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Regenerative Agriculture for Vocational Education EU + Africa (REVIVER)



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The establishment of umbrella organizations for the REVIVER project in each participating country entailed scoping of organizations that share common values and complement each other's work in the field of regenerative agriculture. The next step involved inviting carefully selected stakeholder to become part of the umbrella organization. These institutions would ideally be those that provided training to young farmers and learners in regenerative agriculture, spearhead and promote best practices, carry out research, develop and disseminate information, support farmers to adopt regenerative agricultural practices, engage in policy dialogue processes and provide strong leadership and governance in this field. Additionally, becoming a member of the umbrella organization entailed willingness to share knowledge and experiences and provide support to others including VET providers, young farmers, farmer associations, agri-enterprises, research and academia as well as policy agencies. Ultimately, each organization was required to agree to terms for participation and sign the Consent Certificate.

A total of fifty-seven (57) organizations became part of the umbrella network across participating countries of Europe and Sub-Saharan Africa. Twenty-nine (29) organizations joined the umbrella network in Estonia, Croatia, Germany and Europe, while twenty-eight (28) joined in Ghana, Tanzania and Kenya. The organizations comprised of Edu-Tech institutions (including universities and VET providers), NGOs, Not-for Profit outfits, commercial enterprises, public (local government) agencies, membership organizations and networks, media companies, advisory hubs, cooperatives and community-based organizations.

The Edu-Tech institutions primarily focused on providing formal and non-formal education and life-long learning on regenerative agriculture by designing and developing curricula that delivered pedagogically robust and flexible formats, programmed for young farmers and learners. Some of these Edu-Tech institutions have created strong partnerships with VET providers, allowing sharing and exchange of knowledge and transfer the skills to VET trainers and trainees. They have supported digital skills development as well social entrepreneurship projects, translating the content into accessible and learner-friendly digital formats. Some of the Edu-Tech institutions in the umbrella network offer advanced programs focusing on adult learners.

The learning and qualifications revolves around sustainable rural development, regenerative agriculture and strengthening of green skills, sustainable management of natural resources, agroforestry, entrepreneurship, community development and digital technologies.

On the other hand, the NGOs, not-for profit and community-based organizations supplement the Edu-Tech institutions by mobilizing and empowering communities to adopt regenerative agricultural practices due to their grass root presence and community mobilization capacities. They provide capacity building and program support through integrated approaches including workshops, training courses, peer education, awareness drives, conferences, community mobilization, participatory and community dialogue approaches. The national and regional networks support advancement of regenerative agriculture by bringing on board robust coalition partners, that support nature – based innovations. Additionally, these networks that consist mainly of membership organizations share knowledge that builds resilience and embrace issues related to economic growth and well-being of young farmers and entrepreneurs through empowerment programs. They also bring on board experiences in policy dialogue processes that are necessary for creating supportive mechanisms for advancement of regenerative agriculture, both in Europe and Sub-Saharan Africa.

The private sector in the umbrella organizations consist of diverse enterprises engaged in commercial businesses anchored on regenerative agriculture. These enterprises provide case-studies and evidence based innovations, share lessons learned as well as practical success and failure factors in regenerative agriculture ventures and models. The key role of organizations forming the umbrella organizations revolve around research and innovation, training, curricula development, policy, value-linked entrepreneurship and adaptability to specific contexts of Europe and Sub Saharan Africa. The roles involve formulation of research agenda, creation of robust and digital platforms for continuous learning, established of localised and regional networks, community ownership, sustainability and scaling up of regenerative agriculture models.

The complimentary roles of these institutions will help the REVIVER project to translate its findings into practical regenerative agriculture initiatives, equipping upcoming farmers and learners with local – field implementation capacity, support effective policy dialogue processes and formulation and support stakeholders' mobilization. Ultimately, the umbrella organizations have the opportunity to roll-out piloting programs for young farmers, leaners and women, therefore triggering the research agenda, unlock digital opportunities and support creation of sustainable enterprises while opening markets for regenerative agriculture products and services in both Europe and Sub – Saharan Africa. This will also increase green skills, promote employment and unlock financial markets for regenerative agriculture ventures. Finally, the active participation of members of the umbrella organizations will support the sustainability of the REVIVER project and umbrella organizations and attract more membership to the network.

