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HAVE YOUR SAY

Are you a farmer, a stake-holder, an agrobiodiversity expert.....please **take five minutes to fill in the Capsella on-line questionnaire.**

This tool is developed for the collection of initial needs and requirements in order to understand the type of information that different stakeholders have and would like to have access to, as well as the challenges of different agricultural players, which could be supported by the CAPSELLA solutions.

The Capsella Team welcomes the possibility to hear your voice and understand how ICTs could improve your work and challenges.

The questionnaire is available at <http://www.capsella.eu/requirements-and-needs-collection/>

ACTIVITIES

CAPSELLA focusing on two complementary domains: **agro-biodiversity** and the **food supply chain**, is in line with the most recent findings on how diversified agroecological systems are considered to be the alternative toward which both industrial agriculture and subsistence farming can and should evolve.

The aforementioned hot topics were tackled during the two-day meeting organised in the relaxing and warm atmosphere of the Tuscan countryside last May.



The **first Capsella workshop** gathered in Volterra (Pisa) about **60 experts** from the agricultural, ICT and data domains, stakeholders and clusters to debate about share ideas on how beneficial are open data sharing for agrobiodiversity. The farmers responses collected during three focused Round Tables on field, seeds and food were positive and paved the

way to understand that we are going in the right direction. Mostly of the animated discussions of the Round Table devoted to **field** was on the importance of the correct management of the soil organic matter (SOM). The main interests underlined were about data supported services to increase soil fertility, to use compost, to manage the SOM with precision agriculture techniques and to deal with the soil organisms in order to balance soil requirements and functional biodiversity. With regards food, it emerged quite clearly that consumers are becoming continuously more aware of the importance of good food and wish to follow the path *from seeds to fork!*



To find out more, please read the [press release](#).



The Capsella project (Collective Awareness PlatformS for Environmentally-sound Land management based on data technoLogies and Agrobiodiversity) started last January 2016 in six months has collected some insights that will be shared with you!

*The Capsella consortium is pleased to invite you to the upcoming **Datathon event** that will be held on **July 13 & 14**. ATHENA/RC, Capsella coordinator, will discuss of RDA services and output and how they will innovate the wheat community. For further information please visit <http://europe.rd-alliance.org/training-programme>*

JOIN THE CAPSELLA TEAM AT MEDHACKATHON!

The Capsella Team is collaborating to organise this vibrant, two-day event that will take place in Patras, Greece on 13-15 July 2016

Any enthusiasts willing to show, what can be done with available open data and information and communication technologies as well as anybody with the interest in improvement or sharing the knowledge in related topics are more than welcome. The same applies for those willing to present available Open Data. To register and find out more about it please visit <http://rda-wheat.imis.athena-innovation.gr/index.php?op=home>

WHAT IT IS GOING ON...in sustainable agriculture

YPARD – A movement by and for youth in agricultural development. This international movement made by and for young professionals under 40 years active in agricultural development operates as a network and with more than 10,000 members from 168 countries. YPARD is a decentralized organization. Its global unit is located in Rome in Italy, and there are regional sections for Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa and Asia. More at <http://www.isofar.org/isofar/index.php/2-uncategorised/121-ypard-a-movement-by-and-for-youth-in-agricultural-development>.



AND FINALLY if you are interested in agroecology, please follow the new Agroecology European initiative <http://www.agrobiodiversity.science/2016/02/09/agroecology-europe-launched>

A Dutch Farmersfood Experience...



Farmers need and value consumers requirements in order to provide the best food on their tables. In this light, ZLTO is currently developing an app and a platform that could be supported by consumers data collected by the Capsella project. Estate "de Barendonk" starts as a pioneer an experiment with a prototype app. The aforementioned estate consists of a dairy farm (www.barendonk-holsteins.com/dairyfarm.php) with next recreational activity (www.barendonk.nl/english) including a nature campsite, hay hotel, meeting room and day recreation activities such as farm tours and a gnome path"



UPCOMING RELATED EVENTS

GODAN SUMMIT - 15-16 September 2016 - New York, U.S

GODAN plans a global summit in 2016 for all its partners to move forward the agenda for open data in agriculture and nutrition. Please visit the [GODAN Summit](#) page for more information, as well as the [@godanSec](#) Twitter page.

First International Congress on Agrobiodiversity (IAC 2016) - 6-9 November 2016 - New Delhi, India

The objective of the Congress is to provide a platform to all the stakeholders engaged in genetic resource conservation and management to deliberate on thematic issues of global importance, with major emphasis on rational and effective use of agrobiodiversity for food, nutrition and environmental security. For further information please visit <http://www.ypard.net/event/1st->

The Capsella Team wishes you an inspiring read and please stay tuned as shortly on the project website you will find some hints about the first Capsella hackathon that will be held next Autumn 2016 in Greece!



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