

SALSA NEWSLETTER

A short recap of SALSA project's work in 2018 and a look at the way ahead

Welcome to the SALSA newsletter!

SALSA would like to send warm wishes for the New Year to all the community interested in SALSA's work and in the subject of small farms and food and nutrition security.

For SALSA partners, 2018 has been an exciting year, with the project making great advances in the research work, achieving some initial findings.

Major activities in 2018 included:

- **SALSA-FAO email conference "The Role of Small Farms Within a Larger Context of Food Security"**

19 March-9 April 2018, with more than 850 subscribers and almost 300 messages exchanged between the participants, covering 6 overarching topics.

- **Fieldwork – interviews with small farmers and small food businesses – was finalised**

Follow-up regional workshops on governance were organised in the remaining reference regions. Food system reports of all the 30 reference regions in Europe and Africa have been completed.

- **SALSA paper session "Our food systems are broken, can small farmers help to fix them?" at 13th European IFSA Symposium**

Farming systems: facing uncertainties and enhancing opportunities, 1-5 July, 2018 | Chania, Crete, Greece | Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania (CIHEAM - MAICh).

- **Presentation of the paper "Gender, Food and Nutritional Security: Perspectives from Europe and Africa" at the Evidence to Action Conference 2018**

25-27 July, 2018 | Nairobi, Kenya | International Centre for Evaluation and Development (ICED).

- **Writing Week to prepare papers for upcoming SALSA's Special Issue in the Journal Global Food Security 2019**

22-26 October, 2018 | Krynica Zdrój, Poland.

- **Paper published in Land Use Policy journal**

N. Guiomar et al. (2018) Typology and distribution of small farms in Europe: Towards a better picture, *Land Use Policy*, 75: 784-798,

- **SALSA Communities of Practice (CoPs)** in the reference regions continued to support the project work by exchanging information and knowledge, and validating and disseminating research results. Soon more information on regional CoPs will be available on SALSA website: stay tuned!

SALSA is now entering a new phase. The data collection in WP3 is closed, and we will soon have the last data collection activity, in WP4, with the foresight workshops. Efforts are focused on the joint analysis of data for all the reference regions. We expect to be able to disseminate soon some of the most novel and relevant outcomes of this analysis. Linking outcomes to policy messages and discussing them with policy makers is currently under preparation and will come next.

Best wishes for 2019,
SALSA - WP7 Leaders



SALSA AT A GLANCE:

- 4-year project funded by the EU Horizon 2020
- Started in April 2016
- Gathers 16 African and European partners, including research institutes, universities and farmers' organizations
- Aims to provide better understanding of the role of small farms and food businesses to sustainable food and nutrition security in 25 regions in Europe and 5 in Africa



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