



LAMASUS
Land Management for Sustainability

Policy Advisory Board

Introducing the PAB: their recommendations for LAMASUS

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Executive summary

The LAMASUS Policy Advisory Board (PAB) will advise the LAMASUS Consortium to ensure the policy needs of the EC and other stakeholders can be covered. The PAB will provide updates on the evolution of the policy context at EU level during the project lifetime and will provide feedback on the scenario assumptions and project results, as well as feedback on the policy options considered.

The PAB consists of 13 members from six institutions: the Directorate General (DG) for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI), DG for Climate Action (DG CLIMA), DG for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO), DG for the Environment (DG ENV), the European Environment Agency (EEA), and Trinity College Dublin.

During the LAMASUS Kick-off meeting from October 12 to 14, the PAB members introduced themselves and their organizations to the consortium. Moreover, they shared their views on how the project can shape and contribute to land-use and management related policies of the EU.

Key recommendations of the PAB to the LAMASUS consortium were grouped data needs and access, policy analytic needs, and the policy dialogue

Data needs and access

- Improve data access by creating a publicly available and harmonized land use database covering the EU that can advise on European land use policies and help monitor progress towards MS targets.
- Create synergies with existing databases (e.g., Copernicus, LUCAS) and research projects (e.g., EU Scientific Advisory Board on Climate Change).
- Categorization of land use and land use management categories is promising as management is a main catalyser of change. As a result, we can better evaluate the impact of land use change on carbon storage and other ecosystem services

Policy analytic needs

- Support policy makers by identifying the greatest opportunities for CO₂ removals by providing evidence on long-term cost-effective pathways to achieve the EU target of net zero CO₂ emissions and EU member state's climate targets.
- The pathways should consider the diverse European policy landscape and how policies can achieve changes in outcomes. Collaborate with the EU Scientific Advisory Board on Climate Change and National Climate Councils.
- Identify future policy needs and focus on early influence on upcoming CAP.
- Support ex-ante assessment of future policy choices that take into account trade-offs between sustainability dimensions and other socio-economic needs.



Policy dialogue

- Interface between policy makers and researchers to shorten the policy cycle, through providing opportunities to discuss intermediate research results and reports (as opposed to relying only on academic publications).
- Provide for land managers a decision support system on tailored management strategies that minimize climate and environmental impact.
- Develop a clear communication strategy with stakeholders to get their buy-in