

The ARIA2023 Popular Vote is open!

**Press release
Launch of the ARIA Popular Vote**

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Be part of ARIA2023 – participate in the Popular Vote!

The [Agricultural and Rural Inspiration Awards \(ARIA\) 2023](#) celebrate projects funded by the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) that are boosting skills for agriculture and rural areas through lifelong learning, innovation and competitiveness.

This year marks the 5th edition of the competition, which, since 2019, has been highlighting the most inspiring rural development projects co-funded by the EU.

Experts have shortlisted 24 projects under four thematic categories related to the objectives of the CAP. **Now, it's your turn: the Popular Vote is open!**

Browse the [ARIA 2023 page](#) to discover the finalists and vote for your favourite project **before Friday, 1 December at 18.00 (CET)**.

[Cast your vote](#) and spread the word – let's make the first edition of ARIA as popular as possible!

During the ARIA Ceremony on 4 December, in Brussels and online, we will unveil the five winners of ARIA 2023: four thematic winners (one per category) who are selected by our expert jury, and the winner of the Popular Vote selected by you. The Ceremony will be livestreamed.

Don't miss our latest updates about ARIA – follow **#ARIAwards23** on [Facebook](#), [X/Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [YouTube](#).

Background information

ARIA23 is designed to expand on the successes of the [ENRD's Rural Inspiration Awards](#) and each year the awards focus on a different theme; this year it is the [European year of Skills](#). The focus of the Awards is on good practice projects supported by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) that also promote the [Long-Term Vision for Rural Areas](#) and the [Rural Pact](#).

Identifying and sharing good practices on how the CAP is implemented at project level offers opportunities to inspire peer-learning, facilitate knowledge transfer, encourage the replication of benefits, and build capacity between CAP stakeholders. These are among the factors driving the EU CAP Network's new Agricultural and Rural Inspiration Awards.

In this edition, we received **92 entries from 20 Member States** under four thematic categories: Smart & competitive agriculture, Environmental protection, Socio-economic fabric of rural areas, and Rural stakeholder skills.

Experts have shortlisted 24 projects (six per category), while a Popular Vote has been open throughout the month of November, allowing citizens to vote for their favourite shortlisted project.

Follow the [EU CAP Network website](#) for regular updates.



Useful links

ARIA2023 on the EU CAP Network website: https://eu-cap-network.ec.europa.eu/agricultural-and-rural-inspiration-awards-2023_en

Popular Vote platform: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6TK3DJS> (will close on 1 December 2023 at 6 p.m. CET)

Projects Brochure on RIA 2022: https://eu-cap-network.ec.europa.eu/publications/rural-inspiration-awards-2022-projects-brochure_en

Projects Brochure on RIA 2021: https://eu-cap-network.ec.europa.eu/publications/eafrd-projects-brochure-rural-inspiration-awards-2021_en

Projects Brochure on RIA 2020: https://eu-cap-network.ec.europa.eu/publications/eafrd-projects-brochure-rural-inspiration-awards-2020_en

Projects Brochure on RIA 2019: https://eu-cap-network.ec.europa.eu/publications/eafrd-projects-brochure-rural-inspiration-awards-2019_en

Finalists of RIA 2019 - 2022 on the ENRD website: https://ec.europa.eu/enrd/news-events/events/rural-inspiration-awards_en.html

