

Innovation Hub Factsheets 2024

Inspira Territorio, Spain

Part civil action, part community outreach, Inspira Territorio promotes the transformation of agri-food systems in the Sierra de Aracena region of Andalusia in southwest Spain. The region is known for its low-input, small-scale farms, as well as for chestnut production. The area has strong rural communities and traditions, but finds itself increasingly threatened by prolonged periods of high temperature and ever-intensifying demand for land use from other industries and tourism.



Agroecology on the curriculum in schools



Free range pigs in Sierra de Aracena

Notable successes and challenges 2023–2024

In 2024, the Inspira Territorio innovation hub worked with five farms to analyse the potential impacts of changes in chestnut soil management for climate change mitigation, biodiversity conservation and socio-economic resilience.

An exciting development in 2023 saw the introduction of agroecology onto the curriculum of secondary schools and forestry training programmes, which included talks and farm visits.

A strong communication campaign continued online, in print and on radio and television, highlighting the relevance of local food systems and associated benefits.

Summary

This project has developed a reputation of using creativity to engage both citizens and food system practitioners. For example, they are exploring the potential viability of vertical gardens, local seed banks, meteorological stations and using drones to design keylines to improve water management.

The area has been selected as a pilot 'bio district' by regional government of Huelva and Interreg project RAIA.