



AGROECOLOGY FOR WEEDS

NEWSLETTER

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Get ready to be inspired! In this edition of the AgroecologyIsGood newsletter, brought to you by the GOOD Horizon project (goodhorizon.eu), we're bursting with exciting updates from our Living Labs. From innovative resources to impactful webinars and a lot of events during summer and autumn. Dive in and join us on this journey to transform agriculture for a healthier planet!

EVENTS DURING SUMMER 2025

On the 21st of August, the GOOD project joined the International Onion Day hosted at the experimental farm De Rusthoeve in Colijnsplaat. Many eyes were on our field and even more ideas were on the table. As we walked visitors through our onion experiment and discussed how the Netherlands can move toward resilient onion production with minimal chemical inputs. As part of the official field rounds, the GOOD project presented to six different groups of approximately 20 participants each, and we engaged with many more visitors between rounds.

What we showed in the field:

- Mechanical weed management to keep rows clean without herbicides.
- False seedbeds to flush early weeds before planting.
- Reduced pesticide programs guided by thresholds and field scouting.
- Organic herbicides as an alternative for chemicals.
- Onions grown on ridges with drip tapes for targeted, efficient irrigation.



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On August 30th, The Portuguese Living Laboratories opened their doors! Sementes Vivas was delighted to welcome all participants interested in visiting our experimental fields with cowpea and olive grove, integrated into the European project GOOD - Agroecology for Weeds In cowpea, we observed the differences in crop development between experimental blocks: the result of different methods of terminating cover crops before cowpea sowing, both in our organic and conventional experimental sites. In the olive grove in Monte Silveira Bio, we explored rows and inter-rows with different cover crop treatments, as well as the contrasts between areas which were sown last winter with cover crops whose seeds were inoculated with beneficial soil microorganisms.



EVENTS DURING AUTUMN 2025



María Ramos, from CICYTEX, participated in a seminar organised by a local cooperative in Cabrero village (Cáceres, Spain) (25/10/2025). She presented the 2nd year results of the Cherry LL in Extremadura about assessments on cover crops and AWM practices in cherry crop. The presentation took place on the Social Day in the Cooperative and more than 200 farmers, and their family members attended the event.

EVENTS DURING AUTUMN 2025

The CNR ISPAAM of Sassari, coordinator of the Sardinian Living Lab on triticale within the GOOD project, organized two Field Days (March 31st and April 10th, 2025). These events allowed farmers, researchers, and students to visit the experimental fields, observe the agroecological techniques under study, and interact with ISPAAM CNR staff, promoting an exchange of knowledge on sustainable agricultural strategies. In the second year of experimentation (2024/2025), several strategies were tested on the fields:

- Chemical control: two recommended doses (full and reduced) of chemical herbicide to evaluate their effectiveness.
- Mowing: cutting weeds between the rows.
- Pelargonic acid: a fast-acting, plant-derived contact bioherbicide.
- Cover crop: the use of a cover crop, (Barrel medic), to suppress weeds both mycorrhizal (with beneficial fungi that help nutrient absorption) and non-mycorrhizal versions.

Watch the video of the Field Days on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/r3bJtGq5aTo?si=jOP9-sedB9OidM2Z>

Furthermore, the closing conference for the Moringa4FutureFood Project, focusing on the agronomic and nutritional aspects of *Moringa oleifera* in sheep feeding, was held on October 16, 2025. During this event, the GOOD Project presented its agroecological weed management techniques.



PRACTICE ABSTRACTS

You can explore our practice abstracts covering various topics related to agroecology, weed management, Living Labs and more!

<https://www.goodhorizon.eu/results/practice-abstracts/>

WEBINARS

In September and October, the GOOD project and the VALERECO project organized joint online webinars *Weed Management in Legumes* part I and II. In these webinars, we explored how diversified legume systems enhanced ecosystem services—from pollination by bees to soil health improvements.

This series of webinars drew over 100 **participants** eager to explore innovative weed control strategies. If you missed them, catch up on highlights and recordings via our website at <https://www.goodhorizon.eu/results/> or on YouTube Webinar

Part I: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QS4F8YYWSks>

Part II: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y_o1uw_uCJ8

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