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MODELLING INDIVIDUAL DECISIONS TO SUPPORT THE EUROPEAN POLICIES RELATED TO AGRICULTURE

This is the 1st newsletter of the MIND STEP project WHERE YOU CAN:

- 🔗 Find out what MIND STEP is all about
- 🔗 Read about the latest developments of the project
- 🔗 Know more about networking with other EU projects
- 🔗 Get information on upcoming events
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What is MIND STEP?

MIND STEP is an EC funded 4-year Horizon 2020 research and innovation action aiming to improve exploitation of available agricultural and biophysical data and will include the individual decision making (IDM) unit in policy models.

The overall ambition of MIND STEP is to support public decision making in agricultural, rural, environmental and climate policies, taking into account the behaviour of individual decision-making units in agriculture and the rural society.

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MEET THE MIND STEP PROJECT TEAM

Co-ordinated by Wageningen Research the consortium of MIND STEP consists of 11 partners from 7 countries in Europe (the Netherlands, Germany, Austria, Italy, France, Spain, Norway and Hungary). It includes partners from the private and public sector representing:

- 🔗 Academia and higher education
- 🔗 SME dealing with research consultancy, data collection, strategic advice, normalization and policy in the field of energy, environment and sustainable development.
- 🔗 Public government bodies dealing with agricultural and environmental research and data collection and building agricultural models at different scales.

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TIMELINE AND PROJECT STRUCTURE

MIND STEP is a 4 year project started in September 2019. It is managed through ten work packages, each of which oversees and/or are responsible for various parts of the four-year project.



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LATEST NEWS FROM MIND STEP



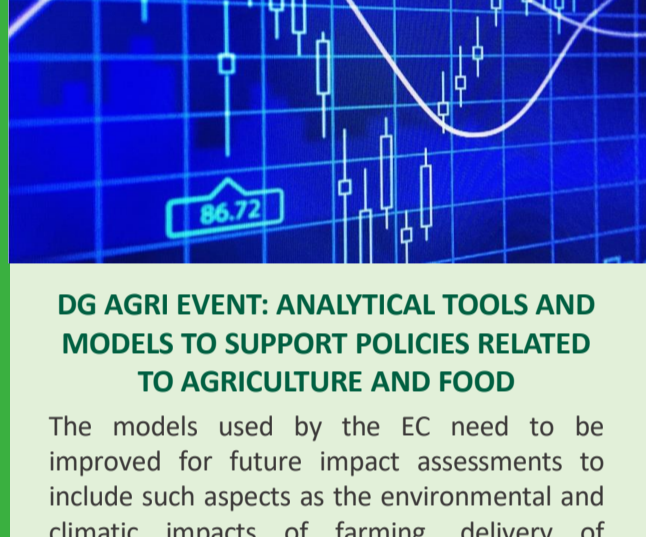
KICK OFF MEETING
The Hague, The Netherlands
2-3 October 2019

MIND STEP KICK-OFF IN THE HAGUE

11 partners from 7 European countries came together in The Hague on 2-3 October 2019 to mark the start of the four-year research project "MIND STEP : Modelling Individual Decisions to Support the European Policies Related to Agriculture".

The kick-off meeting successfully provided all partners with general guidance for undertaking the project, with a particular focus on the first part of the research.

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DG AGRI EVENT: ANALYTICAL TOOLS AND MODELS TO SUPPORT POLICIES RELATED TO AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

The models used by the EC need to be improved for future impact assessments to include such aspects as the environmental and climatic impacts of farming, delivery of ecosystem services, structural change and the integration of agriculture in rural society.

MIND STEP was also introduced at the meeting organised by EC DG Agri on 26 September 2019 in Brussels.

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ENRD WORKSHOP: AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

A workshop titled 'Agriculture and environment: speaking the same language within the CAP Strategic Plans' was organized by ENRD on 6 November 2019 in Brussels, Belgium. MIND STEP was there to contribute to the discussions on how to design effective interventions to deliver environmental objectives in the future CAP SPs.

