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small food businesses and
sustainable food security

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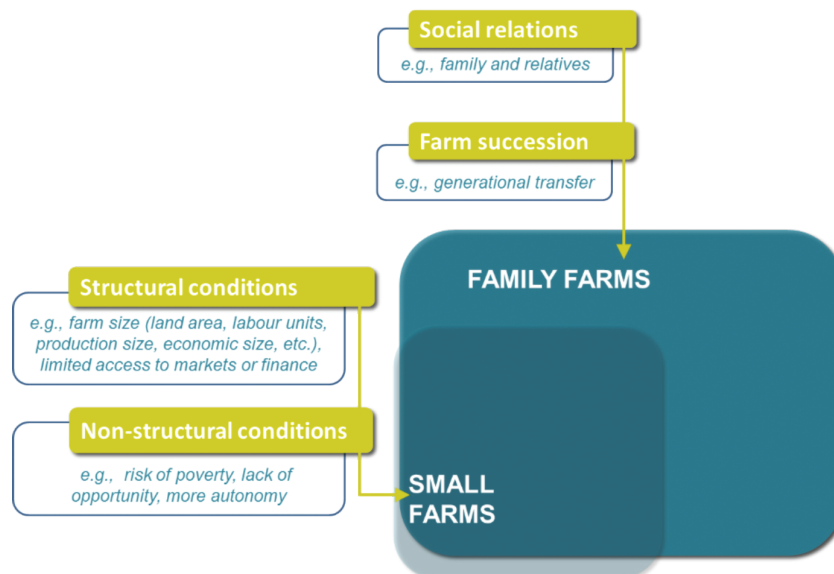


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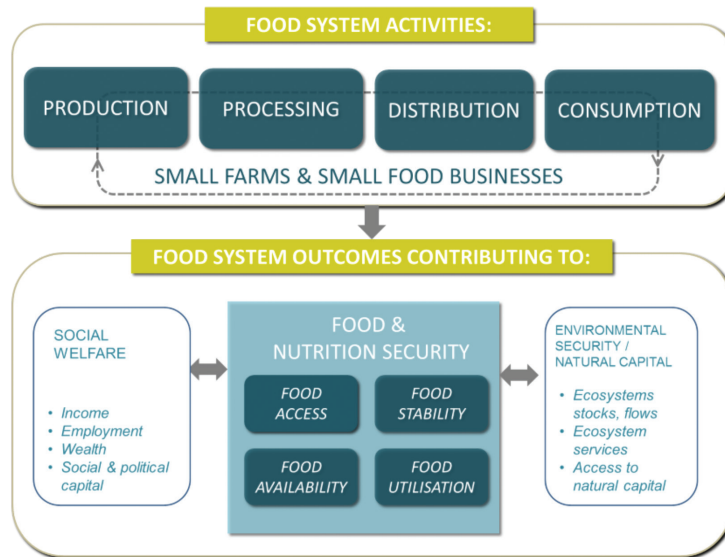
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About SALSA

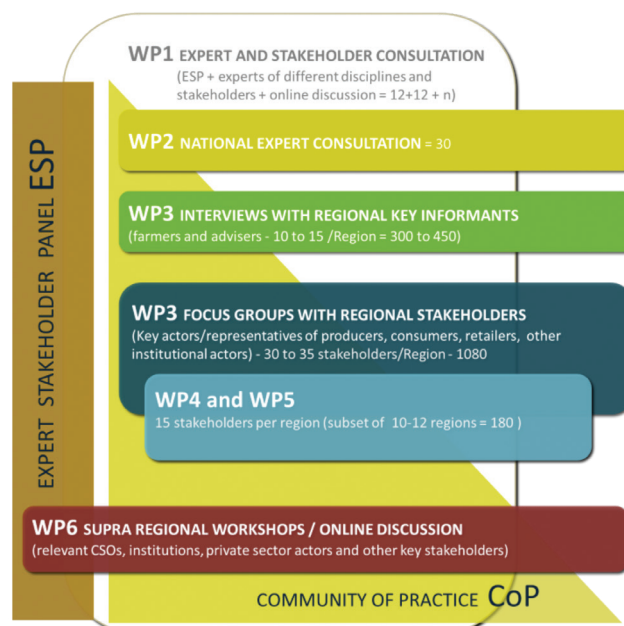
- SALSA aims to provide a better understanding of the current and potential contribution of small farms and food businesses to sustainable food and nutrition security.
- SALSA pioneers a novel integrated multi-method approach in 30 regions in Europe and Africa, using the most recent satellite technologies, transdisciplinary approaches, food systems mapping and participatory foresight analysis.
- SALSA recognises the tremendous diversity of small farms and food systems in Europe and Africa, and pays particular attention to their vulnerability and resilience.



