

# Newsletter #3

This third newsletter covers the period from July to December 2024

## About the project

SYMBIOSYST Project investigates innovative systems to go beyond the idea of solar energy generation and agriculture as two separate sectors, and find a new synergy where land & crops and photovoltaics can have a mutually beneficial relationship. The project develops different PV solutions for open field and greenhouse agriculture and their demonstration in four rural landscape types, in three different European countries.

## About the cross EU cooperation for agri-PV

The EU Cooperation includes relevant agrivoltaic experiences and pilot plants across all EU Member States, including Horizon EU-funded projects (and other programs), stakeholder networks and pilot developers. The objective is to promote knowledge sharing, exchange good practices, and host webinars and physical events to foster collaboration. The final goal is to create a truly European community for agri-PV development.

[Click here to be part of the network!](#)

## Project events

### Mid-term Review Meeting in Brussels

On Wednesday, September 11th 2024, project partners gathered in Brussels hosted in the beautiful @3E partner headquarter spaces for the month 18 review meeting of the research project.

The event was an important moment to showcase our achievements over the past 18 months and engage in productive discussions about how to further improve

and advance the project in the coming months. Thanks to Irene Pinedo Pascua, Project Officer from CINEA, for the positive feedbacks and kind recognition of our efforts. Her highlights affirmed that the project is really self spoken, and it is generating meaningful and early impacts on market and policy sectors, setting a strong foundation for future success.



### Training Webinar on Monitoring



Webinar:

## Parameters and tools for monitoring Agrivoltaic system

17 October 2024, 14:00-15:00



Every Agrivoltaic system represents an innovation project, pushing the boundaries of energy and agriculture integration. Innovation, however, requires testing and data collection to validate its effectiveness and optimize its performance. To achieve this, robust monitoring of these systems is crucial.

In this training webinar, we explored key parameters emerging from Agrivoltaic research and the various monitoring systems offered by the industry.

Thank you to all participants, almost 130, that joined us in exploring monitoring Agrivoltaic system.

Stay tuned for upcoming webinars!

## Relevant Facts



### New Project Deliverable: Final Design of the Agri-PV Demonstrators

The document outlines the final design of the agri-PV demonstrators to be implemented in Italy, Netherlands, and Spain. The final design was drawn thanks to the modelling tools developed in previous research steps. The image above showcases the demo project in Ora-Auer. Read the full text and discover more about the project demos [here](#).



### Upcoming Demo Sites Field-Visits and Workshops

Thanks to the collaboration between WP6 and WP8, the project is organising one-day activities combining field visits and co-design workshops set in the four project demo landscapes. In 2025, the first and second events will take place in the region of South Tyrol, Italy and Catalunya, Spain. In 2026, the third and fourth events will be hosted in the region of South Holland, The Netherlands and Calabria Italy. Stay connected for updates and details about these exciting activities!



### New Project Deliverable: Beyond Social Acceptance: Justice Implications in Agri-PV

The deliverable on justice implications in agri-PV system presents findings from surveys on environmental and energy justice conducted with local stakeholders from four European regions: Catalunya, North Brabant, South Tyrol, and Wallonia. Read the full text [here](#).

### Demo Project Inauguration in Ora-Auer

We are excited to announce the first inauguration of project demonstrators, taking place in February 2025 in Ora-Auer, South Tyrol, Italy. The event is open to citizens, local stakeholders, and anyone interested in learning more about the project and its innovations. If you would like to participate, contact us at: [info@symbiosyst.eu](mailto:info@symbiosyst.eu).



### Website Update: Explore New Content on Demo Cases dedicated page

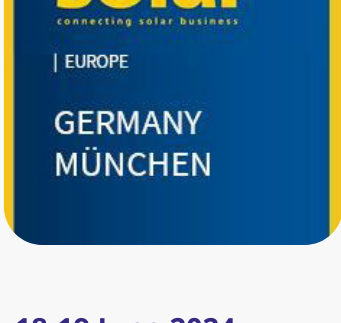
We're thrilled to share the latest updates from project website! The revamped page features reorganized content for easier navigation and newly added information on project demos and demo drivers. We've also included demo drivers selected as best practices from last year's call, showcasing innovative approaches to Agrivoltaics. [Click here to explore the updated webpage!](#) Stay connected for more updates as we continue to grow our resources!



### Symbiosyst Supports EU Regions in Energy and Landscape Joint Planning for agri-PV Development

On November 28th 2024, Symbiosyst joined the international IPV conference in Florence, promoting a roundtable on agri-PV planning in Tuscany, Italy. Strengthening the cooperation among the EU regions on agri-PV planning related issues is among the Symbiosyst Cross EU cooperation objectives.

## Project Presentations



**18-19 June 2024**  
@[ENGIE Laborelec](#) mentioned Symbiosyst during their presentation at **Intersolar Europe**.

**12 September 2024**  
@[SBB](#) conducted an interview for *Die neue Südtiroler Tageszeitung* about Symbiosyst activities, highlighting the farmers' survey results and current agri-PV regulations in South Tyrol, Italy.

**23-27 September 2024**  
@[Lucisun](#) and @[TU Delft](#) presented two contributions on developments in the Symbiosyst project at **EU PVSEC 2024**.

**5-7 November 2024**  
@[ENGIE Laborelec](#) mentioned Symbiosyst during their presentation at the **3rd Annual Agrivoltaics Europe**.



**7 November 2024**  
@[LUPC](#) presented the Catalunya project's demo site in Viladecans to civil society, fostering engagement with and awareness of agri-PV innovation.

**28 November 2024**  
@[ETA](#) and @[EFSOLARE](#) presented Symbiosyst at **Integrated Photovoltaic Conference 2024**.

### THE PROJECT

SYMBIOSYST – Create a Symbiosis where PV and agriculture can have a mutually beneficial relationship, is an Horizon Europe Innovation Action started in January 2023 that will continue through December 2026

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