

Aegean

Lesvos, Greece

The Aegean Living Lab process unites actors on the Greek island of Lesvos, known for its typical Aegean climate and olive-rich rural farmland. However, the hilly terrain, shallow soils, climate change, and farm abandonment have led to severe soil degradation, erosion, and desertification.

In 2015, Lesvos also became a migration hotspot due to the Syrian conflict, drawing media attention, and political and economic support, which is now paving the way for socio-economic transformation on the island.



Compost



Cover cropping



Core Objectives

- Establish region as hub for eco-scaping, agroforestry and rewilding
- Boosting climate resilience
- Restore soil health



The Living Lab

The Aegean Living Lab builds upon an existing scheme established in the area within the framework of Mara-Mediterra project (PRIMA), which addresses desertification. This, alongside similar initiatives, has established a network of collaborators and demonstration farms and it became clear that a lighthouse for regenerative olive production was present on the island, which is already influencing local farmers.

With strong political backing and support from the national Soil and Water Resources Institute, the Aegean Lab will unite these efforts for an emerging agricultural regeneration on Lesvos.

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