



BOND NEWSLETTER

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Our BOND newsletters are an easy way to keep up to date with new developments at our project. From successful finished deliverables to upcoming activities, our newsletter informs you on how we are reaching the aim of this project - to reach higher levels of organisation and networking, and develop a healthier, and more productive and harmonious farming sector in Europe for the long term.

For up to date information, please also visit our:

[BOND Webpage](#)

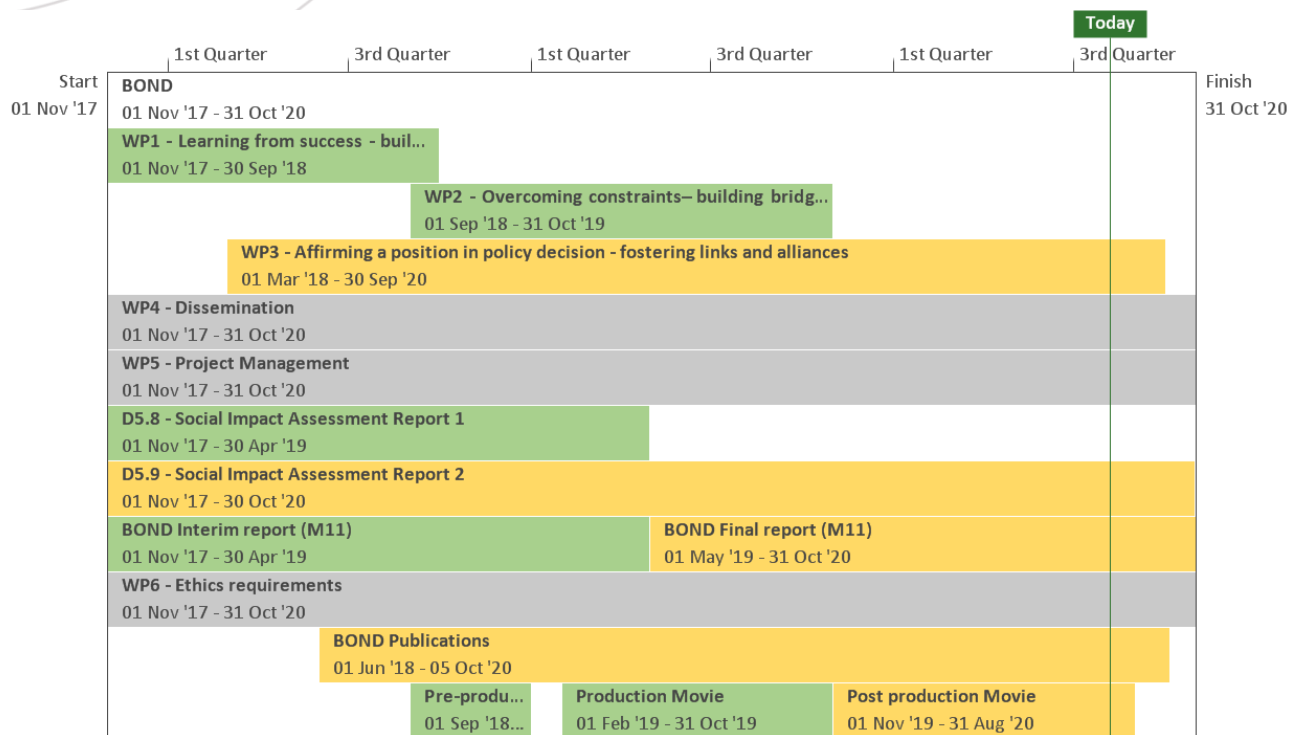
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Overall Project Status

The BOND project is **on the final straight, only 3 months** to go and we hope that we can despite the difficult circumstances caused by the Corona crisis finalise the project successfully and in time.



The BOND project has accomplished at the **end of July 2020** the **26 deliverables** and **9 milestones** and **14** of the **deliverables** are already **approved**.

The **last 4 deliverables** and **3 milestones to be submitted / achieved** until the end of the project / **October 2020** are the following:

No	Title	Lead	Due Date
D3.4	Lab experiment in one country Moldova	PROENTRANSE	Sep-20
D4.5	Youth forum and Road Map for the Future	ECO	Oct-20
D5.7	Project Meeting 7	CU	Oct-20
D5.9	Social Impact Assessment Report 2	CU	Oct-20
M10	Youth Road Map for the Future	ECO	Aug-20
M11	Final Report	CU	Oct-20
M12	SIA Societal Impact Assessment report	CU	Oct-20

Project Highlights of the last months

BOND – LAB experiment in Moldova

The LAB experiment in Moldova is a learning process involving farmers and land manager groups who will participate in capacity building activities and in the design of Action Plans that may lead to the signature of a number of Memorandum of Understanding in different sectors. The learning process is structured around three key events covering the period February to September 2020 where representatives from 10 farmer groups participating to learn new skills, apply them in their group and report back to the following event. Therefore, the selected representatives have the important task to stay engaged over the period of the lab experiment and after, attend all three events, disseminate the information in the group where they belong to and start a strategic planning process for their group for a future change.