1. INTRODUCTION

The REVIVER project, entitled "Regenerative Agriculture for Vocational Education EU + Africa," project is a unique initiative that strives to promote regenerative agriculture and eco-sustainability through the development of a comprehensive educational program. REVIVER represents an innovative and collaborative initiative, driven by the necessity of addressing urgent global environmental challenges, specifically soil degradation and biodiversity loss. At its core, REVIVER aims to bridge the knowledge gap between European and Sub-Saharan African regions through targeted vocational education and training (VET), with a particular focus on regenerative agriculture practices.

The consortium consists of experienced organizations from Croatia, Germany, Estonia, Ghana, Kenya, and Tanzania. From the onset, REVIVER primarily focused on three key phases: 1) Carrying out comprehensive research across participating countries, by clearly identifying gaps in current agricultural practices and highlighting specific regional challenges in the context of regenerative agriculture; 2) Designing and development of innovative e-learning platform that hosted specially designed e-modules and e-tools, aimed at bridging the identified gaps in vocational education training (VET), addressing the pressing needs for improved knowledge and skills in regenerative agriculture and directly responding to the challenges revealed in both European and Sub-Saharan African contexts. Consequently, the modules were conceived to ensure broader accessibility and inclusivity by providing materials that accommodated diverse learning styles and linguistic needs; and 3) Establishment of stakeholders' network: This was the final phase of REVIVER project that was aimed at inspiring a lasting legacy through the establishment of stakeholders' network that would encourage continuous collaboration and learning, facilitate future skills transfer and knowledge exchange as well as promote lasting improvements in regenerative agriculture in both Europe and Sub-Saharan Africa.

This report highlights the final phase (3) in which a total of fifty-seven (57) organizations in the six participating countries joined hands to form regenerative agriculture Umbrella organizations in their respective countries.

1.1 Purpose

The formation of Umbrella Organizations in each participating country was aimed at promoting awareness and providing a platform for skills and knowledge transfer about regenerative agriculture. To supplement the umbrella organizations, the undertaking involved concurrent selection of two (2) Centres of Excellence (CoE), one in Europe and the other in Sub-Saharan Africa, to serve as hubs for regenerative agriculture promotion and ensure project sustainability. The formation of these umbrella organizations was primarily aimed at supporting the REVIVER project in raising awareness of Vocational, Education and Training (VET) providers and young farmers in order to increase their knowledge and skills necessary for transitioning from traditional and conventional agriculture to regenerative agriculture. Consequently, the establishment of the Centres of Excellence was to support the project in the implementation of the innovative curricula in the field of regenerative agriculture, taking into account the geographical, climate and ecological specificities of each region. Finally, the umbrella organizations and CoE would together facilitate country and regional – wide knowledge transfer about regenerative agriculture through VET administration of online courses and digital learning tools.

1.2 Benefits and Scope

As a participating institution in the field of regenerative agriculture, the umbrella network was to support in the formation of an umbrella organization in each country, therefore gaining access to a grid of experts, associations and stakeholders to spearhead the promotion of best practices and support adoption of regenerative agricultural practices. The umbrella organizations would then become part of interregional and international network, that would benefit through co-planning future regenerative agriculture programs, events, provide necessary skills and participate in capacity building, training and facilitate country and regional-wide knowledge transfer. Additionally, by being part of the umbrella network, the institutions were expected to create opportunities to access resources and funding from national and international grants such as the European Commission (EC) programs by pursuing future collective program planning and co-funding applications, access support to launch events, training material and staff allocation.

They would also be privileged to full access to REVIVER curriculum in English and their national languages as well as the REVIVER Toolkit and RE-AGRI Calculator.

On the other hand, the Centres of Excellence would turn into Living Labs, Resource Centres and provide demo-plots for regenerative agriculture. Consequently, being part of the umbrella organization network would provide a platform for sharing of knowledge, experiences, skills and opportunities, influence policy and access technical support in the field of regenerative agriculture.

