



## European project on assuring food security and biodiversity in times of climate change

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### 1. First Eco-Ready event for stakeholders with interest in using and supporting the *Observatory*, May 05, 2026, Germany



The project organizes its first matchmaking event May 05, 2026 in Bonn, Germany, the country's UN city with the United Nations Secretariat on Climate Change. This meeting aims at the presentation of the project's advanced knowledge platform *Observatory* related to climate, food security and biodiversity.

The *Observatory* is a powerful "platform of platforms" as it integrates a majority of available data platforms and databases from different countries and organizations and makes them accessible in a graphical, user-friendly way also allowing combined analysis of interests across various data platforms utilizing advanced artificial intelligence features. This is combined with the delivery of tools dealing with contingency planning and other issues of interest in climate, food security, and biodiversity related domains.

The meeting allows the identification and discussion of potential collaborations and further integration opportunities in pursuing participants' mutual interests. It will conclude with a view into the future envisaging a suitable business plan supporting the platforms long-term sustainability.

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### 2. Second Eco-Ready conference on *From Data to Impact – Delivering the Eco-Ready Observatory*, April 14, 2026, Wageningen

Eco-Ready partner Wageningen Research (WR) is going to organize the 2<sup>nd</sup> Eco-Ready conference *From Data to Impact – Delivering the Eco-Ready Observatory*, April 14, 1pm to 5:30pm.



Building on earlier events around AI-powered solutions, this conference presents outcomes of the Eco-Ready project, including the Observatory platform. Speakers will share lessons learned, highlight similar initiatives, and discuss how

such tools can be adopted to strengthen resilience in European agri-food systems. More information through [ali.hurriyetoglu@wur.nl](mailto:ali.hurriyetoglu@wur.nl).

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### 3. First Eco-Ready webinar series in operation



Eco-Ready has started its first webinar series in March 2026. It will be continued in April and May. Interested members of the community may register on the [website of Eco-Ready](#) for subscription of the newsletter. Subscribers will receive the link to the individual meetings the day before.

The various webinars focus and focused on the following issues:

1. Earth observation and remote sensing (March 03).
2. The Magnet model and agricultural scenarios (March 10).
3. Life Cycle Assessment in climate resilient food systems (March 17).
4. AI for food security under climate and biodiversity stress (March 24).
5. Forecasting tool for decision support (April 14).
6. Planning for contingencies in food systems (April 21).
7. Scenario development for climate resilient food futures (April 28).
8. Amplifying policy impact – dissemination Eco-Ready recommendations (May 26).

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### 4. Report on Eco-Ready workshop *Building the Eco-Ready Legacy for Food Systems*



Eco-Ready organized a successful conference on *Delivering impact: building the Eco-Ready legacy for food systems*, January 28-29 in Brussels. Eco-Ready partner IUCN was in charge of the conference organizations.

This two-day event allowed Eco-Ready partners to discuss contributions to the project's policy recommendations, on the shape of the Observatory, its business plan, and about the next milestones for long-term sustainability. The conference included presentations and dedicated spaces for co-creation and hands-on sessions.

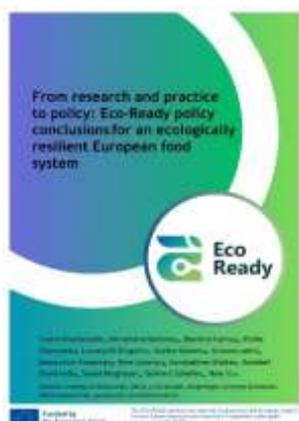


It was joined by policy representatives not only from Brussels but also from the Living Labs' regions and from related projects such as *the BEATLES project*.

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## 5. The Eco-Ready policy conclusions are out!



Eco-Ready's WP5 analysed all policy-related findings produced since the start of the project to draw the first Eco-Ready policy conclusions. These conclusions focus on the interdependencies within the agrifood-climate-biodiversity nexus. In particular, they underline that climate change poses a threat to all food security pillars while protecting biodiversity is crucial to mitigating the adverse effects of climate change on food security.

The conclusions however highlight significant fragmentation in policy design, narratives, governance, and trade-off analysis. They also identify interesting farming practices and tools that could help to address this fragmentation. Finally, the Eco-Ready policy conclusions emphasise the necessity of a social approach to food, based on consumer-led policies.

These policy conclusions form a common basis for developing Eco-Ready's policy recommendations and are available in report *From research and practice to policy: Eco-Ready policy conclusions for an Ecologically resilient European food system*.

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## 6. Open Science Award to CONCAT LL member Dr. Jordi Gene



It is our pleasure to congratulate Dr. Jordi Gene of CONCAT for receiving the *Catalan Open Science Award* by the Government of Catalonia in a ceremony led by the President of Catalonia and the Minister of Science and Universities.

The award recognizes efforts in advancing Open Science practices, acknowledges commitment to the dissemination of open scientific knowledge, the application of the FAIR principles (Findable,

Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable) in the management of data and research outputs, as well as the promotion of open initiatives and code repositories that foster citizen participation.



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## 7. LivOrganic Living Lab with Danish stand at international fair BioFach



Two partners from LivOrganic (MAA.C/Bio aus Dänemark and Organic Denmark) represented Denmark at the BioFach trade fair in Nuremberg; a trade fair taken place every year in February. Being a Danish player in international markets since 1999, LivOrganic partners have a lot of knowledge about what is relevant to include from Denmark, where they have their strengths, what preferences the different markets have and how Danish producers should handle contact with new markets, new cultures – and new trade patterns.

