



INTERCROP
VALUES



PRACTICE ABSTRACT N°20

Benefits

Living Labs managers report that they felt empowered to initiate organisational, institutional, technical (farm) and/or technological (process) changes.

Practical recommendations

When designing the project:

- Build an interdisciplinary team that combines agronomic knowledge (at different levels) with a social-science background and facilitation skills.
- Dedicate a project task to cover the time and financial resources required to manage and analyse such networks.
- Increase awareness of the whole project consortium about the value of such interdisciplinary and qualitative-facilitative approach.

During the project lifetime:

- Hold regular physical meetings (two minimum) to build trust between researchers and managers, maintain momentum and encourage cross-learning.
- Be transparent about the activity (e.g., workshop), purpose, and managers' roles to ensure fluent co-creation

Further information

Further readings

- Rossing, W.A.H., Albicette, M.M., Aguerre, V., Leoni, C., Ruggia, A., Dogliotti, S., 2021. Crafting actionable knowledge on ecological intensification: Lessons from co-innovation approaches in Uruguay and Europe. *Agricultural Systems* 190, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.agsy.2021.103103>.

Weblinks

- <https://www.diverimpacts.net/>
- Check the [Organic Farm Knowledge Platform](#) for more practical recommendations.

About this practice abstract

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IntercropVALUES aims to exploit the benefits of intercropping to design and manage productive, diversified, resilient, profitable, environmentally friendly cropping systems acceptable to farmers and actors in the agri-food chain. As a multi-disciplinary and multi-actor project, it brings together scientists and local actors representing the food value chain. It includes 27 participants from 15 countries (3 continents) from a wide diversity of organizations and stakeholders. The project will run for four years and started in November 2022.

Project website: <https://intercropvalues.eu/>