In addition to the formation of country umbrella organizations, the networks' scope entailed organizing inauguration events and coordination of meetings with other members and Centres of Excellence, determining resources needed by their umbrella organizations, supporting CoE in formulating sustainability strategies and becoming part of guest speakers/lecturers, workshop facilitators and external experts across the REVIVER project. Consequently, the network would support the CoE to become Resource Centre Hubs, promoting them to provide practical learning material to young farmers and learners and support the CoE in compiling their annual reports.

1.3 Eligibility

The umbrella organizations in each country comprise of carefully selected stakeholders, who share common values and complement each other's work in the field of regenerative agriculture. Each organization has demonstrated clear strategic focus aligned to regenerative agriculture such as promotion of best practices, research and development, dissemination of information, formal and informal education & training, coaching, curricula development, promotion of digital and green skills, community development as well as supporting farmers in adoption of regenerative agricultural practices. Additionally, these organizations have all agreed to share knowledge while majority of them have been validated to provide strong leadership and governance, influence policy and provide support to others in the field of regenerative agriculture. The consortia include but not limited to VET providers, Edu-Tech providers, cooperative societies, consultancies, private enterprises/companies, young farmers, farmer associations, NGOs, policy agencies, research & academia, community-based organizations as well as public and local government institutions.



1.4 Obligations and Rights

Becoming part of the umbrella organization required signing of the Consent Certificate by an authorized representative of each organization in pursuant to the relevant national, European and international data protection laws and regulations. Specifically, the Consent document complied with the EC Data Protection Directive 95/46/EC of the European Parliament and Council (1995) on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and free movement of such data.

Fundamentally, each organization was informed adequately about the aims and purposes of the REVIVER project and their rights of no compulsion to participate in the project. The participation to the umbrella organization was free and voluntary and without prejudice to their legal and ethical rights. The responses given by each institution was recorded and information processed during the project implementation phase. The sources of such information were not identified and nothing of personal data was handed to third parties. The organizations were well informed that the authority for the use and access of shared information and resources would only be valid for the entire duration of the organization's membership in the umbrella network. Membership was free of charge and would not be limited by the duration of the REVIVER project. The institutions were further informed that should a member decide to withdraw from the network, access rights would subsequently be revoked accordingly.

Each member organization retained a set of clearly defined rights that ensured fair, transparent and mutually beneficial participation. Members were entitled to unrestricted access to the REVIVER educational resources, including the full curriculum, toolkit and RE-AGRI Calculator, and could freely apply these materials within their institutional activities for the duration of their membership. They also had the right to engage in all network events, consultations and capacity-building activities, and to contribute as equal partners to cross-country exchanges, knowledge transfer initiatives and the co-planning of future programs. Importantly, each institution maintained full autonomy in deciding its level of engagement and could propose new areas of collaboration or request technical guidance from the network or the Centres of Excellence. All members were guaranteed that their institutional data would be treated confidentially, used solely for project-related purposes and never shared with external actors without explicit permission. These rights collectively ensured that participation in the umbrella network remained voluntary, ethically protected and strategically advantageous for each organization, supporting both their institutional development and the broader goal of advancing regenerative agriculture across all participating regions.

2. FINDINGS

2.1 Number of umbrella organizations in each country

A total of fifty-seven (57) organizations drawn from Europe and Sub-Saharan Africa joined the regenerative agriculture network of umbrella organizations as listed below:

Country	No. of umbrella organizations
Estonia	9
Croatia	9
Germany	11
Tanzania	9
Kenya	9
Ghana	10
TOTAL	57