The **second BOND Lab Experiment in Moldova** on “Emotional intelligence and bridging skills” took place online between the 22nd of May and 12th of June 2020.

Despite COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent closure of borders and restriction of meetings, ProEntranse managed to successfully hold the event online. While objectives and expected outcomes remained the same, the training presentations, exercises and exchanges were oriented towards examples and challenges emerging from COVID-19 crises.



This session pursued the following objectives:

- Training about groups’ dynamics and the emotional dimension of groups.
- Training about how to design effective bridging strategies.
- To go forward in the design of collective action plans to be developed by participants (task initiated in Event #1).
- To continue the definition of MoUs to be developed by participants (task initiated in Event #1).

Three tools were deployed and used:

- An online webinar: presentation of the program of the event, methodology and main introductory concepts.
- Two videos of 30 minutes length were sent to the participants as a preparation for the online session: presentations of the main concepts and ideas related to the different subjects of the training.
- Three practical online sessions of 1 and a half hour-length: based on exercises and the application of concrete tools facilitated by local and international experts.

The practical sessions were established to facilitate the sharing of experiences related to emotions and conflict elements that have emerged in the present situation as well as collective strategies to deal with new challenges.

The event was organised by Lucia Usurelu (ProEntranse) with the contribution from Mariagrazia Rocchigiani (FAO), Francesca Carpano (FAO) and Mamen Cuéllar-Padilla (University of Cordoba) for the online training sessions.

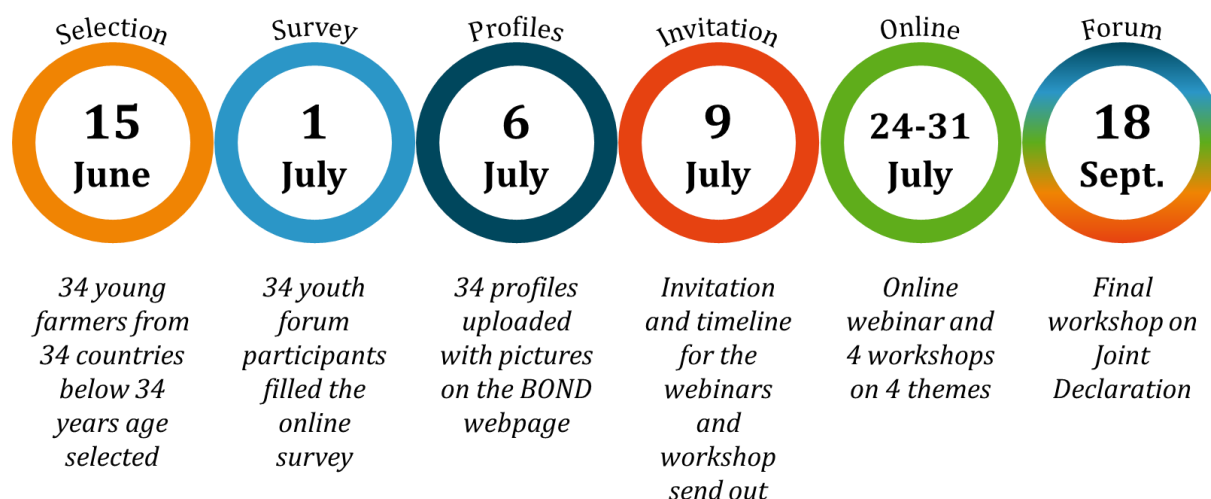
Find more about the BOND Lab Experiment in Moldova and take a look at the presentations and videos on the [BOND LAB experiment in Moldova webpage](#).

BOND – Forum Young Farmers for the Future!

BOND had planned to organise a Youth Forum in Romania, for 34 young farmers, under 34 years old, from 34 countries in Europe. Due to the current Covid-19, activities are currently taking place through social media channels and online conferencing.

The forum will be an occasion for the new generation of farmers to share visions, express needs and aspirations and provide fresh insights that will translate into policy recommendations and solutions to policymakers in Europe. This platform will harvest new ideas on the future of farming and bring forward concrete solutions for collective action in agriculture.

Planned Timeline and Proceeding:



Online Workshops and Webinars:



BONDs Youth Forum for the Future began with an introductory webinar for all participants on Friday 24th July. Hosted by Eco Ruralis with expert facilitator Andrea Ferrante from Scholar Campesina, the event brings together 34 young farmers from 34 European countries to share visions, express needs and aspirations and provide fresh insights that will translate into policy recommendations and solutions to policymakers in Europe.

