MIND STEP

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MODELLING INDIVIDUAL DECISIONS TO SUPPORT THE EUROPEAN POLICIES RELATED TO AGRICULTURE

This is the 2nd 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
- ✓ Find information about how to join us

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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LATEST NEWS FROM MIND STEP

MIND STEP GENERAL CONSORTIUM MEETING

We had our 1st online consortium meeting between 6 and 7 October 2020.

The objectives of this meeting were to review status quo of the project, the achievements during the first year of MIND STEP and the progress, to prepare forthcoming activities in the WPs focussing on the deliverables until month 24, fine-tuning between interrelated tasks …

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WP4 MEETING: DETAILED CONCEPT FOR THE INTEGRATION OF AGRIPOLIS AND FARMDYN USING SURROGATE MODELLING

Partners involved in Task 4.5 met in Bonn between 12th and 16th October intensively discussing details on the planned integration of the two models to establish a solid basis for further cooperation.

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H2020 MIND STEP FOR THE FARM TO FORK STRATEGY

The environmental and climate objectives of EU policies are crucial for the agricultural and rural sectors in the future decades. This is the unanimous advice of the H2020 MIND STEP core group of stakeholders, covering public and private sectors, including research, policy making and industry. How MIND STEP contributes to the Farm to Fork Strategy?

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1ST MIND STEP STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP

On 24 June 2020 we had lively discussions at a 2-hour online plenary meeting with our Core Stakeholder Group on the results of stakeholder interviews regarding key policy questions and benchmark scenarios for the agricultural sector to be focussed on in our project.

Many thanks to all our Core Stakeholder Group members for their valuable contributions.

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PUBLIC DELIVERABLES SUBMITTED

- 📄 D1.1 Key policy questions for ex-ante impact assessment of EU agricultural and rural policies
- 📄 D7.4 Access to a computer cluster
- 📄 D7.3 List of data storage and data processing capacities required by partners WP2-6
- 📄 D8.2 MIND STEP Platform
- 📄 D8.1 Communication, Dissemination and Impact Strategy and Plan

WATCH OUR LATEST VIDEOS

MIND STEP COOPERATING WITH FELLOW PROJECTS: THE AGRIMODELS CLUSTER

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:

agricore

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

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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MIND STEP

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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CLUSTER MEETING

On November 2nd an online meeting was organised between AGRICORE, BESTMAP and MIND STEP to update each other on activities that are relevant for all three projects. This meeting specially focussed on the data processing plans of every individual project. Data processing requires substantial resources, needs repetition and continuation given the continuous availability of new up-dated data. Agreement on a common data processing plan could share the burden of identifying and processing all relevant economic and biophysical data.

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR FELLOW PROJECTS

AGRICORE

- 📄 Visit the Technology Watch Session of AGRICORE's webpage /source of information of relevant recent developments related to agriculture policies.
- 📄 Read the 12M Newsletter
- 📄 Regional dissemination activities: Italian press release, Spanish publication in Tierra Cooperativa magazine and the presentation of AGRICORE in Polish.

BESTMAP

- 📄 Read the AGRIMODELS Cluster press release in CORDIS Wire and in the online science news portal EurekAlert!. AGRICORE, BESTMAP and MIND STEP has a common goal to design modelling capabilities in the agricultural sector, while also contributing to the creation of a new agenda of the agricultural policies in the European Union.
- 📄 BESTMAP's second annual meeting
- 📄 BESTMAP Grant proposal published in the RIO journal

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 🗓 VIRTUAL Annual Conference of The Agricultural Economics Society (AES), 29 and 30 March 2021, Warwick, UK
- 🗓 14th European Farming Systems Conference (IFSA – European Group) Évora, Portugal, 28 March and 1 April 2021
- 🗓 Agroecology Europe Forum, 9-12 June 2021, Barcelona, Spain
- 🗓 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
- 🗓 Eurosoil 2021 Congress, 24-27 August 2021, Geneva, Switzerland
- 🗓 Landscape 2021: Diversity for sustainable and resilient agriculture,20-22 September 2021, Berlin, Germany

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

SUBSCRIBE TO NEWSLETTER

More information will be sent in our next MIND STEP newsletter, scheduled for spring 2021.
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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