

Contract Innovation Lab Madrid Region, Spain

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Region

The CIL is contextualized in Madrid region, one of the most urbanized areas in Europe surrounded by a belt of multifunctional landscapes and family farming lands.

Targeted Agri-Environmental/Climate Issues

The main agri-environmental concerns are related with climate change, soil and water protection. There is also an interest to conserve multifunctional agroecosystems where wild and cultivated biodiversity is preserved.

Contract Innovation Lab Objectives

The CIL is focused both on periurban and rural farming that includes vineyards, olive groves, cereals and horticultural crops. In Madrid, agri-environmental measures are in a very early stage of development. Some agri-environmental measures are included in the Rural Development Program, but either have not been developed or have not been funded. Others which are developed have moderate effectiveness.

The CIL objectives are:

- 1) to create a permanent space of dialogue and information exchange at regional and EU-levels
- 2) to improve knowledge of the current agricultural policy instruments in Madrid that incorporate environmental objectives
- 3) to explore measures that encourage farmers to increase the provision of environmental public goods
- 4) to influence agrarian regional policies.

Type of contracts

The CIL is interested in land tenure measures, especially land stewardship agreements (i.e. voluntary agreement between an owner of natural areas and a land stewardship organization on the way to carry out joint actions that help to make production and conservation compatible) and territorial farming contracts (i.e. to guide and promote agricultural activities towards multifunctionality, that effectively contributes to improve the economical, societal and environmental aspects in order to generate positive externalities). Furthermore, there is an interest in exploring results-based contracts and the possibility to use them in Madrid.



Stakeholder organisations involved

AGIM-COAG (Coordinator of Farmers' and Cattlemen's Organizations) farmer union, an organic winery representative, a horticulture farmer, Villa del Prado Association of Horticulture, World Wildlife Fund for Nature-Spain (WWF-Adena), Association Transhumance and Nature, Coalition for another CAP, Land Stewardship Platform-Biodiversity Foundation, Institute of Economics, Geography and Demography from the Spanish National Research Council (CSIC), Intermunicipal Association Terrae-Territories Network of agroecological reserve, Custody Network for the territory of Castilla la Mancha and Madrid.

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