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PRACTICE ABSTRACT

# Sustaining Science-Society-Policy interfaces in Peloponnese



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In the region of Peloponnese (Greece), members of the SHERPA MAP Peloponnese discussed about the strengths and needs of their territory through physical and virtual meetings. Their aim was to clarify the contribution of science and society to sustainable value chains.

The MAP members agreed that a more strategic approach to the food production process and the incorporation of sustainable practices would be key. A new generation of farmers could play a major role towards the establishment of sustainable value chains, as they are more eager to engage with and adopt sustainable practices. Their knowledge of digital technologies is a critical enabler of the shift towards sustainable practices. The importance of primary sector was highlighted, and farmers stressed the need to actively involving local cooperatives. Strengthening their role could enable the establishment of a common rule set for their operation. Focus should be given not only on individual actions, but also on collaborations between stakeholders.

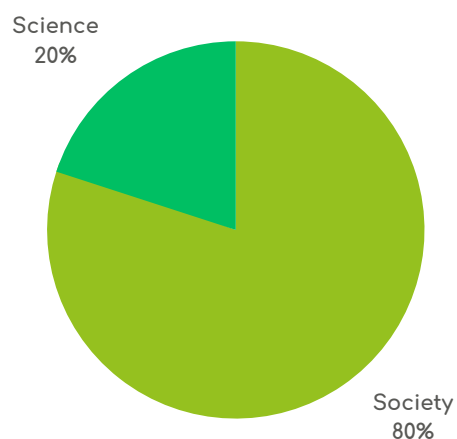
The participants noticed that measures and policies should be taken both at local and national level. They mentioned that the European Union has already started considering policies that contribute to these issues. Additionally, EU-funded R&D programs could play a crucial role in furthering the adoption of sustainable value chains by the Member States, proposing interventions where needed. EU rules advancing green transition and helping towards taking steps promoting transparency are important considerations for consumers, investors, and producers.

From their point of view, emphasis could be given to letting citizens know the importance of cooperatives and their potential contribution towards the transition to sustainable agri-food value chains.

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## ABOUT THE MAP

The SHERPA Multi-Actor Platform (MAP) Peloponnese in Greece operates on a regional level, under the coordination of the Agricultural University of Athens.

This region is situated in southern Greece and its economy is mainly driven by tourism and service sectors, in addition to having a strong manufacturing sector and an important agricultural production. The Peloponnese regional innovation system is rather weak and regional enterprises are not well served in terms of more specialist market and technological advice.

This MAP brought together stakeholders from different rural settings and sectors, ranging across rural businesses, practitioners and scientific experts. The MAP members exchanged opinions and ideas on the region's needs and recommendations for policy and research.



## OBJECTIVES

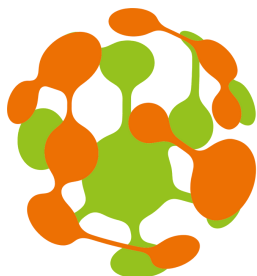
The MAP Central Greece has the following objectives:

- Establish short value chains for the benefit of all involved stakeholders;
- Modernise the agri-food value chains in the region of Central Greece;
- Establish a collective culture among all the stakeholders involved in the regional value chains.



## MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

The MAP Peloponnese held 3 interviews and a number of meetings and visits with local stakeholders. The outputs of this work have been consolidated in the MAP Position Paper "Towards Sustainable and Resilient Value Chains" and the MAP Fiche on Governance.



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