



**BRIGHT
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Designing a Roadmap for Effective and Sustainable Strategies for Assessing and Addressing the Challenges of EU Agriculture to Navigate within a Safe and Just Operating Space

This is the 3rd newsletter of the BrightSpace project **WHERE YOU CAN:**

- Find out what BrightSpace is all about
- Read about the latest developments of the project
- Know more about networking with other EU projects
- Get information on upcoming events

What is BrightSpace ?

BrightSpace is an EC funded 5-year Horizon Europe research and innovation action aiming to design effective and sustainable strategies to navigate the EU agriculture within a Safe and Just Operating Space.

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Dear BrightSpace Community,

April has been an exciting month for us, marking the conclusion of our first reporting period. Since the project's inception in November 2022, we've made significant strides, culminating in the submission of our first batch of 11 reports to the EU commission. Having been deeply involved in the preparation of several of these reports, I have witnessed firsthand the remarkable commitment and dedication of our partners. I want to extend my sincerest gratitude to everyone for their hard work and contributions to this achievement!

Throughout this first reporting period, we've completed crucial milestones and launched numerous collaborative efforts. Notable activities included the kick-offs of various work packages, and the initiation of project data acquisition, often in collaboration with our fellow Horizon Europe project, LAMASUS. A significant highlight was the joint development of baseline data with LAMASUS, which has provided a robust foundation for our future activities.

The early part of 2023 saw the beginning of productive collaborations with other Horizon Europe fellow projects, such as GeneBEcon and RATION. These partnerships bore fruit quickly, as evidenced by our presence at the EAAE congress in Rennes in September 2023. There, we hosted two pre-conference sessions: one with GeneBEcon and RATION on novel plant protection products, and another with LAMASUS on baseline construction.

October 2023 was a particularly eventful month. We presented BrightSpace at a DG AGRI workshop in Brussels, showcasing our progress and ambitions to a wider audience. This was followed by our first annual meeting in Prague, generously hosted by the Czech University of Life Sciences (CZU). A key outcome of this meeting was the introduction of the first version of the Safe and Just Operating Space (SJOS) indicator framework, which we later presented to stakeholders during our first Thematic Seminar at the end of October.

Our visibility and integration with other initiatives continued into early 2024. BrightSpace was featured at the LAMASUS annual meeting and the at the kick-off meeting of our new fellow Horizon Europe project ACT4CAP27. To prepare for the first round of project deliverables, we organized an all-partner modelling seminar in March 2024, focusing on developing model indicators within the SJOS framework.

April 2024 was highlighted by our second Thematic Seminar on biodiversity indicators and the intensive work on our project reports. We also received invaluable support from the Scientific and Policy Advisory Board, who provided crucial reviews and insights to ensure the ongoing relevance and impact of our work. Several papers based on these deliverables are now in the pipeline for publication.

Looking ahead, we have some exciting events on the horizon. Our first Stakeholder Retreat is scheduled for June 2024, followed by our first project review meeting in July. Post-summer, we'll be preparing for our second annual meeting, which will be held back-to-back with LAMASUS and generously hosted by the Joint Research Centre (JRC) in Seville, Spain.

As we look forward to the coming months, we remain committed to advancing the objectives of BrightSpace and fostering meaningful collaborations.

Thank you all for your dedication in following our work!

Best regards,

Marc Müller

BrightSpace Project Coordinator, on behalf of the BrightSpace coordination team

Latest news from BrightSpace



2nd BrightSpace Thematic Seminar, 11 April 2024

23 experts from 7 EU countries, Ukraine and EC services (DG AGRI and DG ENV) participated at the 2nd Thematic BrightSpace Seminar on 11 April 2024.

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BrightSpace Advances Capacity Building in Berlin At CAPRI Developer Meeting

BrightSpace session was organized at the CAPRI Developer Meeting held on February 27-28 in Berlin and online with around 30 participants from AT, BE, DE, HU, NL, ES, NZ, and experts from the European Commission.

