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Four Years of LiveSeeding. A Legacy That Keeps Growing.

Dear LiveSeeding community,

After **four years of research, innovation and collaboration**, the LiveSeeding project has reached its conclusion.

Since 2022, **37 organisations from 16 countries** have worked towards a shared ambition: making organic seeds and diverse cultivars more accessible, strengthening organic plant breeding and helping Europe move towards 100% organic seed use by 2036.

Together, we have explored new approaches to plant breeding, cultivar testing, seed production, market transparency and policy development.

As we close this chapter, we want to share something that will continue to make a difference beyond the project's lifetime: the knowledge, tools and resources that remain available for everyone to explore, use and build upon.

You will read about

The LiveSeeding results

Knowledge & Resources

Events & Highlights

Explore the LiveSeeding Legacy

Practical knowledge, ready to use

How can the knowledge generated through four years of research and collaboration support farmers, breeders, seed producers and other stakeholders in their everyday work?

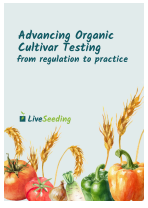
LiveSeeding has brought together its key findings in **seven accessible booklets**: six thematic publications covering the project's main areas of work and one general booklet highlighting the project's overall results and impact.

To make this knowledge accessible across Europe, the project has also invested in **translating these booklets into 10 European languages**, supporting their use in national and regional contexts.

Explore the topics that matter to you



Discover how crop and cultivar diversity can strengthen organic plant breeding and contribute to more resilient farming systems.



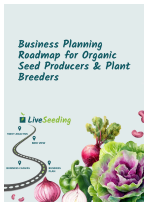
Learn how organic cultivar testing is evolving through adapted regulations, participatory field trials and digital tools.



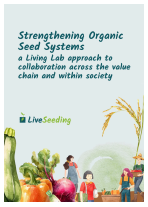
Explore innovations in organic seed quality and health that support more diverse and reliable seed systems.



Discover how better data and transparency can improve access to organic seeds and support informed decisions across Europe.



Learn how to develop a sustainable organic seed or breeding business with practical guidance on business planning, financing and market positioning.



Explore how Living Labs connect people across the organic seed value chain to encourage collaboration, innovation and knowledge exchange.



Discover LiveSeeding key results and impact

Alongside the booklets, LiveSeeding has produced **15 practice abstracts** and other practical resources designed to help translate research findings into knowledge that practitioners can apply.

Browse practice abstracts

Learning opportunities that remain available



Knowledge sharing has been at the heart of LiveSeeding.

Throughout the project, partners developed training materials covering organic plant breeding, cultivar evaluation, high-quality seed production, regulatory aspects and entrepreneurship in the organic seed sector.

These resources include presentations, webinar recordings, practical exercises, step-by-step guidance and self-paced learning opportunities.

A highlight was the **LiveSeeding Summer School**, which brought participants together for lectures, hands-on learning, field visits, and exchanges with experts in organic plant breeding and seed systems.

Explore LiveSeeding training resources and Summer School materials

Shaping the future of organic seed systems

The end of LiveSeeding does not mean that the challenges facing organic seed systems have been resolved.

Reaching 100% organic seed use by 2036 will require continued cooperation between farmers, breeders, seed suppliers, researchers, policymakers and public authorities.

LiveSeeding's roadmap, policy briefs and recommendations provide evidence and practical guidance to support this transition, from improving the availability of organic seed to creating a more enabling regulatory environment.

Explore policy resources and recommendations

For a broader perspective on what LiveSeeding has achieved and why its results matter, explore our overview article highlighting the project's main contributions and legacy.

Read the LiveSeeding results and impact article

Digital Tools Supporting Organic Seed Systems

Beyond publications and training materials, LiveSeeding has contributed to the development, testing and use of digital tools that support more transparent, collaborative and accessible organic seed systems.

- **seeds4organic** – supporting access to information on organic plant reproductive material and improving transparency in the European organic seed market.
- **SeedLinked** – enabling decentralised cultivar testing and the collaborative collection and sharing of field observations.
- **OHMTrack** – supporting the notification and traceability of Organic Heterogeneous Material.
- **SHiNeMaS** – supporting the management and analysis of data from participatory plant breeding activities.

Together, these tools illustrate how digital innovation can help connect information, research and practical decision-making across the organic seed sector.

Four Years of Collaboration, Knowledge Exchange and Dialogue

Looking back: Change Seeds, Grow the Difference



On **10 June 2026**, more than 100 participants gathered in **Brussels** for the **LiveSeeding Final Conference**, bringing together research, practical experience and policy perspectives.

The event reflected on the progress achieved over four years and highlighted the continued efforts needed to strengthen organic seed and plant breeding systems across Europe.

It was also an opportunity to celebrate the partnerships, knowledge and experiences developed throughout the project.