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NETWORKING WITH THE SUPREMA PROJECT

MIND STEP Project participated at the 3rd Stakeholder Workshop organized by the SUPREMA H2020 project on 11 February 2020 in Brussels.

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CURRENT AND UPCOMING ACTIVITIES IN MIND STEP

Without a doubt, the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak on economies worldwide is devastating. Hardly any sector is not affected, and the implementation of many research projects are also impaired. MIND STEP is no exception.

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PUBLIC DELIVERABLES SUBMITTED

- 🔗 D7.3 List of data storage and data processing capacities required by partners WP2-6
- 🔗 D8.1 Communication, Dissemination and Impact Strategy and Plan
- 🔗 D8.2 MIND STEP Platform

MIND STEP COOPERATING WITH FELLOW PROJECTS

DID YOU KNOW?

Alltogether three projects got funded under the Work Programme Topic RUR-04-2018-2019, contributing to Rural Renaissance by further developing analytical tools and models to support policies related to agriculture and food.

A. [2018] Developing new models supporting policies related to agriculture:



The AGRICORE project proposes a novel tool for improving the current capacity to model policies dealing with agriculture by taking advantage of the latest progress in modelling approaches and ICT.

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BESTMAP will develop a new modelling framework using insights from behavioural theory, linking existing economic modelling with individual-farm Agent-Based Models.

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Making use of improved possibilities opened up by progress in the ICT area, MIND STEP will improve the exploitation of available agricultural and biophysical data and will include the individual decision making (IDM) unit in policy models.

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[Visit the AGRI-MODELS CLUSTER home page](#)

As part of the Grant Agreement signed with the EC the consortia participating them agreed on forming a cluster with the other projects funded within the same topic. As a result, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish the AGRIMODELS cluster and detailing the coordination activities between the projects has been developed.

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR FELLOW PROJECTS

AGRICORE

Currently the AGRICORE consortium is working on the development of a Standardised Methodology and Set of Ontologies for the Characterisation of Data Sources (D1.1) that are useful for conducting policy impact assessment in the field of agriculture

[AGRICORE 6M Interim Project Meeting, 4-5 March 2020](#)

[AGRICORE Newsletter](#)

BESTMAP

The RISE Foundation has been carrying out a series of online interviews with key European level stakeholders, to examine the future challenges and opportunities of European agriculture, and the policy design needed to support the changes needed to face these challenges and respond to the multiple land use objectives of today.

[BESTMAP conducts a large-scale interview campaign among farmers](#)

[BESTMAP works on modelling directives despite pandemic](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 🔗 [9th AIEAA Conference, June 11 - 12 2020, online](#)
- 🔗 [7th FAERE Conference, September 10 - 11 2020, Grenoble, France](#)
- 🔗 [XVI Congress of the European Association of Agricultural Economists \(EAAE\), July 20 - 23 2021, Prague, the Czech Republic](#)
- 🔗 [7th International Degrowth / 16th International Society for Ecological Economics Joint Conference, July 2021, Manchester, United Kingdom](#)

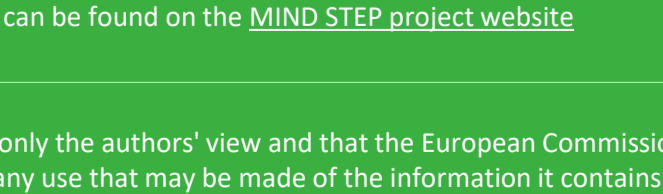
JOIN US!

Your active engagement is important to ensure that MIND STEP is developing a toolbox tailored to the research and policy questions identified in collaboration with the main stakeholders.

THERE ARE MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED IN MIND STEP:

- Participate in stakeholder workshops
- Contribute to our virtual co-creation online community
- Sign up for the [MIND STEP newsletter](#).

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More information will be sent in our next MIND STEP newsletter, scheduled for late autumn 2020. Thank you for signing up to the [MIND STEP newsletter](#). Further information can be found on the [MIND STEP project website](#)

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