra warmly welcomed us, setting the stage for two days of insightful discussions.



The agenda featured updates on trials at our Living Labs, presentations from sister projects AGROSUS and CONSERWA, and TAPE-OASIS tools to evaluate the agroecological performance in the Living Labs. This second experimental year we focus on the combinations of agroecological weed management practices with mycorrhizae application as seed coating in cover crops seeds.

A **field visit to the Living Lab's organic olive trial site** (photo 2) revealed drought challenges and creative solutions like using **chickens for weeding, different mulches and cover crops to suppress weeds while protecting soil**.

We left inspired to tackle sustainable agriculture's complexities with renewed energy. Join us next time to be part of this transformative dialogue



LIVING LABS SPRING 2025

The Spring Season has arrived, marking a fresh start for our Living Labs across Europe. For most of the 16 Living Labs in 9 countries, this means initiating new trials for the year, including ploughing, preparing, and sowing. On photo 3, you can see the preparation of a false seedbed in both organic and conventional onion fields in the Netherlands, a technique aimed at reducing weed pressure naturally.





Significant progress has been made in the Living Labs, which have conducted experiments with cover crops and main crops, selecting and sowing the best-performing cover crops for the second and third years, inoculating them with native Arbuscular Mycorrhizal Fungi, and applying Agroecological Weed Management (AWM) practices such as various cultural, natural and mechanical practices. Soil health assessments and drone flights for weed mapping are also underway, providing critical data to refine sustainable weed management strategies. Stay tuned for more results from these real-world testing grounds as we continue to innovate!

WEBINARS

In April, the GOOD project hosted two impactful webinars, bringing together experts, farmers, and enthusiasts to tackle pressing challenges in agroecological weed and soil management. These virtual events were a resounding success, sparking lively discussions and fostering collaboration across sister projects.


Webinar 1: Agroecological Weed Management – EU Project Results


 Date: Tuesday, 29th April, 2025

 Time: 10:00-11:30 (CEST), online,

This webinar drew **73 participants** eager to explore innovative weed control strategies. Hosted by the GOOD project alongside AGROSUS and CONSERWA, with input from IPMWORKS and VALERECO. The agenda featured insightful presentations such as "Combination of cover crops with agroecological weed management practices in European Living Labs – Initial results" by Nikos Antonopoulos and "IPMWORKS Resources for Integrated Weed Management" by Nicolas Munier-Jolain.

Webinar 2: Cultural Control Solutions for Weed and Soil

 Date: Wednesday April 30, 2025

 Time: 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM CEST, online

Our second webinar, in collaboration with the OPER8 project, attracted **95 participants**, showcasing the growing interest in cultural control methods. Titled "Solutions for Alternative Weed Control #5," it included key talks like "Living mulches for arable - weed control and soil health opportunities" by Matt Smee and "Exogenous mulches for weed control and soil protection under vine rows" by Fanny Prezman.

These webinars are just the beginning. They're a platform for sharing knowledge, building networks, and inspiring action. If you missed them, catch up on highlights and recordings via our website at <https://www.goodhorizon.eu/results/>. If you're passionate about sustainable farming, mark your calendar for upcoming events and let's cultivate change together!

STAY TUNED FOR THE GOOD UPCOMING WEBINARS !

PRACTICE ABSTRACTS

We're proud to announce that the first 17 practice abstracts have been published on our website at <https://www.goodhorizon.eu/results/practice-abstracts/>. These concise, actionable resources distil cutting-edge research and practical solutions for agroecological farming, covering topics from weed management to soil health enhancement. Whether you're a farmer, researcher, or policymaker, these abstracts offer valuable insights to implement sustainable practices in your fields.

Curious about innovative ways to reduce chemical inputs or boost biodiversity? Each abstract is a steppingstone toward resilient farming systems, crafted from real-world trials & research at our Living Labs. Visit our website today to explore these resources and see how agroecology can transform your approach to agriculture.

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