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Educating the next generation of professionals in the agrifood system

NextFOOD drives the transition to more sustainable and competitive agrifood systems. Employing case-based action research develops effective education and training programmes enabling the much needed green shift in our rapidly changing society. Follow the latest developments, as well as a showcase of the participatory and action-based case studies.

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We are about to complete our first 10 months of the project. After a period of hard work, we are glad to see how our vision of changing the education for professionals in the agrifood and forestry sector is taking shape, through an innovative and action-oriented education strategy that prepare learners to become tomorrow's leaders for a more sustainable world.

One focus of the first ten months was the start-up of 12 case studies located in Europe, Africa and South Asia to identify challenges and opportunities in different cultures and contexts for making the transition in education. In this regard, we made case descriptions for each case and conducted a number of kick-off workshops which have given us some important insights. And we have more workshops planned for the months to come.

Besides, we began to organize focus group interviews and surveys in order to forecast what competencies and skills that will be needed in future professional life, and to identify gaps in research and education. We look forward to the presentation of the skills inventory, which is an important step in making a roadmap for European education in the areas of food, sustainable agriculture and forestry.

Our researchers have reviewed the literature addressing the societal impact of research and education. Their findings will be translated into recommendations for the design of Nextfood evaluation framework that will support a transformation of universities.

We are proud that there already is a growing interest for the project beyond the consortium. Our partners have been invited speakers at conferences and events in Peru, Chile and Italy. Read more in this newsletter!

Since the project first started, the consortium met in Malmö, Sweden, in May 2018 for a kick-off where partners worked on and discussed the cyclical research process that will guide the development of the project. Our aim is to exemplify how transdisciplinary research can achieve better collaboration between universities and the society, more innovation in the agrifood and forestry sector, and a progressive community, prepared to tackle the complex sustainability challenges of the 21st century.

In this first issue of our newsletter, you will among other things be able to learn about how extension service to young farmers in Greece can be enhanced by using the principles of action learning. Don't forget to check out our website and use the social media to inform your network about our interesting news!

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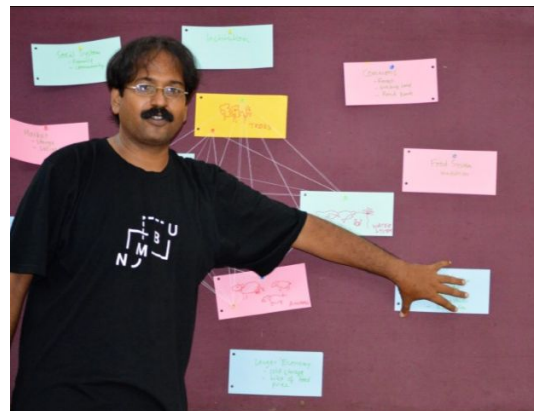
Drawing together a vision...

The NextFOOD pedagogy is tried and tested in Kolkata, India under

Indo-Norway collaboration programme in education by NextFOOD partner Welthungerhilfe and the University of Calcutta. The concluding workshop with students, faculties and guests was during 14th-15th December in Kolkata. Some glimpses from the 4 batches of the course.



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NEWS

NextFOOD in South America



Prof. Osvaldo Salazar from the University of Chile presented NextFOOD project in the “International Conference on Innovational Education in Agrarian Topics”. The purpose of the Conference was to disseminate and exchange knowledge on the best educational practices in agrarian topics in order to promote innovation in higher education and contribute to consolidating some of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

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Representatives of the 12 NextfFOOD cases met in Pollenzo



Representatives of the 12 NextfFOOD cases met in Pollenzo, Italy, for joint development of the project action research method. The vision of NextfFOOD, stakeholders in the agrifood and forestry chain working together for developing a sustainable education, was captured in this creative sketch.

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Case Studies

Case 5

Where: Greece



Main stakeholders involved: two networks of farmers, extension specialists, MSc students

Action learning Agriscapes: Enhanced extension service to young farmers based on principles and practices of the Action Learning method.



The project is designed to facilitate the short and long term survival and prosperity of young farmers by familiarizing them with modern farming techniques and practices. The services offered are based on the model of the US university extension system. For that purpose, beneficiaries will be introduced to good agricultural practices focusing on smart farming techniques and technological advancements, and will be encouraged to operate in an electronic cloud environment.

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