

Introduction: This document is set to shortly present the experience, motivation and profile of the Ecopol Living Lab regarding ENOLL's call for conducting a replicability study.

Our experience: The Ecopol Living Lab has a series of ongoing curricular activities under the areas sustainable food production, changing landscape conditions and water management. A list of selected activities is presented below :

<i>Activity name</i>	<i>Overall description</i>	<i>Specific characteristics</i>	<i>Lessons learned</i>
<i>Collective permaculture gardening</i>	The inhabitants of the ecovillage and people working in the coworking space have a yearly project of renewing the gardens of the Ecovillage.	Permaculture has taken an important part in the exchanges of the Ecopol Living Lab members. New and existing plants, their combination, preservation are at the core of this initiative.	This is an ongoing initiative taking place throughout the year with seasonal workshops linked to (seeding, collecting, replanting etc)
<i>Circular local bio vegetable production and food sovereignty</i>	All meals are prepared with unsold bio vegetables that are given a "second chance" through transformation or cooking.	To achieve the presence of these "second chance" fruits and vegetables, we have built partnerships with Féeries Crues, Raw-Lab & Ugly Fruits (Oplabio).	This is an ongoing initiative taking place throughout the year. It is heavily dependent on fruit et vegetables season availability and production.
<i>Manufacturing of cleaning natural products</i>	Monthly workshops are taking place manufacturing natural cleaning products used mostly for an inside the ecovillage consumption.	The initial skills transfers were organized with the organisaiton green-mop.net (green housewives). This is also linked to rehabilitating community practices.	This is a well documented ongoing initiative taking place throughout the year, replicable to any other structure. Conservation and equivalent product quality is a challenge in this area.
<i>Eco-construction and green living design</i>	Striving for energy efficiency, natural materials and systems with their impact on quality of life and everyday actions.	Several examples to report in this area such as continuous recycling, use of pellet heaters, clay paint and casein for construction, rainwater reuse and dry toilets.	These are areas that we need to keep always uptodate and learn more.

More information available in French here: <https://www.lasmala.org/stats-labo-vivant/>

Our motivation: we are particularly interested in becoming a part of ENOLL's replicability study for the following reasons:

- We are looking for opportunities **to strengthen, improve and expand our current practices**. Circular activities present a core interest for the Ecopol Living Lab and we strive for a higher impact for our ecovillages and our environment.
- We are open and eager **to work and learn with others in this area, test and adopt new practices**. Circular activities need to be often revisited and improved to be sustainable. Most importantly, they need to be coupled with new initiatives and methods, particularly, around waste and water management.
- We are looking forward to **sharing our experience both at local, national and international level**. We could use
- We present a **large variety of user profiles** (entrepreneurs, seniors, leaders, followers, people more or less motivated) **to involve** to our existing and new activities.

Ecopol Living Lab fact check:

- Five (5) ecovillage buildings managed in 2020
- Eighty (80) people working and/or living together and are regular users of our activities.
- Several thematic workshops happening throughout the year
- Yearly collaboration with several dozen (micro)entreprises
- 250 documented collective meetings (minutes)
- More than 3 millions CHF of private funds invested in the cooperative
- Projects and collaborations in Brazil and selected African countries (Wikipedia and other foundations)
- Five (5) associations working together in: ecological transition, eco-construction, digital and citizenship skills, ethical financial investment, professional career evolution

We can consider that Ecopol model is the sum of forty (40) living labs experience, each aiming at tackling the challenge of concretely living within a Living Lab thus attract as "users/experencers" with a planned high mixity of individual situation. More information available here:

http://www.lasmala.org/wp-content/uploads/029_ENoLL12W_CH_EcopoLL.pdf

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