31 people attended the opening webinar live. The young farmers all shared a little about themselves and their farm and were introduced to the BOND Project and the methodology for this event. COVID restrictions meant this part of the forum had to move online, instead of face-to-face in Romania as originally planned. One advantage of this was participants could see each other on their individual farms. Some joined the webinar from their lounge, their bedroom, their garden, field, tractor, some had partners or family around them, another was trying to chase run away cows.

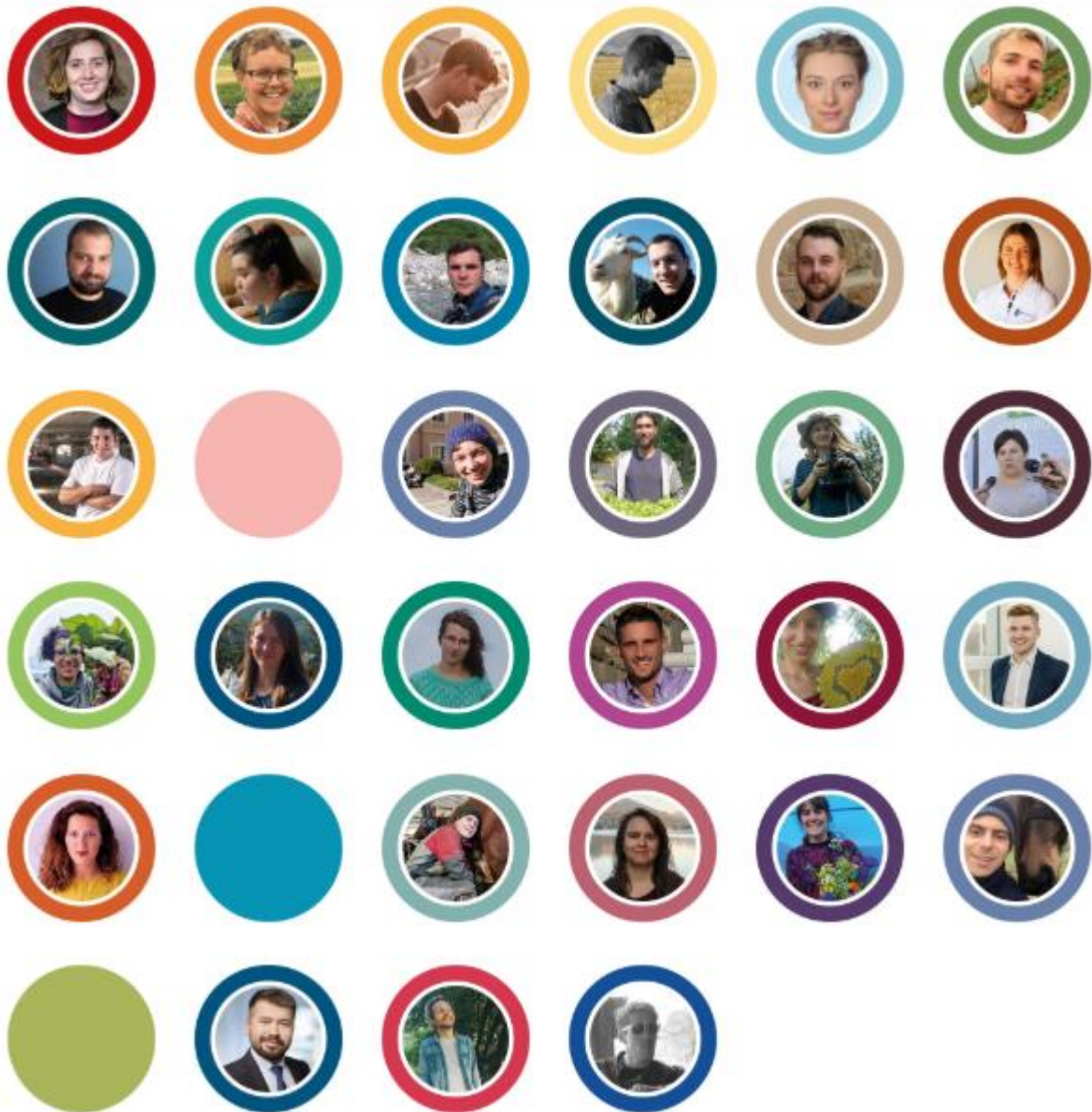
As July concluded so did BOND's Youth Forum for the Future's thematic workshops. Between Monday 27 and Friday 31 July, all 34 participants were given an opportunity to learn, debate and begin the search for solutions for some specific challenges affecting European agriculture today. Each of the four 3-hour interactive workshops were attended by 3-9 young farmers, a topical expert and facilitated by Andrea Ferrante of Schola Campesina.