2.2 List of umbrella organizations

1	Learning Library - Estonia	Edu-Tech	Specializes in digital learning innovations & modern pedagogical designs, curriculum development and shaping vocational training programs in regenerative & climate resilient agriculture
2	Fairgrow OU -Estonia	Private limited company	Dedicated to promoting regenerative living, ecological agriculture & community-based food systems
3	Youth Power -Austria	NGO	Committed to civil society engagement and positive social change targeting the youth through workshops, training courses, peer education and conferences aligning closely with regenerative agriculture and sustainable agriculture
4	LINK DMT - Italy	Edu-Tech	Specializes in both formal and informal education, e-learning development and management of digital technologies and social enterprises, including translating agro-ecological content into learner-friendly digital formats
5	Outreach Hannover-Germany	NGO	Empowers both young people and adults through formal and non-formal education, environmental awareness and human rights initiatives
6	AMUSE - Serbia	Not-for-Profit (Youth organization)	Fosters social inclusion, healthy lifestyles and meaningful leisure for young people through "sport for all" through formal and non-formal methodologies & intercultural dialogue
7	Building the Balkans (BTB) - Kosovo	NGO	Strengthens cross-community unity, social entrepreneurship and environmental awareness among young people by mobilizing them and educating them on regenerative agriculture through non-formal approaches
8	Poenta - Serbia	Not-for-Profit	Besides centralizing on cultural production, literature & youth engagement in arts, it also focuses on environmental protection and sustainable development, hence offering creative artistic tools and socially rooted regenerative agriculture approaches through story-telling, participatory art and community dialogue
9	CNELL - Serbia	Edu-Tech	Offers non-formal education, life-long learning and social entrepreneurship including fostering civil engagement and promotion of sustainable, socially inclusive development focusing on youth, entrepreneurship and translating these to realism of regenerative agriculture
10	Pannonia consulting	Edu-Consulting	Designs, develops, manages and evaluates projects particularly in the fields of vocational education and training, green skills development and inclusion of marginalized communities in areas of education, sustainable development and international cooperation

11	Pučko otvoreno učilište Auto moto centar Nova Gradiška - Croatia	Edu-Tech	Certified provider of adult education through formal and non-formal approaches focusing on vocational training and life-long learning. It delivers qualifications relevant to rural development including agricultural machinery operations and training on green jobs through regional outreach programs and flexible course delivery approaches.
12	Pučko otvoreno učilište LIBAR, Slavonski Brod - Croatia	Edu -Tech	An approved provider of adult education that designs, develops and implements programs in the field of organic agriculture, sustainable production and rural development through formal and non-formal programs as well as promoting green skills, entrepreneurship in agriculture and life-long learning approaches
13	Učilište Dabro, Vukovar - Croatia	Edu-Tech	Modern adult education provider implementing vocational training and advanced training programs in various fields including agriculture, forestry, occupational safety and other technical careers.
14	Pučko otvoreno učilište POETIKA Osijek - Croatia	Edu-Tech	Implements various adult education programs in field of agriculture, rural development and entrepreneurship aimed at contributing and strengthening of competencies and employability of populations through engagement in formal and non-formal programs that connect theoretical knowledge and practical skills
15	Udruga Studio B - Croatia	NGO	Empowers rural communities especially young farmers through non-formal education, coaching and community initiatives, strengthening green skills, entrepreneurship and local employability by designing and delivering practical training and mentoring on sustainable agricultural practices and provision of digital tools for small agribusinesses
16	Učilište Potencijal - Croatia	Edu-Tech	A young education institution offering adult education on areas of sustainable development and digital technology programs through its pool of experienced experts operating in areas where agriculture is they key backbone of local economy.
17	BLESSED LADIES	Edu-Tech	Provides adult education and life-long training programs, implemented through formal and non-formal training approaches. The programs are aimed at contributing towards the development of local communities in agriculture, entrepreneurship, culture and digital skills
18	Municipality Vrbje - Croatia	Local government Municipality	Through its public service and local development charter, the Municipality supports family farms, rural entrepreneurship and community well-being, laying special attention to sustainable land management, soil and water stewardship and digitalization of services that benefit residents in remote areas
19	Education Mobility Grid GbR - Germany	Edu-Tech consultancy	An educational consultancy, providing cutting-edge educational solutions tailored to the needs of institutional clients
20	Global Impact Grid GbR - Germany	Advisory network	Impact and innovation institution, offering solutions that grow and scale agroecological practices within Europe and beyond