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2nd BrightSpace SPAB Meeting: Reflecting On Progress And Charting Future Milestones

BrightSpace session was organized at the CAPRI The second meeting of the BrightSpace Scientific and Policy Advisory Board convened virtually on January 31, 2024.

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BrightSpace was Represented at the EU Agricultural Outlook Conference

Greetings from the EU Agricultural Outlook Conference! 🚜🌾
A big thank you to everyone who met us in person in Brussels! 🍷

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Networking and Cooperation with Horizon Europe Projects



BRIGHT SPACE  **LAMASUS**
Land Management for Sustainability

Collaboration between BrightSpace and LAMASUS:
Introduction to the BrightSpace project

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BrightSpace interview featured in LAMASUS video clips

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BRIGHT SPACE  **ACT4CAP27**
1st General Assembly
18-19 March 2024, The Hague, The Netherlands





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BrightSpace Collaborates with ACT4CAP27

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Further highlights from our fellow projects

- ➔ Article: Relation between pesticide purchase and weather shocks 11/04/2024 [Read more »](#)
- ➔ LAMASUS presented at EGU 2024, 17/04/2024, Vienna, AT [Read more »](#)
- ➔ LAMASUS 2nd Stakeholder Board workshop, 7-8/03/2023 [Read more »](#)

    **LAMASUS**
Land Management for Sustainability

NEW project





- ➔ ACT4CAP27 Kick-off meeting was held on 18-19/03/2024, The Hague, NL

More information on ACT4CAP27:

- ➔ [1st Press release: project launch](#)
- ➔ [CORDIS page](#)
- ➔ [ACT4CAP27 Zenodo Community page](#)

  **ACT4CAP27**

- ➔ 2nd System Mapping Approach Workshop, Brussels BE 17/04/2024 [Read more »](#)
- ➔ 1st newsletter 03/2024 [Read more »](#)
- ➔ GeneBEcon Mid-term symposium, Brussels BE 21/02/2024 [Read more »](#)
- ➔ Article: Plant Breeding with New Genomic Techniques, which is the best option in the EU? [Read more »](#)

    **GeneBEcon**

- ➔ 1st policy brief is out 01/05/2024 [Read more »](#)
- ➔ RATION presented at clustering workshop 22/04/2024, Crete, GR [Read more »](#)
- ➔ 2nd newsletter 04/2024 [Read more »](#)
- ➔ 1st newsletter 01/2024 [Read more »](#)

    **RATION**

Project results & publications



11 BrightSpace Deliverables Submitted To EC

On 30 April 2024 we marked the 1.5 years anniversary of the BrightSpace project with submitting 11 out of a total of 30 project deliverables to the European Commission.

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Open Access Article In Nature Communications Earth & Environment

The Russia-Ukraine war decreases food affordability but could reduce global greenhouse gas emissions by Hans van Meijl, Heleen Bartelings, Siemen van Berkum, Hao David Cui, Zuzana Smeets Kristkova & Willem Jan van Zeist.

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Upcoming events



AIEAA
ASSOCIAZIONE ITALIANA DI
ECONOMIA AGRARIA E APPLICATA

13TH AIEAA CONFERENCE
The social sustainability of
European agriculture
facing old and new challenges

🕒 20-21 June 2024
📍 BARI, ITALY

**32nd International Conference
of Agricultural Economists**

Transformation
Towards Sustainable
Agri-Food Systems

🕒 2-7 August 2024
📍 NEW DELHI, INDIA

#ICAE2024



ICAE 2024

**Regional Science Dialogues for Peace
and Sustainable Development**
Terceira Island, Azores, Portugal & Virtual Event
26-30 August 2024



ERSA 2024
63rd Congress

#ERSA2024

Cordoba 2024
REECAP 6TH ANNUAL MEETING

🕒 24-26 September 2024
📍 CORDOBA, SPAIN



REECAP
Research network on Economic Experiments
for the Common Agricultural Policy

Visit our website for more upcoming events: <https://brightspace-project.eu/events/>

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More information will be sent in our next BrightSpace newsletter scheduled for winter 2024.

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