Topics discussed were varied, but included access to land, access to markets, EU Policy, knowledge sharing, peasant rights and innovation.

Although the workshops are concluded, in many ways the work has only just begun. Participants were assigned roles of web researcher, note taker, introducer and rapporteur. Members of each workshop group will continue discussion throughout August ready to present concrete policy proposals to the full Youth Forum in September.

It is hoped that relationships fostered throughout these events will lead to future collaborations. All participants have had multiple opportunities to introduce themselves, their style of farming and their dreams for the future. It is hoped that attendees will be inspired and equipped to bring improved organisation and networking within their own communities as well as the tools to reach out to and negotiate with policy makers, as a result of the forum.

The 34 young Farmers:



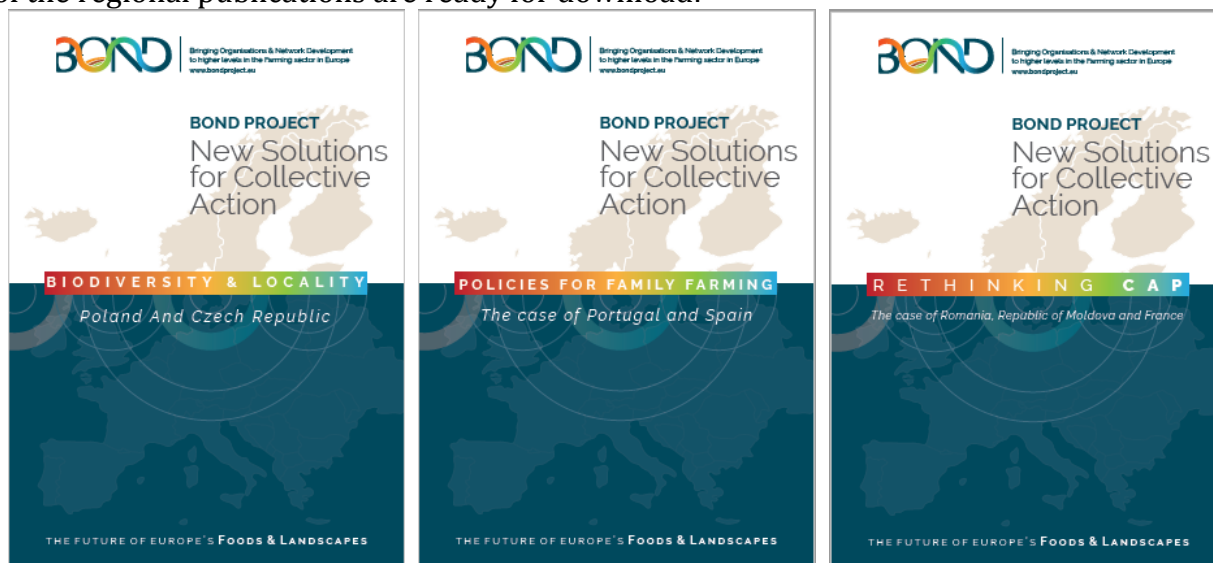
The detailed profiles of the 34 farmers, and the material from the webinars and workshops and a lot more can be found on the regular updated [BOND Youth Forum webpage](#).

BOND – Publications

BOND produced a series of publication, project-related, to foster social capital in Europe.

Four of them reflect the **outcomes of the BOND Policy Roundtables** that took place in Hungary (VDG), Poland (SIE), Portugal (CNA) and Romania (ECO). They combine outcomes of the roundtables as well as outcomes of the 10 BOND National Workshops grouping Romania, France and Moldova; Hungary and Croatia; Poland and Czech Republic; and finally, Portugal and Spain. In addition, a **Land Management publication**, and a **Synthesis General publication**, have been prepared. All of these 6 publications bring forward the learnings from all the BOND project activities throughout the 3 project years (2017- 2020) and provide recommendations for policy makers and food and agriculture constituencies throughout Europe.

3 of the regional publications are ready for download:

