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Evaluation and Good Practices of Agroecology

INTRODUCTION

The Mapping of **Good Practices of the Agroecological Transition** is a tool with the purpose of fostering the exchange of knowledge and competences positively experienced within the framework of international and non-international cooperation projects aimed at **spreading an integrated and transformative approach among the key actors of the agrifood system, in its different sectors and supply chains.**

Promoter of this activity, and inspiring the overall framework of the CHAlleNGE project, is **Azione TerrAE, Coalition for Agroecological Transition**, engaged in activities of experimentation, promotion, training and dissemination of agroecology issues, involving the world of research, agricultural organizations, civil society, and institutions. Its member organizations signed in March 2021 a Position Paper containing the Coalition's goals and alignments, along with a call for urgent action for one of the most critical areas of the planet, West Africa, calling for the mobilization and optimization of everyone's resources, in a systemic and long-term perspective.

THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

The task of evaluating and selecting good practices to be included in the Mapping is entrusted to a Committee composed of:

Giorgio Menchini, serving as coordinator. Spokesperson for Azione TerrAE, former COSPE President (2015-2023), expert in community management of environmental resources, with 40 years of work in nongovernmental organizations of international cooperation in Latin America, Africa, the Mediterranean and the Balkans.

Caterina Batello. Vice-President of the Italian Association of agroecology), member of the Agroecology Europe Council, former Team Leader Agroecology and Ecosystem Management at FAO. An agricultural development expert, she has worked in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Under her leadership 147 FAO member states approved the 10 elements of Agroecology and TAPE (Tool for Agroecological Performance Evaluation)

Cristiana Peano. Professor at the Department of Agricultural, Forestry and Food Sciences of the University of Turin. She teaches Arboriculture and sustainable

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agroecosystems. For 20 years she has been working on the transition of agrarian systems in Europe, Africa and Latin America. Since 2021 he has been president of the CISAO second-level centre of the University of Turin for research, training and capacity building in Africa

Carlotta Ebbreo, member of DEAFAL ONG, she works between the academy and the third sector organizations in the field of local development and networks, education and training for agroecology. With experience in Italy, Europe and Latin America, she has been engaged in agroecological transition pathways for 10 years as a facilitator and social researcher

Riccardo Bocci. Agronomist. Technical Director - and former coordinator - of the Rural Seeds Network since 2007. Collaboration with the Overseas Agronomic Institute on two projects for the conservation and enhancement of biodiversity (2000-2009), and with the Ministry of Agriculture for the drafting of the National Guidelines for the Conservation of Agricultural Biodiversity (2010- 2012). Responsible for the European projects Farm Seed Opportunities, SOLIBAM and DIVERSIFOOD (2007 - 2018).

CRITERIA AND SCOPES OF EVALUTATION

The committee of evaluation and good practises defined the criteria and methods it intends to follow in its work, taking into account the following aspects:

- **Objectives of the Mapping** of Good Practices promoted by Azione TerrAE
- **Vision the Coalition is inspired by**, borrowed from FAO: *“Agroecology is an integrated approach that applies ecological and social concepts and principles to the management and design of agricultural and food systems, to initiate pathways of transition to sustainable and resilient models.”*

Interactive and inclusive nature of the selection process proposed by the CHALLENGE project

Given that the Mapping of Good Practices of Azione TerrAE aims to promote the dissemination and exchange of experiences made by different actors, committed to developing processes attributable to the integrated and transformative vision of Agroecology, the Committee confirmed the choice to focus the evaluation on **agroecological transition processes rather than on individual and/or separate projects or practices.**

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Taking into account this approach, **6 specific scopes of evaluation** were defined:

- **Systemic scope:** integration of ecological and social principles.
- **Transformative scope:** transition to equitable, sustainable and resilient models
- **Participatory scope:** participation of local actors in all stages of planning and implementation (special reference to farmer and family enterprises, women and youth)
- **Co-creation and knowledge exchange:** in the analysis of agrifood systems and in the identification of responses
- **Sustainability:** sustainability of the processes undertaken from environmental, economic, social perspectives
- **Replicability:** with emphasis on the possibility of horizontal proliferation of experiences.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Taking into account the objectives and the interactive and inclusive nature of the entire Mapping activity, the **Committee will make use of the possibility of requesting integrations from the organizations that have sent and will send their good practices.**

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

To avoid possible conflicts of interest, the members of the Committee will refrain from evaluating the proposals coming from the organizations and institutions to which they belong, or related to them or involved in projects in which they participate in different capacities.