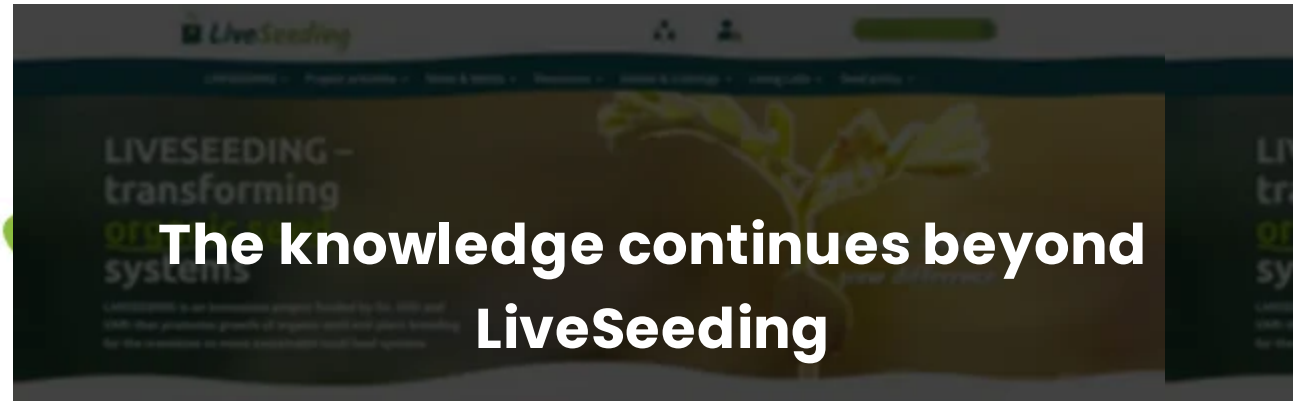
Revisit the Final Conference highlights

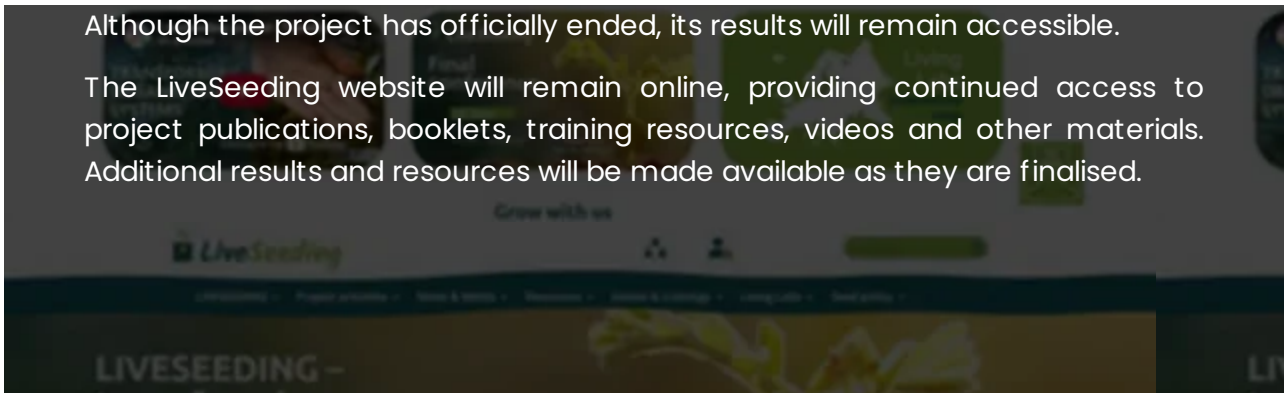
Bringing organic seed systems into the European policy conversation

LiveSeeding's contribution to European discussions continued at the EU AGRI 2040 Conference, held in Brussels on 24 September 2026.

The conference provided an opportunity to bring the project's perspectives on organic seed systems, crop diversity and sustainable agriculture into a broader conversation about the future of European farming.

Learn more about the EU AGRI 2040 Conference





We encourage you to revisit the website, explore the resources most relevant to your work and share them with your networks.

If you would like to stay connected with developments in organic plant breeding, cultivated biodiversity and seed-saving initiatives, we also encourage you to follow the networks that will continue working on these topics:

- **ECO-PB – European Consortium for Organic Plant Breeding**
- **EC-LLD – European Coordination Let's Liberate Diversity**

Thank You for Growing the Difference With Us

LiveSeeding has been shaped by the commitment of people and organisations who believe that seed diversity is essential for more resilient and sustainable food systems.

To our project partners, farmers, breeders, seed producers, researchers, policymakers and everyone who joined our activities, shared knowledge or contributed to our work: thank you.
Your collaboration has helped turn research and ideas into practical knowledge, stronger networks and new opportunities for the organic seed sector.

Although the project has come to an end, its results remain available for you to explore, share and build upon.

The LiveSeeding Team

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Main objective of the LiveSeeding project is to foster the growth of the organic sector and transition towards more sustainable local food systems by delivering high quality organic seed of diverse cultivars adjusted to organic farming for a wide range of crops.

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