



How to facilitate sustainability transitions: Handbook and Policy Brief

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Where does the data come from ?



- ➔ case studies on transition pathways of 21 **innovative regional agricultural initiatives**, grouped in 7 thematic clusters spread in the 7 countries
 - ➔ main issues of **young farmers and new entrants**, from a detailed data analysis and literature reviews
 - ➔ **visions for regional sustainability of agriculture** for the year 2030 and **pathways** leading to them, developed for 7 selected regions in a participatory and transdisciplinary approach along 6 months
 - ➔ national-level **desktop policy analyses** and **participatory workshop** in each country
- Refinement and critical reflection of findings in iterative consultation process with **NSPGs + IAG**

- Results from participatory process involving multiple actors >> **share and co-construction of knowledge in differentiated rural regions of Europe**
- Guidance for action at **local and regional** level: useful when **strategies and tools** are being designed
- Problems are grouped in **themes** and **subthemes** >> **pathways** >> **policy recommendations** + illustrative **examples**
- Identification of link to visions and possible conflicts

- Present an overview of **key issues and findings**, and the **policy recommendations institutional support needs** derived
- Selected positive and negative empirical **examples** to illustrate the issues
- The Policy Brief particularly addresses policy actors in the field of **agriculture** and **rural development**, but also in **innovation, research** and **sustainable development** at the **EU and national** level

FarmPath Handbook: Overview of contents



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| a. Visions and pathways: visions grouped in three main types |
| b. Pathways: |
| 1) Innovations in Farming |
| 1.1) Interconnection between farming, policy and research |
| 1.2) Innovative mindset |
| 2) Maintenance or re-emergence of farming activities |
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| 3) New concepts of farming, farmers and rural areas |
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| 4) Overall policy and institutional arrangements |
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| c. Examples from the different regions and case-studies |
| d. Crossing pathways with the three types of visions |
| e. Learning more about transition: FarmPath conceptual framework |

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FarmPath Policy Brief: Overview of contents



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| 1. Enabling innovation: building capacities and knowledge infrastructure |
| 2. Enabling cooperation and networking |
| 3. Reducing the administrative burden on farmers |
| 4. Enabling environment-friendly and resource-efficient farming* |
| 5. Image of agriculture and rural life in society |
| 6. Multi-level governance & cross-sectoral coordinated strategies for sustainable development |
| 7. Increase the evidence-base of policies* |
| 8. Encourage regional differentiation |
| 9. Specific measures to support young farmers and new entrants |

* Sections not thematically corresponding to the FarmPath Handbook

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Thematic correspondence between WP5 Handbook and WP6 Policy Brief



| WP5 Handbook section | Corresponding WP6 Policy Brief section |
|---|--|
| 1. Innovation in farming | |
| 1.1 Interconnection between farming, policy and research | 1. Enabling innovation: building capacities and knowledge infrastructure |
| 1.2 Innovative mind set | 2. Enabling cooperation and networking |
| 2. Maintenance or re-emergence of farming activities | |
| 2.2 Land availability and farming succession | 9. Specific measures to support young farmers and new entrants |
| 2.3 Farming infrastructures and services | 5. Image of agriculture and rural life in society |

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Thematic correspondence between WP5 Handbook and WP6 Policy Brief



| WP5 Handbook section | Corresponding WP6 Policy Brief section |
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| 3. New concept of farming, farmers and rural areas | |
| 3.1 Farming and society | 5. Image of agriculture and rural life in society |
| 3.2 Attractiveness of rural areas | |
| 3.5 Integrated actors and strategies | 2. Enabling cooperation and networking 6. Multi-level governance and cross-sectoral coordinated strategies for sustainable development |
| 4. Overall policy and institutional arrangements | |
| 4.1 Coherent policy-making | 8. Encourage regional differentiation |
| 4.3 Institutions | 3. Reducing the administrative burden on farmers |

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What are we discussing in this session ?



VALIDATE and IMPROVE Handbook + Policy Brief

FEEDBACK to regional participants

- 1) Innovation in farming
- 2) Maintenance or re-emergence of farming activities
- 3) New concepts of farming, farmers and rural areas
- 4) Overall policy and institutional arrangements

| | Reformulation | Regional | National | European |
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| 3.3. Going local | | | | |
| Support short supply chains and producer-consumer cooperatives. | Create legislation to enforce the creation of short supply chains | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Make public campaigns in schools, media, etc on regional products. | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

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Structure of this session



- 13h30 - 13h45:** Introduction
- 13h50 - 14h40:** Discussion in 4 working groups
- 14h40 – 15h10:** Feed back to plenary
- 15h10 – 15h20:** Written post-it comments + voting
- On the way out:** your **quick** evaluation of the session

THANK YOU!