



Development of Smart Innovation through Research in Agriculture

Newsletter 2

The DeSIRA initiative contributes to climate-relevant, productive and sustainable transformation of agriculture and food systems in low and middle-incomes countries.

DeSIRA website

DeSIRA has a website that is up and running. It is hosted by Capacity4dev:

<https://europa.eu/capacity4dev/desira>

The DeSIRA website includes currently:

- Succinct descriptions of each project. The content has been elaborated by EU Delegations and projects implementers with quality support from DEVCO C1. It is a nice way to know what other projects are doing (or plan to do because some projects just started their activities, others suffer delays due to the COVID crisis). Sharing of information may lead to development of synergies and sharing to lessons learned;
- General information on DeSIRA initiative with access to some materials to be used during the various events (incl. video, power point), such as launching, visibility and communication events in your respective countries;
- News from projects already launched. This section will be gradually fed with inputs coming from projects;
- Some useful resources (websites, articles, books) related to research and innovation.

The website will be improved over time with more information and more resources. In particular, please share with us the information regarding your projects (project websites, videos, documents useful for others) and especially the information related to the communication to make the website more lively.

Would you have any suggestions, your ideas to improve the website are more than welcome! Enjoy browsing the website!

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Communication about DeSIRA

To promote our projects and highlight our support towards research and innovation, several activities are planned (depending on the COVID situation)

- Virtual workshop with EU Delegations and partners to share information regarding the launching of the first DeSIRA projects and to identify the next steps to support the DeSIRA initiative (*before July 2020*)
- Event in Dakar (Senegal) for promoting and exchanging information regarding the DeSIRA projects in Western Africa (*by end September 2020 at the latest*)
- Back-to back workshop on research & innovation with stakeholders in the margins of next EU AU Summit in Brussels (possibly end of October 2020, Brussels)

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