

## Value4Farm Horizon Europe project kicks off in Brussels

***Representatives from 14 European organisations gathered in Brussels on 12-13 October for the kick-off meeting of the Value4Farm Horizon Project, which aims to contribute to the decarbonisation of agriculture in Europe.***

Funded by the European Union's Horizon Europe Research and Innovation programme under grant agreement No 101116076, the 42-month Value4Farm project brings together a consortium of research and academic bodies, technical providers and trade associations from Belgium, Denmark, Italy, Germany, Netherlands, Croatia, Poland, Iceland, France and the UK – with the specific objective of:

- demonstrating the effectiveness, sustainability and replicability of three renewable-based local value chains based on solar, anaerobic digestion and biomethane technology and;
- coupling sustainable food production and renewable-energy production

Officially opened on 1<sup>st</sup> September, the Value4Farm project is scheduled to close on 28 February 2027. Over those 42 months, the consortium partners, led by Inagro in Belgium, specialised in applied research, will work on three demonstration sites in Italy, Belgium and Denmark. Technologies ranging from solar to AD (for the production of biogas and biomethane) will be integrated to create sustainability and circularity in the farm's operations.

Replica sites will subsequently be developed in Iceland, Italy and Poland to establish the viability of the protocols put in place in the demonstration sites and assess the feasibility of widespread use of the technologies implemented. Throughout the project, farmers, technical providers and advisors will be consulted to support future market uptake of the solutions delivered by the Value4Farm project, and farmers will be provided with tools developed by the partners to implement the Value4Farm innovative research in practice.

Value4Farm is dedicated to advancing the decarbonisation of the agricultural sector in alignment with the EU's Green Deal. Jan Leenknecht, Project Coordinator with Inagro, emphasised: *“Our mission with Value4Farm is to position the agricultural sector as a pioneer in innovation. We aspire to make a significant impact by providing the tools necessary for farmers to make their business more sustainable”*.

You can follow the progress of the Value4Farm project on the website [www.value4farm.eu](http://www.value4farm.eu) or on LinkedIn and X (formerly known as Twitter) at @value4Farm

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### **Notes to Editors:**

- The **consortium partners** to the Value4Farm project are:
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  - Aarhus Universitet, Denmark

- Università Cattolica Del Sacro Cuore, Italy
- Wageningen University, the Netherlands
- Helmholtz-Zentrum Fur Umweltforschung, Germany
- Energetski Institut Hrvoje Pozar, Croatia
- Instytut Uprawy Nawożenia/Gleboznawstwa, Państwowy Instytut Badawczy, Poland
- Mitis, Belgium
- REM TEC, Italy
- CIB-Consortio Italiano Biogas e Gassificazione, Italy
- Orkidea, Iceland
- Euroquality, France
- The University of Reading, UK
- The World Biogas Association, UK



- Photo caption: the Value4Farm consortium partners at the Kick-Off meeting in Brussels on 12-13 October.



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