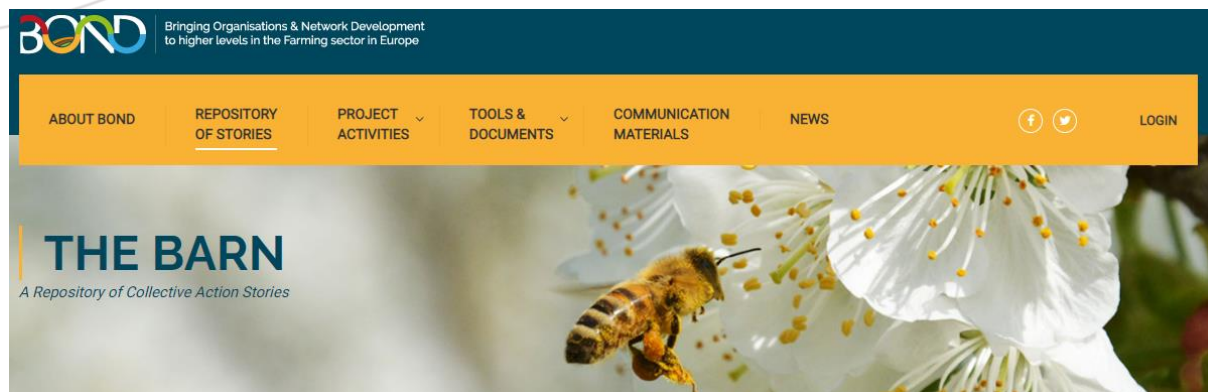


Additional to the 6 mandatory publication the BOND project also developed a **Blueprint for creating playful work environments** and will present in September 2020 a paper on **Play in farming: seriously?** at the **14th European Conference on Games Based Learning (ECGBL20)**.

