

LENSES Joint Final Plenary Meeting

Location: UTAEM headquarter, Izmir, Türkiye (In-person & Virtual)

Schedule

- Tuesday, 5th March 2024 Day 1: Pilot narratives and field trip (Gediz Basin & Delta)
- Wednesday, 6th March 2024 Day 2: Interactive section and working groups
- Thursday, 7th March 2024 Day 3: Wrap up and moving forward

Objectives

- Focus on the LENSES final results and preparation of Final Report;
- Define the LENSES legacy & lay out the necessary roadmaps to achieve it;
- Make LENSES tools & concepts sustainable beyond the project's end.

Day 1: Tuesday, March 5th, 2024

08:30-09:00: Registration took place, ensuring that all attendees were accounted for and ready to engage in the meeting.

09:00-12:30: The LENSES meeting officially kicked off with an opening session led by both **UTAEM** and **CREA**. Here's a breakdown of the key moments:

09:00 - 09:20: **UTAEM** Representatives (Director, Tuncay Topdemir) and (Deputy Director, Zubeyde Albayram Dogan) extended a warm welcome to everyone present and initiated the LENSES Final Meeting.

09:20 - 09:40: Stefano Fabiani (**CREA**) took the stage, providing an insightful presentation. He covered the meeting agenda, highlighted LENSES activities, discussed deliverables, and milestones, and even delved into the financial aspects.

09:40 - 11:30: The spotlight shifted to the all-pilot Leaders, who shared succinct narratives about their respective pilot projects. Each leader had around 7 minutes to convey their vision and progress. a set of pilot narratives (success stories), plus a toolkit of methodologies and practices that can help stakeholders to think & act NEXUS (lessons learned), including blueprints on how to implement them (transferability).

11:30-12:00: A well-deserved coffee break allowed participants to recharge and network.

12:15–13:00: Fabrizio Pucci (**CREA**) took the floor again, this time focusing on communication strategies. Simultaneously, Dimitiris Tassopoulos (**Draxis**) provided an overview of the tools (in particular the Lenses Observatory) project's and the exploitation plans. Linda Barci (**Etifor**) highlighted LENSES activities according to the business plan issue.

15:30-18:30: The afternoon took an exciting turn as participants embarked on a field trip to the **Turkish pilot area**, **Gediz Basin & Delta area**. The detailed agenda for this excursion can be found in the separate document provided by **UTAEM** (Field Trip: Emiralem regulator then RAMSAR and Menemen Plain also.

Wednesday, March 6th, 2024 (DAY 2):

09:00 – 9:20: Stefano Fabiani (**CREA**) facilitated a wrap-up of the previous day's field trip, setting the stage for Day 2.

09:20-10:30: The focus shifted to the Working Package (WP) session, moderated by (**Agrisat**). Each WP leader had a brief window (5-6 minutes, depending on the WP) to answer questions and receive suggestions from those present on the final activities of each WP.

10:30-10:45: A short coffee break allowed participants to recharge their mental batteries.

10:45-12:30: Estrella Lopez (**ECOADAPTA**) led an interactive session, encouraging participants to reflect on what they would change if they could start the project anew. Additionally, they discussed needs and collaboration opportunities for the remainder of the project.

14:30-16:00: The plenary session reconvened, allowing breakout groups to share experiences and plan the afternoon's activities with working groups gathering at three separate tables:

Table 1: Focused on training initiatives moderated by (SWRI);

Table 2: Centered around publications and conferences moderated by (CREA);

Table 3: Focused on survey on pilot areas and Lenses tools moderated by (**Draxis**).

During the "Table 2", all the partners plan to prepare the following scientific articles for the next months:

Coordinator	Subject of article	Contributors
EA-TEK	Water accounting	All pilots
EA-TEK	Indicators and NBS effects	All pilots
CREA and DRAXIS	Climatic projection index	All pilots
CREA	Land use suitability in the Tarquinia	DRAXIS and AGRISAT
	area	

CNR	PSDM	To define
Ecoadapta	Impact and policy recommendation	CNR
NARC	Agronomic data in Jordan area	
UTAEM	Soil degradation in Gediz area	
UTAEM	Partecipatory activities in Gediz	
	(Results from surveys)	

Thursday, March 7th, 2024 (DAY 3):

09:20-10:00: Stefano Fabiani (**CREA**) took the stage to wrap up the insights and achievements from the past two days. This session covered both pilot projects and Working Packages (WPs), as well as the lasting impact of LENSES.

10:00-10:20: Anna Osann (**Agrisat**) drew comparisons and established links between REXUS and other NEXUS projects.

10:20-11:00: Stefano Fabiani (**CREA**) facilitated a feedback session from the External Advisory Board (**EAB**), Nuria Rodriguez.

11:00-11:15: A brief coffee break allowed participants to recharge before the next segment.

11:00-11:30: Stefano Fabiani (**CREA**) shifted the focus towards concluding outstanding tasks and creating a roadmap for the project's final months.

11:30-12:00: **UTAEM** Representatives (Director, Tuncay Topdemir) and (Deputy Director, Zubeyde Albayram Dogan) officially concluded with closing greetings.

12:00-13:00: Team leaders convened for a Board Meeting, preparing for the FINAL REPORT. Financial matters and other critical issues were discussed.



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