



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of European Network Agroecology Living Labs and Research Infrastructures



*Group picture of the Network members 2025.*

The **2<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting of the European Network of Agroecology Living Labs and Research Infrastructures** took place in **Bordeaux, France between 13 and 15 October 2025**, organized jointly by ÖMKi and INRAE. Attended by 68 participants, 41 Network members were represented (28 LLs and 13 RIs) out of the total of 55 members.

The focus of the event was to provide an in-person networking space during the three days for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> cohort members to get to know one another and to continue co-learning and co-creation activities that support the continuous building of the Network, particularly to define entry points for joint thematic activities.

Beyond interactive and playful member introductions, Network-building workshop sessions were aimed at discussing global networking strategies, governance scheme, knowledge exchange, the Collaborative Knowledge Platform, and network communications. Moreover, the research activities and accomplishments of [VivAgriLab](#) from France and [Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's living lab network](#) were presented as well as part of the regular experience sharing between members.



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*Network-building workshop sessions.*

The meeting was organised back-to-back with the 2nd International Forum on Agroecosystem Living Labs (IF-ALL), therefore the members had the chance to participate at the joint field visits and the conference itself. As part of the field visits, members got to see two different living labs and a social experiment. The first field showcased [BACCHUS living lab](#) which facilitates the agroecology transition of vineyards dominated landscape through the combination of cultivated (mainly vineyards) and uncultivated (forests, meadows) habitats. The living lab operates in the Libournais and Entre-Deux-Mers wine-growing regions, where producers face similar challenges (such as climate change, biodiversity loss, economic crisis in the wine sector, decrease of the landscape's attractiveness, and difficulties arising from the coexistence of different stakeholders). The second field visit focused on research activities of the [Bocage Forestier living lab](#), which applies innovative strategies in the Landes de Gascogne region to restore biodiversity and improve the resilience of forests in agroforestry systems. The third visit was in Begles, a suburb of Bordeaux, where a **one-year pilot project** was presented **about the experiences of a citizen-led food program**. The project aimed to combat social inequalities and coordinate the ecological transformation of food systems by experimenting with 180 households where food was integrated into the general social security system therefore creating a new food social security system.

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