21	Impact Grid e.v - Germany	Edu-Tech advisory hub	Foster both formal and non-formal education, supporting innovative projects with lasting sustainable impacts
22	Start on Sustainability (SOS) - Germany	Networking advisory hub	Supports micro enterprises towards adoption of more sustainable and socially responsible business practices through peer-to-peer learning, visual tools and community support
23	KlemKA CoLAB – Germany	Consultancy	A women – led education and social research institution offering knowledge, leadership and education to create meaningful, equitable and lasting social change in communities
24	Social Innovation LAISVE Cluster (SIC CLM) - Germany	Networking platform	The collaborative network that supports human-centred innovations, advancing green and digital transitions while integrating public, private and community sectors through place-based solutions and transformative approaches
25	Urban Research and Education UC - Germany	Networking platform	Operates as a capital management hub, supporting societal issues affecting urban communities through the expertise and experience of its members. This includes areas related to urban planning, refugees and asylum seekers, through promotion of education and development of digital solutions
26	thevisionworks - tww GmbH - Germany	NGO	Supports digitalization and automation of project with high potential for success. This includes project planning, management, funding and sustainability
27	YOUTH POWER GERMANY	NGO	Nurtures potential of young individuals, particularly those facing social and cultural barriers through formal and non-formal programs
28	OUTSIDE MEDIA & KNOWLEDGE - Germany	Private Media Company	Engages in content creation through story – telling, digital and audio-visual approaches particularly on social and sustainable initiatives
29	Manorhamilton Innovation & Development CLG/Future Cast – Germany	Edu-Tech, R&D	Engaged in carrying out education, research & development, offering specialized resources and training facilities designed to up-skill and educate the work force
30	Apex Agribusiness Academy (AAA) – Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Malawi, Rwanda & Ethiopia	Membership /network organization	A regional Africa network comprising of small and medium enterprises that fosters innovation and growth of SMEs, driving the sustainability of agri-food systems across Africa. The network supports SMEs and agricultural producers to build a resilient agribusiness ecosystem that promotes inclusive economic growth and environmental stewardship
31	Bridge Community - Tanzania	Community-based	Engages in promotion of sustainable and inclusive rural development through empowerment of communities to adopt climate – smart, socially-equitable and culturally-rooted approaches. It also implements school programs on sustainable agriculture, nurturing environmental awareness and hands-on learning among the youth

32	Rikolto - Tanzania	NGO	It promotes climate-smart and regenerative farming techniques that enhance productivity and natural resources conservation as well as future-proof business models, financial access and adoption of digital technologies through active engagement of women and youth
33	Total Land Care - Tanzania	Not-for-profit	Build capacity of farmers through formal and non-formal approaches, equipping them with practical knowledge and tools for adoption of sustainable agricultural practices that restore productivity and enhance lasting resilience. The learning approaches also strengthens smallholders' agribusiness and financial literacy as well as linking them to premium markets
34	Floresta - Tanzania	NGO	Provides integrated learning programs to rural communities focusing on sustainable agriculture & agroforestry, land restoration, business development and access to financial services, biodiversity as well as partnering with schools and churches for community mobilization
35	Sokoine University Graduates Entrepreneurs Cooperative (SUGECO) - Tanzania	Cooperative society	Provides training and incubation services to the university graduates focusing on agribusiness, access to resources, sustainable production technologies, business planning and agricultural value chain management. It also provides technical support to graduates primarily on greenhouse management, irrigation, rain water harvesting and post-harvest management
36	ILkisingo Pastoralists (IPI) - Tanzania	Community - based	Works primarily with pastoralist communities to promote sustainable means of income and livelihoods focusing on bee keeping, sustainable farming and promotion of hydroponic fodder using the principles of regenerative agriculture, more specifically those that restore soil health, conserve water, promote biodiversity and enhance circular nutrient management
37	Tanzania Alliance for Biodiversity (TABIO) - Tanzania	Membership /Network	Train farmers on agroecology and biodiversity-based farming systems that restore soils and balance the ecosystem. It strengthens farmer-managed seed systems aimed at enhancing seed diversity, resilience and self-reliance as well as training farmers on bio-inputs, nature-based solutions and diversification
38	NASEC Agro Supplier	Registered enterprise /company	A youth-led agro-input enterprise specializing in marketing and promotion of high-quality organic farming and sustainable agriculture products and services that enhance productivity and conserve the environment. It also promotes the creation of green jobs as well as contribute the towards growing organic and regenerative agriculture movement in Tanzania
39	Kua Zone	Edu-Tech	A youth innovation and enterprise hub equipping young people with lasting skills in digital technologies and business development through accessible virtual approaches and supportive community of educators. It trains and support VET trainers and trainees, helping them to convert digital skills into employability and enterprise creation
40	Tymax Agribusiness Solutions Limited	Enterprise	Supports entrepreneurs to unlock markets and finance through data-driven studies. It employs and integrates gender-responsive and climate-smart solutions in all their approaches

