

NEWSLETTER 01

THE PROJECT

SOLINSA is a three year research project, which started in February 2011. The aim is to understand how learning and innovation networks for sustainable agriculture (LINSAs) operate and can be supported. This newsletter presents the activities and results of the first year of the project.

To know more about the project: link to [the flyer](#)

IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES

During the first year, three project meetings and capacity building workshops were held. A preliminary conceptual framework has been constructed and will be further developed during the project. A comparative analysis of the Agricultural Knowledge Systems (AKS) in the partner countries has been completed and collaboration with LINSAs has started.

THE FIRST RESULTS

- *"I discovered that sharing ideas, information, practices with other people is a key to speed up innovation processes and make them cost effective in a field, sustainable agriculture, that is strongly knowledge intensive", Gianluca Brunori*
- *"The comparative analysis of the Agricultural Knowledge Systems in the SOLINSA partner's countries revealed some incoherence and a bureaucratic and short term character of many innovation policies", Frans Hermans*

To know more on the results:

[Factsheet on the conceptual framework,](#)

[Factsheet on the AKS comparison.](#)

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES

In order to learn about LINSAs, a transdisciplinary method is implemented with a set of networks. The first workshops with the LINSAs were conducted at the end of 2011.

To know more on the LINSAs: [website](#)

NEXT DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

A first dissemination workshop on the future of AKIS in Europe will take place the 5th of March 2012 in Brussels. It is organised in partnership with the collaborative working group on Agricultural Knowledge and Information Systems (AKIS) of the Standing Committee on Agricultural Research (SCAR).

[Link to the program](#)

[Proceedings available after the 15th of March](#)

