



## TOOLS4CAP ACADEMY'S INAUGURAL TRAINING SESSION DRAWS ENTHUSIASTIC PARTICIPATION FROM 22 COUNTRIES

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On 17th January, the first **Tools4CAP Academy** training session concluded successfully, bringing together a diverse group of over 50 participants hailing from 22 countries.

The inaugural session focused on showcasing the **online Inventory of methods and tools used for the design and monitoring of Common Agricultural Policy Strategic Plans (CSP) and presenting the related deliverable.**

**Daniele Bertolozzi**, agricultural policy researcher at Ecorys, set the stage by presenting the **objectives of the project, the approach** to be followed in the upcoming years, **and the expected outcomes.**

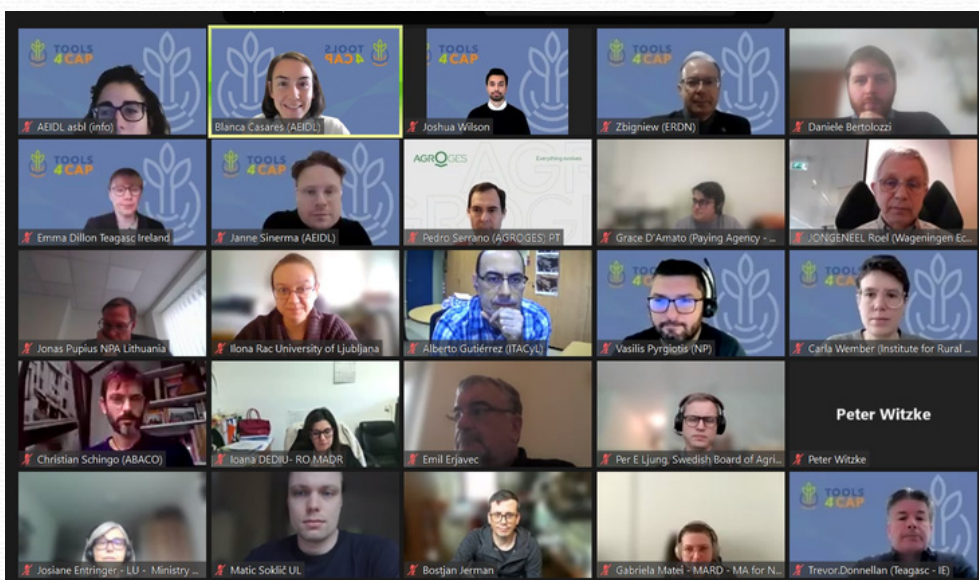
**Blanca Casares**, policy expert at AEIDL (European Association for Innovation in Local Development) then elaborated on the **Capacity Building Hub**, a key component of the project designed to help end users reinforce their capacity to use innovative tools. The **Academy** will organise 10 modules over the next three years using practical, engaging and interactive methods to promote hands-on learning around CSP design and monitoring. She also spoke about the usefulness of the website section for **practical information for CSP.**

**Joshua Wilson**, consultant at Ecorys, provided an in-depth overview of the **Inventory** and the tools inventoried under four categories:

- Stakeholders needs assessment tools.
- Policy choices supporting tools.
- Policy analysis tools for evidence-based decisions.
- Monitoring and data collection tools.

Work on the inventory will continue during the project, and two updates are expected, one in January 2025 and December 2026. Recently, a new feature has been added to the online inventory, allowing users to **provide feedback** on individual tools or on the Inventory as a whole.





Finally, the training was enriched by participatory working groups focusing on the four tool categories. In each group, participants discussed about:

- To what extent are the inventoried tools useful for the users' needs (CAP Strategic Plan design and CAP Strategic Plan monitoring)?
- What are the main challenges and limitations in the use of the tools?

All **presentations and recordings** from this module are available on the [event page](#). A Highlights report, to be published soon in English and translated into 16 languages, will provide further insights.

### For further information

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