

PROVIDing smart DELivery of public goods by EU agriculture and forestry

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Summary

The objective of the PROVIDE project is to develop a conceptual basis, evidence, tools and improved incentive and policy options to support the "smart" provision of public goods by EU agriculture and forestry ecosystems. PROVIDE will consider a wide range of public goods and legislation and will address the issue by way of a multi-scale framework, working both at the EU level and the case study level in thirteen EU countries.

The project will first perform a mapping and inventory of public goods and the mechanisms producing such goods, making it possible to identify 'hotspots' for mechanisms and policy development. Around these 'hotspots', the project will then value different public goods and explore value transferability across several regions and ecosystems. Thereafter, innovative policy tools and mechanisms will be comparatively evaluated in order to achieve smart production of public goods, consistent with current productivity needs, bioeconomy strategies and rural development. The outcomes of these activities will feed information into a framework and toolbox.

The practical results of the project will be: a renewed ("un-packed") conceptualisation of the notion of public goods; an operational framework to support the smart provision of public goods; a toolbox bringing together an inventory of options, operational means for valuation and evaluation, and a selection of policy/sector mechanisms; a consolidated and long-lasting community of knowledge and practice. The PROVIDE project will mobilise 14 partners from 13 different EU countries.

Partners

Participant	Participant organisation name	Country
1	Alma Mater Studiorum - Università di Bologna (UNIBO) - Coordinator	Italy
2	Leibniz Zentrum fuer Agrarlandschaftforschung (ZALF)	Germany
3	Universitaet fuer Bodenkultur Wien (BOKU)	Austria
4	Stichting VU-VUmc (VU/VUmc)	The Netherlands
5	University of Cordoba (UCO)	Spain
6	The James Hutton Institute (JHI)	United Kingdom
7	Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique (INRA)	France
8	Finnish Forest Research Institute (Metla)	Finland
9	Tallinn University (TLU)	Estonia
10	Istituto Delta Ecologia Applicata srl (DELTA)	Italy
11	Universitatea Alexandru Ioan Cuza (UAIC)	Romania
12	Institute of Agricultural Economics (IAE)	Bulgaria
13	Warsaw University (UNIWARSAW)	Poland
14	Technology Centre of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic (TC AV CR)	Czech Republic

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