



Innovative Sustainable Economy Mission 3rd Innovation Camp

Connecting place-based innovation ecosystems with interregional innovation networks for Mediterranean Climate Adaptation

23-24 October 2025 | Olhão, Faro (PT) | In-person only
(Real Marina Hotel & SPA, Avenida 5 de Outubro 8700-307)

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The Mediterranean is at a crossroads. Water scarcity, soil degradation, biodiversity loss and high-emission agri-food systems threaten its resilience and prosperity. Facing these challenges requires more than incremental improvement — it calls for **transformative innovation: systemic, place-based change driven by collaboration and vision.**

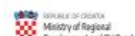
The third ISE Innovation Camp is a space for action and co-creation. Over two days, we will bring together **local innovation ecosystems** and **interregional networks**. Together, we will confront barriers, activate enablers, and define bold actions across three priorities: regenerative farming, sustainable water management, and circular agri-food systems.

We will also explore the possibilities of **place-based regulatory experimentation spaces**. These real-world spaces are envisaged as rural, periurban or urban zones where innovators, regulators and stakeholders agree on temporary regulatory arrangements to test the performance of innovative solutions whose full transformative potential could be unlocked by new or revised rules.

The Camp combines systemic analysis with collective creativity, applying methodologies to co-create initiatives that go beyond technology — addressing governance, culture, regulation, and practice.

The Camp will feature a **showroom of transformative solutions**, where participants and projects will present place-based innovations already tackling Mediterranean climate challenges.

This interactive session will highlight real-world examples and inspire new connections, collaborations and ideas to scale up transformative change.





This Innovation Camp is organised in the framework of the **Innovative Sustainable Economy Mission** activities in collaboration with the **Preparatory Action (PA) on place-based transformation** implemented by the **Joint Research Centre** of the **European Commission** and aligned with the **EU Living-Labs Shared Agenda for Mitigating Climate Change in Agriculture**.

This is an invitation to all – public and private actors, researchers, practitioners, and civil society – to take responsibility for shaping systemic alternatives and accelerating green and just transitions.

DRAFT AGENDA

Thursday 23rd October (Day 1)

Registration

09:00

Opening & Welcome

09:30-10:00 Institutional welcome and presentation of the Camp's purpose, methodology and agenda

Framing the Challenge: Transformative Innovation for Climate Adaptation

10:00-10:30 Introduction to the systemic, place-based, and transformative innovation approach guiding the Camp

Parallel Thematic Sessions: Understanding the Challenges of the Innovation Camp

10:30-11:00 Three parallel sessions to explore current challenges, future visions, and key barriers and enablers related to:

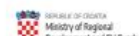
- Poor soil health, biodiversity loss and low climate resilience
- Water scarcity in a context of extreme weather conditions
- Degraded ecosystems and high emissions and non-circular agri-food supply chains.

In collaboration with the [PRIMED](#) project (Living Labs network)

Group Work: From Barriers to Enablers

11:00-13:00 Collaborative work within each thematic group to identify actionable levers — and the actors responsible — to activate enablers and overcome obstacles at both local and interregional levels

Lunch break (13:00 – 14:15)





Plenary: Insights from the Groups

14:15-15:00 Presentation and discussion of the key findings and proposals from the morning sessions

Roundtable: Spaces & Processes for Systemic Transformation

15:00-16:00 A moderated dialogue with the ISE Mission, the Joint Research Centre (PA's Experimentation Journey on Food Security), and the PRIMED Project (Living Labs network).

Focus: What governance models, spaces and processes are needed to connect local and interregional innovation ecosystems? How to ensure longevity and long-term perspective in designing and running these processes? How to ensure that lessons learned and data collected in experimentation spaces informs policy and helps scale and accelerate transformative change?

Special Workshop led by the Joint Research Centre

16:00-17:30 A workshop on the role of regulatory experimentation spaces in enabling transformative innovation, with a focus on Food Security

Innovative Sustainable Economy Mission Working session (In parallel)

16:00 – 17:30 Innovative Sustainable Economy Mission working session (closed session)

End of Day 1 (17:30)

Optional Guided Tour

An informal evening to connect with peers and explore Faro's local context at 18:00.

Friday 24th October (Day 2)

Registration

8:30

Innovation showcase: Transformative Solutions in Action

9:00-11:00 An interactive exhibition where projects showcase place-based innovations addressing Mediterranean climate challenges. Includes pitches, stands, and a gamified activity linking solutions to the barriers and enablers identified on Day 1

Working Groups: Designing Experimentation Spaces & Labs for Transformation

11:00-13:00 Parallel sessions to co-design the kinds of experimentation spaces and labs needed to align local ecosystems with interregional networks — going beyond technology to address governance, policy and cultural dimensions

Lunch break (13:00 – 14:15)





Plenary: Presentation of Groups results

14:15- Sharing of the proposed approaches, ideas and designs from the working
15:00 groups

Conclusions & Next Steps

15:00- Synthesis of key outcomes and outline of the follow-up actions
15:30

Deep Dive: TIPLabs Methodology in the Dialogue4Innovation Project

15:30- An interactive working session for participants interested in advancing
16:30 the TIPLabs framework and learning from the Dialogue4Innovation experience

Working session on the PA's Experimentation Journey on Food Security

15:30- Working session dedicated to the participants of the PA
16:30

End of Day 2 (17:30)