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1. The SciSAB implementation process

According to the Terms of Reference (see Annex), the AGROECOLOGY Partnership SciSAB consists of 14 members and two colleges **one Scientific college** of 7 high-level scientists and **one Stakeholder college** of 7 non-academic stakeholders.

1.1 Implementation Scientific college

In order to establish the scientific college of the SciSAB, the Governing Board members have been asked to suggest **highly qualified academic scientists** as potential candidates for the scientific college. In result 24 candidates have been proposed by the GB members, from which a list of 7 potential candidates have been chosen, reflecting the Core Themes of the SRIA. This Scientific college was proposed to the Governing Board that adopted the college during the 3rd GB meeting on 20th of November 2024.

The SciSAB members of the Scientific college are listed below

Table 1: List of SciSAB members from the scientific college.

Name	Research Performing Organisation	Title	Country
Christine Watson	Scotland's Rural College	Professor	United Kingdom
		Professor for Organic Horticulture and Ecological Economics	United Kingdom
Ulrich Schmutz	Coventry University, UK		
Claire Lamine	INRAE	Researcher	France
	Department of Environmental Systems Science, Zurich University		Switzerland
Johanna Jacobi		Professor	
	Universitat de Barcelona School of Economics	Researcher	Spain
Enric Tello			
Juha Helenius	University of Helsinki	Professor in agroecology	Finland
Judith Westerink	Wageningen University	Researcher	Netherlands

1.2 Implementation of the Stakeholder college

The implementation is currently ongoing and not finalized yet. It is expected to have the Enlarged Stakeholder Board established by M22.

Annex, Terms of Reference SciSAB

European Partnership “Accelerating farming systems transition: agroecology living labs a research infrastructure” AGROECOLOGY

Terms of Reference Science and Stakeholder Advisory Board (SciSAB)

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1 Definitions

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Governing Board (GB)	The Governing Board is the decision-making body on strategic and political issues of the consortium
Operational Team (OT)	The Operational Team is lead by the Coordinator and includes all staff from WP1
Preparatory Group (PG)	This groups consists of the Operational Team, the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the GB and chairpersons of the SciSAB. The Preparatory Group prepares the GB meetings including documents to enable the decision making during GB meetings
Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA)	The SRIA was developed by the Standing Committee on Agricultural Research (SCAR) through its Strategic Working Group on Agroecology. The SRIA is the outcome of two years of work involving over 300 professionals from 28 countries.

2 Background

2.1 Summary AGROECOLOGY Partnership

European Partnerships bring the European Commission and private and/or public partners together to address some of Europe's most pressing challenges through concerted research and innovation initiatives. They are a key implementation tool of Horizon Europe, and contribute significantly to achieving the EU's political priorities. By bringing public partners together, European Partnerships help to avoid the duplication of investments and contribute to reducing the fragmentation of the research and innovation landscape in the EU. Co-funded European Partnerships using a programme co-fund action are partnerships involving countries, with research funders and other public authorities at the core of the consortium.

AGROECOLOGY, the European Partnership 'Accelerating Farming Systems Transition: Agroecology Living Labs and Research Infrastructures', is an ambitious, large-scale European research and innovation endeavour between the EC and 26 countries, Member States (MS), Associated Countries (AC) and Third Countries (TC), and also region(s) from France, Italy and Spain It includes 72 partners from Research Performing and Research Funding Organisations (RPOs and RFOs), jointly working together to fulfil the AGROECOLOGY mission: "Team-up and unlock the transition to Agroecology".

To fulfil this mission, AGROECOLOGY partnership, will support an agriculture sector that is fit to meet the targets and challenges of climate change, biodiversity loss, food security and sovereignty, and the environment, while ensuring a profitable and attractive activity for farmers. AGROECOLOGY will pool the resources of the EC and the states and regions involved to fund high-level research generating appropriate knowledge and technologies aligned with the core themes described in the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA), while also implementing a series of supporting activities to inform, consult, advise and involve different stakeholders to build capacities, raise awareness and

2.2 Objectives of the partnership

AGROECOLOGY builds in particular on a Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA), with the following intervention logic (Figure 1).



Figure 1: Intervention logic of AGROECOLOGY Partnership.

The Partnership will achieve this by focusing on five Specific Objectives (SO) to be delivered by the end of the Partnership, 2030-2035:

- **SO1.** Increase research-based knowledge on the benefits and challenges of AE and its potential for farming, food, climate, ecosystem services and environmental impacts reduction as well as resource use and societal impacts; this implies research on e.g. AE benefits and trade-offs for climate change mitigation and adaptation.
- **SO2.** Develop and co-create innovations to reduce and share the risks of transition for both individuals and collectives. Living Labs (hereafter LLs), by definition, bring together actors to co-create innovation in real life conditions while reducing risks for both the individual farmer (or other actors) and the collective.
- **SO3.** Improve the sharing and access to knowledge on AE, as well as reinforce the agricultural knowledge and innovation systems for AE across Europe, considering culture, gender, and youth aspects; this will be achieved through a network of LLs and Research Infrastructures (hereafter RIs), as well as targeted communication to different actors; this also includes removing the current barriers and lock-ins that prevent the engagement of scientists, advisors and farmers in AE transition.