41	Mt. Kenya Hub	NGO	Runs catalytic programs focusing on youth and climate solutions by pairing and partnering with like-minded institutions across the region using the "Restoration Factory" approach that primarily support nature-based ventures that restore land and livelihoods
42	The Insectary Limited	Enterprise	It turns organic waste into value-on-site by deploying the Black Soldier Fly technology that converts streams into high quality larvae for animal feeds and frass for soil health. The advisory arm of the enterprise is grounded on reduction of emissions, improvement of livestock and crop health, enhanced soils health and green job creation for the youth
43	Wendo Crafts	Enterprise	It turns farm-grown produce into high - value lifestyle goods focusing on sisal from dryland smallholders and leather from livestock keepers. Sisal is converted to tightly woven baskets, table mats and decor while leather is crafted into belts, sandal and premium accents. The enterprise sources from farmers ensuring steady income mainly for youth and women while advancing circular and climate-smart production technologies
44	Tharaka Gold	Community-owned Enterprise	Through engagement in honey enterprise and hands-on training, they expend local apiaries into pure honey and climate-smart livelihoods
45	Moto feeds	Enterprise	They partner with pastoralist communities and engage in feed and pasture production by turning degraded grasslands into productive drought-resistant pastures through establishment of fodder solutions and high-nutritious grass, doubling as an all season ground cover. This initiative not only offers viable and sustainable fodder production but also enables the communities to thrive through cycles of drought
46	Kibwezi Cooperative society	Cooperative Society	A women-led society focusing on bee keeping and empowerment of rural livelihoods through engagement in natural and traceable honey and allied products. The cooperative support blending of sustainable production practices with environmental stewardship through hands-on skills training targeting women and youth
47	University of Education Winneba (UEW) - Ghana	Edu-Tech	It offers education, research, innovation and development by providing robust technical and institutional support through capacity building, curricula development, training in their facilities and field educators
48	The Centre for Sustainability and Environmental Action (CSEA)	Edu-Tech	The Centre provide expertise in areas of sustainable agriculture, natural resources management, climate adaptation, community engagement and women and youth empowerment. It also engages in policy dialogue processes, field implementation and community mobilization