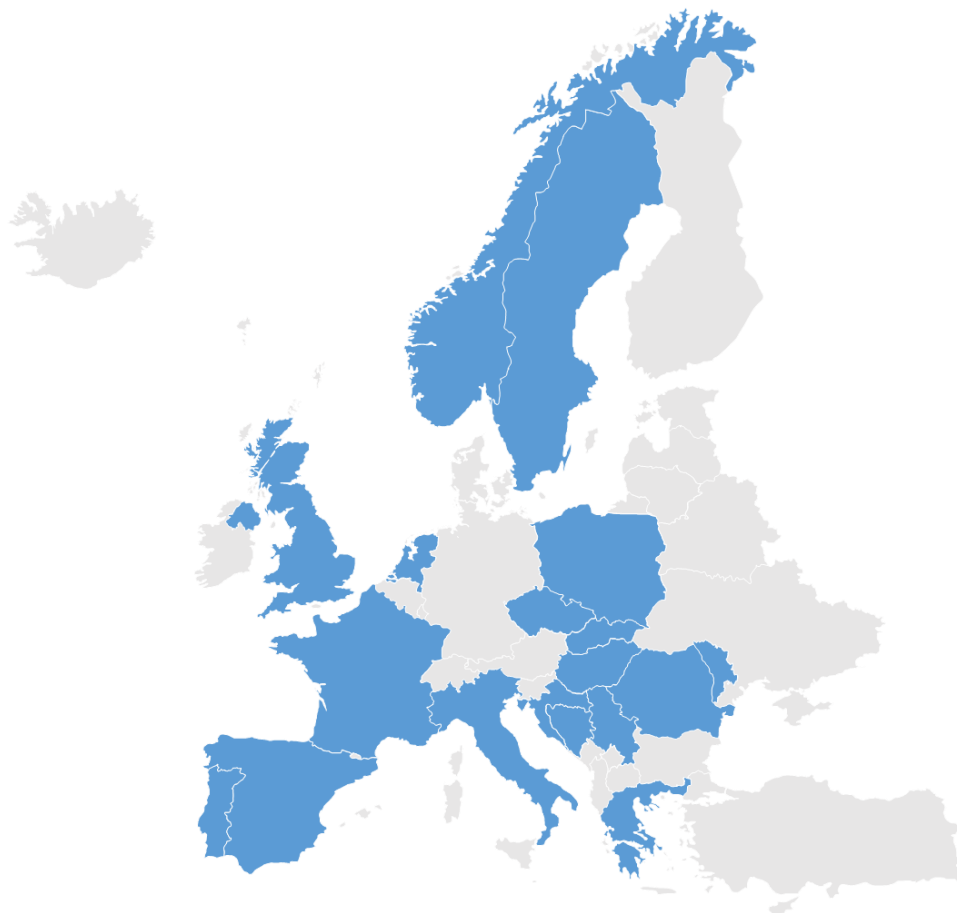


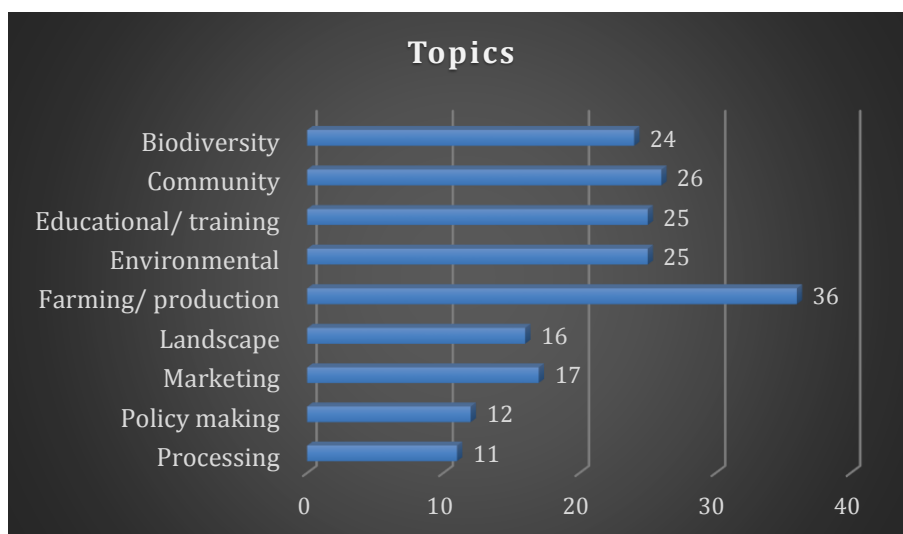
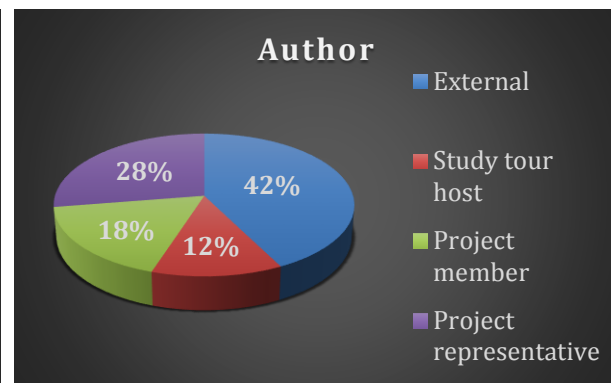
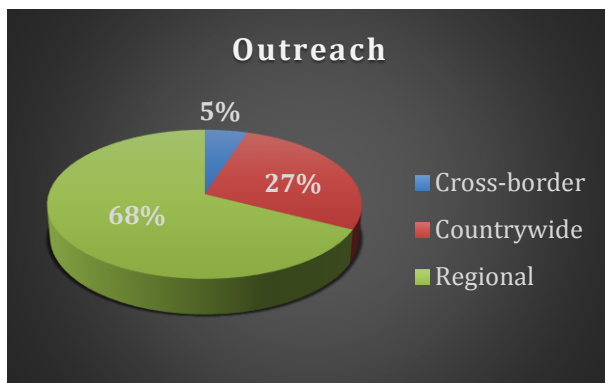
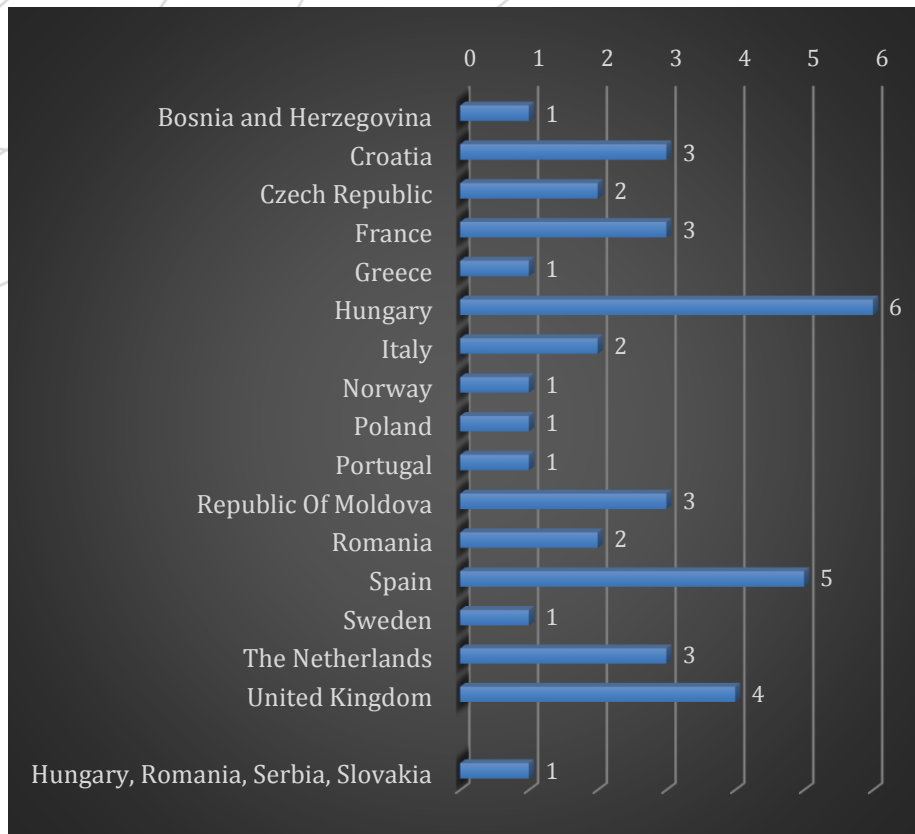
BOND – The Barn

The Barn is a Repository of Collective Action Stories on the BOND webpage. Inside the Barn you'll find different examples of collective action in sustainable agriculture, marketing and the environment. Some are works in progress, some are works concluded, others are just at the start or even a plan of a project with an expected impact. They are united by a common objective – creating bridging and bonding linkages and networks for the benefit of the food and farming sectors.



