



Executive summary “First B2B event on Grazed Woodlands (LL2)

(Activity 4.1.1)

The first event on Grazed Woodlands (LL2) took place at Hotel Le Royal Dbayeh on the 5th of October, 2022. This event was organized by the Lebanese Agricultural Research Institute (LARI) with the support of the Regional Forest Agency for Land and Environment of Sardinia (Forestas).

The objectives of the B2B event were:

- Connecting innovators with stakeholders in the grazed woodland sector to work on solutions for their problems;
- Matching demands/requests for innovations;
- Releasing and disseminating of a catalogue of available innovations;
- Introducing innovations in the grazed woodlands and agroforestry sectors to producers, cooperatives, agricultural enterprises, company representatives, and other interested stakeholders;
- Laying the foundations for future innovation projects by providing an opportunity for businesses, associations, research institutions, policy makers and other professionals in agriculture and food production to meet;
- Allowing the establishment of new contacts and the sharing of information on innovative ideas, machinery, techniques and services.

During this event, on-site and online innovations were presented by a professional panel of local and foreign speakers, revolving around the latest scientific research and innovations related to grazed woodlands that contribute to the development of the sector.

The main topics of the event do include adaptive grazing management; reconciling grazing with trees; seed mixtures for quality pasture; shade tolerant species that could be used in grazed woodlands; remote sensing techniques to monitor oak forests; thinning and pruning trees in silvopastoral systems; land imprinter for rangelands rehabilitation coupled with rangeland species seeder; and, hydroponic system to produce fodder.

In the afternoon, two round tables were organized. The first one related to grazed woodlands where there has been the space of conversation and discussion between speakers and



participants who had the chance to share, with their perspectives, experiences and point of views, to enrich an open debate on several issues ranging from the problems on land ownership to the serious environmental issues concerning climate change. The second round table was related to forest management; where, the active participation of the attendees also continued and other concerns and issues came up from the participants.

The audience conducted the discussion on several problems that affect nowadays all the actors involved in Lebanon, from the farmers to the policy makers.

At the end, the project manager presented the recently developed ICT platform and focused on the importance of getting to the platform at the following link: www.livingagrolab.eu to register to the living lab related to agroforestry for grazed woodlands.

There have been 61 registrations through the online form; 16 of which for online participation and the other 45 for onsite participation. There have also been 11 registrations through the in-presence form. The English live streaming reached 85 viewers and the Arabic one reached 69 viewers including farmers, entrepreneurs, local administrators, researchers, private companies, policy makers and multiple stakeholders interested in agroforestry in the field of grazed woodlands.