- **SO4.** Build a monitoring and data framework to measure progress of AE transition and improve data valorisation and sharing; harmonised methods and a set of common indicators will be developed to measure progress, integrating currently fragmented data repositories, including those of research infrastructures, and making them available.
- **SO5.** Exchange with policymakers (research and sectoral) and stakeholders on AE transition and mainstreaming of AE practices to contribute to improved governance, policies, and institutions, based on evidence and to provide supportive mechanisms; in order to achieve impact, the involvement of policymakers and stakeholders is needed and policies and governance adapted to support AE transition.

3 SciSAB

3.1 Role

The role of the SciSAB is to provide advice and suggestions on the strategy and main activities of AGROECOLOGY. The SciSAB should be consulted on main documents produced by the Partnership; review outputs and impacts of AGROECOLOGY, and suggest possibilities for improvement. The SciSAB will also contribute to the dissemination of information related to the Partnership towards relevant scientific bodies and stakeholders.

3.2 Composition

The AGROECOLOGY Partnership SciSAB consists of 14 members and two colleges

- **Scientific college:** 7 high-level scientists and
- **Stakeholder college:** 7 non-academic stakeholders.

Scientific college

The members of the scientific college are elected by the GB from a list of potential candidates nominated by the AGROECOLOGY GB members. Candidates may also be recommended by the already installed SciSAB members and are also considered by the GB. Thereby each member of the scientific college acts in an individual capacity, independent of national or institutional affiliation.

Stakeholder college

The members of the stakeholder college are elected by the ESB. For this each college from the ESB will provide one representative as SciSAB member to the SciSAB. Independent of the number of colleges established in the ESB, the total number of representatives in the SciSAB remains 7. Thereby each member of the stakeholder college acts in as representative of its ESB college he/she has been nominated from to be part of the SciSAB.

3.3 Tasks of the SciSAB members

The SciSAB members will engage and participate in the AGROECOLOGY Partnership by giving advice and input to scientific matters. In particular, the SciSAB will contribute to the AGROECOLOGY Partnership strategic orientation and further progress by

- **Contributing actively to the continuing development and updating of the AGROECOLOGY SRIA** and its core themes. This includes to provide feedback to documents and to identify scientific priorities.



- **Providing feedback to the AWP**
- **Providing advice on the implementation aspects of AGROECOLOGY Partnership** e.g. training, capacity building, infrastructures, and knowledge transfer.
- **Providing advice and input, as required, for the elaboration of the scoping of transnational co-funded calls** at a very early stage. The SciSAB will be not involved in any further developed scoping process and topic definition for co-funded calls.

3.4 Membership renewal

The SciSAB membership will be reviewed every year, with changes to membership depending on current members' term length and members' availability.

3.5 Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Governing Board

The SciSAB will elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair from its members. It is anticipated that either chair is representing one role of the scientific or stakeholder college of the SciSAB. For the vote of the chairs a quorum of 2/3 of all members shall be reached. The majority is 2/3 for the vote.

The Chair will lead and conclude the meetings of the SciSAB, supported by the Vice-Chair. The Vice-Chair carries this responsibility in the event of the Chair being unable to attend.

The Chair may initiate and direct discussions and activities to be carried out by the SciSAB between meetings, in liaison with the Operational Team (OT).

Chair and Vice-Chair of the SciSAB is expected to attend GB and be also part of the Preparatory Group (PG). The PG prepares the GB meeting and meets at least once before each GB meeting.

4 Terms of office

The members of the SciSAB are elected for 3 years as standard. They can be re-appointed for 1-2 additional years on recommendation of the SciSAB Chair, with approval from the GB. If a member of the SciSAB should leave before completion of their term, the OT will set up a new election.

The Chair and Vice-Chair(s) are elected for a 3-year term. The Chair and Vice-Chair(s) can be re-appointed for 1-2 additional years.

The GB will be informed regularly of any changes in the composition of the SciSAB.

5 Meetings of the SciSAB

5.1 Meeting frequency and attendance

The SciSAB will meet at least twice per year with one meeting held physically (hosted by one of the AGROECOLOGY member countries) and the other one virtually. Meeting dates and venue will be fixed 45 days in advance.

Regular attendance to meetings is expected and will be a consideration in the renewal process.

5.2 Preparation of meeting

The OT will propose an agenda with the SciSAB Chair and Vice-Chair and prepare the relevant material for decision-making and information to be sent to the SciSAB members at least 15 calendar days prior to each SciSAB meeting.



5.3 Meeting conclusions

The OT will produce written conclusions of each meeting which will be the formal record of all decisions taken. The OT will send these electronically in draft form to all of its members after the meeting. The final conclusions will be sent to the GB for information.

6 Confidentiality/Transparency

Members of SciSAB have to sign a NDA (see Annex I).

7 Budget

Travel costs of members related to SciSAB physical meeting will be covered by ANR upon approval by the OT.