49	University of Energy and Natural Resources (UNER) - Ghana	Edu-Tech	It offers strong technical expertise in the fields of natural resources, energy and environmental sciences. In the context of regenerative agriculture, the university offers expertise in soil science, agroecology, environmental monitoring and renewable energy and integrating this into sustainable farming systems
50	University of Capecoast - Ghana	Edu-Tech	Offers strong leadership, research, innovation and training in areas natural sciences, and “greenhouse and youth ventures” through its well established school of Agriculture and Natural Sciences. It is engaged in curricula development, provides grounds for field demonstrations and allows young farmers and students to access its research network for piloting regenerative agriculture methods and monitoring of outcomes
51	Centre for Ecological Agricultural and Livelihoods (CEAL) - Ghana	NGO	Equips smallholder farmers with methods and market opportunities to grow sustainably, earn more and adapt to climate change laying strong emphasis agroecology, smallholder empowerment, climate – smart agriculture and sustainable livelihoods. They deliver this through hands-on training and pilot programs
52	AGRICBEYOND Foundation LBG - Ghana	NGO	This is a female-led and youth-focused institution, working with smallholder farmers, cooperatives and agribusinesses on climate-smart agriculture, value addition, land restoration and youth & women empowerment. They provide field-based climate resilience technologies and mobilizes communities to engage in viable start-ups, ready to scale, access markets and prepare them for real-world uptake
53	RENEL Ghana Foundation	NGO	Primarily works with children, youth, and persons with disabilities through education, leadership development and social interventions. They mobilize and support marginalized groups to participate in regenerative agriculture and agricultural start-ups
54	University of Development Studies (UDS) - Ghana	Edu-Tech	Provide distinctive capacity of blending academic work with community – based outreach and practical training, more specifically in the fields of agriculture, food and consumer sciences
55	Agricultural and Rural Development Association - Ghana - Ghana	NGO	Provide community mobilization, farmer engagement, and field –level implementation of regenerative agriculture practices and has a strong track record in rural development, sustainable agriculture and environmental protection
56	BLESSED LADIES	NGO	BL- Blessed Ladies Foundation LBG is a registered and licensed local Ghanaian non-governmental, non-profit humanitarian organization that seeks to improve the quality of lives of women and girls. It will contribute to the REVIVER Project by mobilising and training young women in regenerative agriculture skills, linking gender-inclusive entrepreneurship into the project’s vocational curriculum, and supporting pilot agro-ecological enterprises led by women farmers.

57	Africa Agribusiness Academy-Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Malawi & Ethiopia	Membership/ network	A regional Africa network comprising of small and medium enterprises that fosters innovation and growth of SMEs, driving the sustainability of agri-food systems across Africa. The network supports SMEs and agricultural producers to build a resilient agribusiness ecosystem that promotes inclusive economic growth and environmental stewardship
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2.3 Analysis of Umbrella Network

The umbrella network established through the REVIVER project brings together a uniquely diverse constellation of fifty-seven (57) organizations across Europe and Sub-Saharan Africa. Their collective profile demonstrates a strong and balanced representation of the full ecosystem required to advance regenerative agriculture from education and training, to community mobilization, to research, innovation, policy dialogue and agribusiness development. This diversity ensures that the network is not merely a collection of institutions, but a functional, interconnected system capable of generating long-term impact at national, regional, and interregional level.

The network spans organizations from Germany, Croatia, Estonia, Tanzania, Kenya, Ghana, Serbia, Austria, Italy, Kosovo and Ireland, forming one of the most geographically varied stakeholder groups mobilized within a CB-VET initiative. This geographic mix strengthens cross-continental knowledge transfer, ensuring that European digital and pedagogical strengths interface directly with African field-based regenerative agriculture practices.

2.4 Diversity of Institutional Types

The 57 umbrella organizations represent a strategically balanced mix of institutional categories that together cover the entire spectrum necessary for the adoption, scaling, and long-term sustainability of regenerative agriculture:

A) Edu-Tech and VET Providers (Universities, Adult Education Centers, Digital Learning Institutions)

This is the largest institutional category. These organizations bring formal and non-formal learning pathways, curriculum development expertise, accreditation capacity, and the ability to train large groups of farmers, trainers, and youth. They ensure that regenerative agriculture is embedded in structured educational systems and that learning materials developed by REVIVER can be continuously delivered after the project ends.

B) NGOs and Community-Based Organizations

These actors connect the project to ground realities. Their work focuses on youth empowerment, women's inclusion, farmer mobilization, environmental restoration, and capacity building at community level. Their strength lies in reaching groups that formal institutions often cannot rural households, pastoralist groups, young farmers, and marginalized learners.

C) Agribusiness Enterprises and Cooperatives

Private-sector organizations introduce practical, market-oriented perspectives. They test regenerative practices under commercial realities, offer examples of sustainable business models, and provide employment pathways for skilled youth and trained farmers. Their contribution ensures that REVIVER is not limited to theory but is anchored in market viability.



D) Membership-Based Networks and Regional Alliances

These organizations operate across multiple countries (regional agribusiness networks in East Africa). They have strong dissemination channels, established membership bases, and existing training infrastructures. Their presence significantly increases the project's scaling potential.