Until now the project has collected 40 very interesting and diverse stories from 18 European countries.





Name of the initiative	Country	Keywords
Factory of Joy	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Seed saving, heirloom seeds, seed library, Seed exchange
Cooperative njam-njam, Croatian HM hub	Croatia	Organic, holistic management, farms, cooperative
Association of the Croatian Family Farmers' Life	Croatia	Family farming, knowledge exchange
Student Garden	Croatia	University, student garden, urban agriculture
Association Demeter Czech & Slovak	Czech Republic, Slovakia	Biodynamics, BIO, farming, winemaking
Farma Lukava	Czech Republic	Horse-powered farming, CSA
Complementary Collective Catering	France	Local, reduced waste, sustainability
Séronais Central Kitchen	France	Green public catering, school canteens, farmer association
The Green Basket (Au Panier Vert)	France	Organic, local, farm shop
The Chilli Factor Organic Farm	Greece	Organic, chillies, microgreens, edible flowers, farmers market
Alliance of Small-Scale Community Farms	Hungary	Organic farming, Community Supported Agriculture, peer-group, experience sharing
Brick Oven Association (Kemence Egyesület)	Hungary	Open farm, gastro-cultural, traditional, family-friendly, supporting women
Kispiac Quarantine Market	Hungary	COVID-19, drive-in service, farmers' market, best practice
Magház (Seedhouse)	Hungary	Sustainable seed systems, low input agriculture, agrobiodiversity conservation, heirloom
Open farms in Zala Thermal Valley	Hungary	Open farm, Short chain
Rendek Eco Farm (Rendek Okogaidasag)	Hungary	Eco farm, Heritage, Tradition, Slow Food, Alliance
Network of Orchardists of the Carpathian Basin	Hungary, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia	Adaptive orchard management, fruit landraces
Pappa Fish	Italy	Fresh fish, reduced waste, local product
San Lidano	Italy	Packaged salads, fresh cut, cooperative
Green Care (Inn på tunet Norge)	Norway	Social care, well-being, regional cooperatives, national cooperative, strategy
Jurassic Food Cooperative (Jurnjska Kooperativa Spozywacza)	Poland	Food cooperative, healthy local food, agroecological values
The Tribe of Barbela (La Tribu de Barbela)	Portugal	Bread making, seed saving, ancient wheat, local
Strengthening the Immune Systems of Medical Workers	Republic of Moldova	Charity, immune system, health workers, COVID-19, honey, tea
The Neighbourhood Orchard Project	Republic of Moldova	Eatable city, sustainable future, resilient ecosystem, vibrant communities
Verifrukt Business Cooperative	Republic of Moldova	Apples, plums, cooperative, value chains
Charming Loaf (Turtita Fermecata)	Romania	Sour dough, wild yeast, traditional
The Peasant's Box (Cutia Taranului)	Romania	Peasant, food, local, village-city relationship
Ecollaures Participatory Guarantee System	Spain	Guarantee, Trust Group management, local market, consumption, agroecology

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Feeding Cordoba in COVID-19 (Alimentando Cordoba COVID-19)	Spain	Agroecology, Local supply chains, Food aid, Peasants, Multi-actor networks, Activist research, Food sovereignty
Food Sovereignty Platform	Spain	Food sovereignty, local
Land Banks	Spain	Farmland, Land Bank, agriculture, land abandonment
Regulation for the Processing and Sale of Products of Local Farmers	Spain	Processing, local, artisan, small-scale, tradition
Diet for a Green Planet	Sweden	Food policy, reducing waste, public food sector
Country-shop Cooperation (Landwinkel Coöperatie)	The Netherlands	Farmers' cooperative, collective marketing model, short supply chains
Federation of Agroecological Farmers	The Netherlands	Permaculture, Agroecology, Sustainable agriculture
Northern Friesian Woodlands Association (NFW)	The Netherlands	Dairy farmers, Field laboratories, Bottom-up
Edible Futures	United Kingdom	CSA, Community, market garden, salad drop
Fordhall Farm	United Kingdom	Organic, community farm
Jubilee Community Benefit Society	United Kingdom	Care farm, asylum seekers, conservation, church
The CSA Network	United Kingdom	Processing, local, artisan, small-scale, tradition

If you are interested to contribute to this BOND project legacy and want to share your story you are welcome to fill in [the online form](#) and 'upload high quality image.