- SALSA takes a food systems perspective in understanding the role of small farms and small food businesses for household, rural and urban food security. SALSA also seeks to understand the role of small food businesses and other key actors in the ability of SF to remain integrated in regional markets and therefore to maintain and enhance their contribution to FNS.
- SALSA examines relevant governance systems related to the organisation of small farmers and food chains, and provides tools to guide decision-makers in enhancing the contribution of small farms and food businesses to food and nutrition security.



- SALSA pays particular attention to an effective collaboration and exchange between European and African research and practice partners, thereby supporting the implementation of the EU-Africa Dialogue.
- SALSA effectively engages with stakeholders and decision-makers relevant to small farms and food and nutrition security, and facilitates a dialogue that cuts across classical boundaries in research, policy and practice.



Reference Regions

In order to produce in-depth knowledge that reveals the complex relations between small farms and FNS, in different contexts, and to overcome the gaps in existing data sources concerning small farms and small food businesses, we will work in more detail in 30 selected reference regions. These regions represent the range of situations in all of Europe and, to a lesser extent, Africa, concerning the number and relative importance of small farms, their particular location on the urban-to-rural spectrum, and access to global markets.

CODE	COUNTRY	REFERENCE REGION'S NAME
R1	Bulgaria	Montana
R2	Cape Verde	Santiago Island
R3	Croatia	Varaždinska
R4	Czech Rep.	Jihočeský kraj
R5	France	Ille-et-Vilaine
R6	France	Vaucluse
R7	Ghana	Gushiegu District
R8	Greece	Imathia
R9	Greece	Larisa
R10	Greece	Ileia
R11	Italy	Lucca
R12	Italy	Pisa
R13	Kenya	Ugunja
R14	Latvia	Latgale
R15	Latvia	Pierīga
R16	Lithuania	Vilniaus apskritis
R17	Malawi	Balaka District
R18	Norway	Hedmark
R19	Poland	Rzeszowski
R20	Poland	Nowosadecki
R21	Poland	Nowotarski
R22	Portugal	Alentejo Central
R23	Portugal	Oeste
R24	Romania	Bistrița-Năsăud
R25	Romania	Giurgiu
R26	Spain	Castellón
R27	Spain	Córdoba
R28	Tunisia	Haouaria
R29	UK	Perth and Kinross, and Stirling
R30	UK	Lochaber, Skye and Lochalsh, Arran and Cumbrae, Argyll and Bute

Main outputs from SALSA

1. Maps of small-scale farming in Europe, including estimates of current and potential production, verified at regional level.
2. A set of 30 reference regions (25 reference regions across Europe, and 5 regions in Africa) where standardised information on small farms and related small food businesses and their relations with FNS will be available for research, monitoring and policy development.
3. An integrated conceptual framework, which brings together the academic literature and practical experience of FNS in Africa and Europe with the food systems approach.
4. Novel research methods, including use of the most recent satellite technologies, transdisciplinary theory building, systematic review and participatory foresight analysis.
5. In-depth understanding of the role of small farms and related food businesses in FNS in different regional situations and including foresight analysis, designed to support decision-making in both the private and public sectors (including the targeting of further research).
6. An assessment of governance frameworks related to small farmer organization and food chains, which can guide policy development and is aimed at enhancing the contribution of small farms and small food businesses to all four aspects of FNS.
7. Effective collaboration and exchange between European and African research and practice partners, which will identify similarities and differences in food systems, improve mutual understanding and enhance the implementation of future EU-Africa initiatives.
8. A Community of Practice (CoP) and process of multi-stakeholder exchange and collaboration that builds on FAO's online communication initiatives and learning platforms as well as European platforms like ENRD, ELARD and EIP AGRI, in order to advance our knowledge base on the questions addressed in SALSA.

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