There were 28 Danish producers of organic food at the Denmark pavilion and the fair was visited by around 35.000 visitors from all over the world. The Denmark pavilion is attractive to visitors because the Danish organic products can show a high potential of innovation and food safety which is demanded especially by the German customers. Some more information about LivOrganic and of LivOrganic's engagement in BioFach available [here \(PDF\)](#).

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## 8. Living Lab PROBIO: *Common Goods Evaluations*



As part of a workshop series on the *Evaluation of Common Goods provided by Farms*, Czech Organics, Eco-Ready Living Lab partner within the Living Lab PROBIO, organized a workshop, February 26, 2026 introducing the [Regionalwert Leistungen Methodology](#), a performance accounting approach which makes the broad contributions of organic farming in the region visible and measurable.

In the first phases of the Living Lab's engagement in Eco-Ready, it was demonstrated that organic farming in the region works and can remain viable in the long term. However, its wider adoption remains limited by the economic reality of farms. Farms that implement measures improving climate resilience, protecting biodiversity and maintaining soil health while still producing sufficient food are not adequately rewarded for the ecosystem services and public goods they provide.

The *Regionalwert Leistungen Methodology* deals with this gap evaluating concrete actions implemented on farms, reflecting their value for society and the environment. The workshops focus on adapting the methodology to the Czech context. They bring together farmers and advisors, researchers, representatives of public institutions and actors from across the food value chain.



The final workshop is planned for the end of March. More information on the Living Lab is available [here](#) or through contacting [travnicek@czechorganics.com](mailto:travnicek@czechorganics.com).

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## 9. CONCAT LL at XI International Symposium on Irrigation of Horticultural Crops in Australia



Víctor Blanco (a researcher at IRTA and a member of the CONCAT Living Lab) gave a talk entitled *Partial Crop Removal and Canopy Reduction Help Decrease Water Stress in Apple Trees* at the XI International Symposium on Irrigation of Horticultural Crops, held in Victoria, Australia.

In this study, we tested common apple tree management practices, such as fruit thinning and summer pruning, as strategies to reduce the trees' water demand during periods of water scarcity. These practices aim to help trees maintain a better water status, enabling them not only to survive extreme drought conditions but also to continue producing high-quality fruit in the context of climate change, which is characterized by increasingly frequent and severe seasonal droughts.

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## 10. CONCAT LL at 73rd South Tyrolean Fruit Growing Conference

Luis Gonzalez from IRTA Mas Badia (a member of the CONCAT Living Lab) gave a presentation at the 73rd South Tyrolean Fruit Growing Conference. His talk focused on the climatic challenges in apple cultivation. He showed how the reduction in cold periods and rising temperatures are affecting yield, flowering, fruit quality, and coloration, and how research and practice can work together to address the impacts of climate change.



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## 11. CONCAT Living Lab plans hybrid webinar



CONCAT is currently planning a hybrid (in-person and online) event within the framework of the CONCAT Living Lab.

The event is envisaged in two main parts. The first part, which will be delivered in a hybrid format, will include:

1. A talk on climate change, specifically focused on current and future impacts in Catalonia.
2. A presentation of the results obtained so far within the CONCAT Living Lab, including outcomes from stakeholder workshops as well as results from experimental trials.

The second part of the event will consist of an in-person workshop aimed at shaping a future project and defining shared agendas with stakeholders. For more information contact Jordi Gene at [jordi.gene@irta.cat](mailto:jordi.gene@irta.cat)

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## 12. Two Commission Reports with linkage to Eco-Ready

The European Commission has published two reports with interest to the Eco-Ready community:

1. The report *Screening of EFSCM recommendations implementation report (2025)* includes Member States' progresses in terms of preparedness and contingency strategies through a survey circulated at the autumn 2025 and for which the results were now available.
2. The European Scientific Advisory Board on Climate Change published the report on *Climate adaptation and mitigation in the agri-food system – Recommendations for coherent EU policies*.

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## 13. Scientific paper on Aquaponics by CONCAT aquaponics team



The Aquaponics team of the CONCAT LL published a scientific paper on microbiological and productive evidence supporting aquaponics as a promising sustainable and resource-efficient food production system. The paper has been published in [Frontiers in Microbiology](#) and is accessible below.

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## 14. IUFOST World Food Congress 2026



The IUFOST World Food Congress is a global platform for transdisciplinary and cross-sector collaboration, fostering critical thinking, and technological and application innovation. It will be organized October 25-29, 2026 in Hong Kong. Over five days of discovery and dialogue, the programme will address the critical themes shaping the future of global food systems including functional foods and human health, innovative ingredients and processing technologies, the revitalisation of traditional food knowledge, as well as food safety, regulatory science, and measurement technologies.

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## 15. Invitation to IFAMA World Conference 2026 in Cork, Ireland

Member of Eco-Ready partner Wageningen University, Prof. Verena Otter takes responsibility for organizing the scientific program of the next IFAMA World Conference. The Conference will be hosted by University College Cork and the UCC Business School in Cork, Ireland, 15–19 June 2026. This global conference will explore strategies to revitalize agri-food systems in times of climate insecurity, geopolitical shifts, breakthrough technologies, price volatility, evolving consumer demands, and global dietary health challenges.



IFAMA, the International Food and Agribusiness Management Association, is dedicated to enabling the global agribusiness community to provide adequate and nutritious food to the world by creating connections between academics, students, agribusiness, and other organizations to solve the critical management issues that face the industry.

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