Set of recommendations and good practice on regulatory framework

Under the deliverable D3.2 our Hungarian partner KLT has finalised a [Set of recommendations and good practice on regulatory framework](#) in cooperation with the other BOND partners. KLT has prepared an **Executive summary** with the main findings.



To share those useful and interesting outcomes with the broader BOND community the **Set of recommendations and good practice on regulatory framework** has been translated to the following 4 languages:

- [Croatian](#)
- [Czech](#)
- [Portuguese](#)
- [Spanish](#)

And it is planned to have it also in Romanian language.

The **Executive summary** has been translated to the following 13 languages:

- [Albanian](#)
- [Bulgarian](#)
- [Croatian](#)
- [Czech](#)
- [Estonian](#)
- [French](#)
- [Greek](#)
- [Italian](#)
- [Lithuanian](#)
- [Macedonian](#)
- [Polish](#)
- [Romanian](#)
- [Serbian](#)

Project ongoing and upcoming activities of the next months

BOND – LAB experiment in Moldova

The LAB experiment in Moldova will organise the **third event on “Collective Action, Cooperative development, dialogue, Lego serious play and game changers”**. This event is planned to take place in September 2020 and hopefully as a physical event.

The objectives for this event are:

- Increase understanding about legal and fiscal aspects of cooperatives and other forms of associative agricultural producers.
- Familiarize with cooperatives experiences from different countries.
- Understand opportunity for investments from national and international development partners.
- Reflect on the nature and elements of constructive dialogue with government counterparts and among farmer organizations.
- Familiarize with concept of traditional seeds distribution program.
- Familiarize with social capital in farming and bonding in the development policy proposals.
- Improve creative thinking and sharing based on Lego serious play methodology.

BOND – Forum Young Farmers for the Future!

The Youth Forum will organise the finale event on the 18th September 2020 on Joint declarations. The final webinar will be organised as a Zoom session with all participants were the rapporteurs and the 4 experts of the 4 workshops will present the main outcomes, the endorsement of a final document (ex. declaration) and the definition of the next steps with all participants.

BOND – Final Project Meeting

The 7th BOND project board meeting is planned to take place in Portugal at the beginning of October and will be organised by the partner CNA.

The main aim of this meeting will be the review of the project outcomes and the preparation of the final report and societal impact analysis for the European Commission.

Other Interesting Topics and Events

Covid-19 related Activities and Topics

Family Farming and the impacts of Covid-19: overcoming crisis through strong collective action

More than 50 participants attended the BOND Project dissemination initiative 'Family Farming and the impacts of COVID-19: Facing the crisis with strong collective action' hosted by Portugal's National Confederation of Agriculture (CNA) in Coimbra on the 4th of July 2020.



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Farmers and leaders of peasant organisations from all around the country debated the situation of agriculture and the collective challenges they face, in particular the impacts of COVID-19 pandemic and other concrete problems that affect family farming.

Participants reported the great difficulties thousands of Family Farmers faced with COVID-19 pandemic, particularly the selling of products due to the closure of their preferential channels of production flow (fairs, local markets, restaurants and hotels).

There was a presentation of good practices identified at national level (many of which are incentives by CNA and its affiliates) such as the online platform Cultivar (www.cultivar.pt) which connects producers to consumers and promotes circular economy through short and fair-trade channels.

More information can be found on the BOND News section:

<https://www.bondproject.eu/policy-round-table-family-farming-and-market-access-in-portugal-2/>

Farmers' Market Adapts for COVID-19

Kislépték, the Hungarian Association for small scale farmers and BOND project partner, has prepared a video showing how a farmers' market in Hungary can still operate by implementing required social distancing and sanitation measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This farmers' market includes an interesting innovation; the possibility of paying by credit card, avoiding cash payment. Consumers can pre-order online and pay by credit card when they collect their products at the market.



In Hungary, as well as many other European countries, consumers typically cannot pay with a credit card in this type of market.

Link: <https://www.bondproject.eu/food-supply-during-2/>

Food supply during the economic and social situation caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19)



The epidemic threat of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) caused new hygiene and health regulations by the mid of March in 2020 (date of the article 25th of March). This brought a change in the balance of food supply and demand in Hungary too. Those children, parents and the groups that most exposed to the disease are forced into their homes, and the restaurants, tourism services that are forced to be closed must use new supply channels.

The slowdown of the traditional food chains and the obstruction of the availability of products (the slowdown of the supply of Italian, Spanish, North-African, Chinese products is experienced in Europe) incite a part of the consumers to choose local resources, because its supply and quality is guaranteed. However, the dismantling of social relations means the closure and the suspense of traditional food supply chains (such as markets, restaurants and public catering) which causes serious challenges for every member of the chain.

More information can be found on the BOND News section: <https://www.bondproject.eu/food-supply-during/>