E) Research Institutions and Universities

These actors provide scientific grounding, monitoring, innovation, and technical validation of regenerative methods. They enrich the umbrella network with evidence-based practices, particularly in soil science, agrobiodiversity, climate resilience, and sustainable land management.

F) Local Government Actors

Although only one municipality is involved, its presence signals the potential for embedding regenerative agriculture into local policy frameworks, development strategies, and community-wide initiatives. Local government actors act as connectors, opening doors for sustainability at administrative and structural levels.



Overview of institutional types in the umbrella network

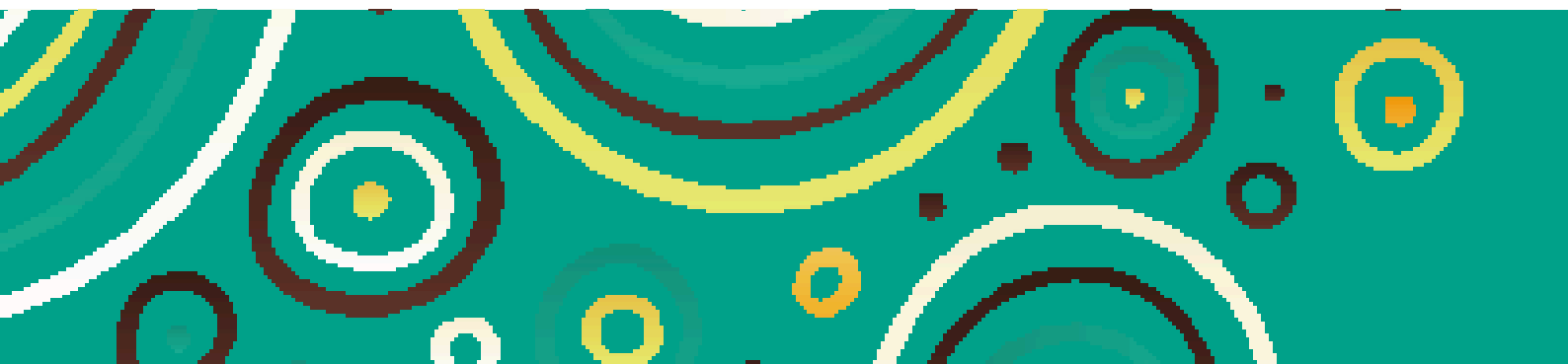
Institutional type	Number of organisations	Approx. share of total
Edu-Tech & VET providers (incl. universities and higher education institutes)	20	35%
NGOs, not-profit & community-based organisations	20	35%
Membership, advisory & network organisations (cooperatives)	10	18%
Enterprises, consultancies, media & local government	7	12%
Total	57	100%

3. STRENGTH OF THE NETWORK IN SCALING IMPACT

The real strength of the REVIVER umbrella network lies in how complementary these organizations are. Instead of duplicating roles, they create a chain of influence that supports scaling at multiple levels. Edu-tech providers ensure structured learning; NGOs bring direct farmer engagement; enterprises demonstrate economic feasibility; universities deepen research; regional alliances spread practices across borders; and local government lays foundations for policy mainstreaming.

This configuration enables the project to expand impact simultaneously through educational systems, market structures, community practices, and policy environments. The strong presence of youth-oriented and women-led organizations further strengthens the network's social sustainability by ensuring that regenerative agriculture becomes both a livelihood opportunity and a tool for inclusion.

Crucially, the network is not passive. Many organizations already run independent training programs, have established farmer networks, operate demonstration farms, or manage regional value chain initiatives. By connecting them, REVIVER effectively amplifies all existing efforts and gives them a unified direction—transforming isolated initiatives into a coordinated ecosystem of regenerative agriculture innovators across two continents.



4. UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION SUSTAINABILITY

The strategy for sustainability for the umbrella organization networks and partnerships will be anchored on:

- Establishment of the National Umbrella Organization Working Group: Each participating organization in the umbrella organization will nominate a representative who will become part of the focal umbrella organization working group. Collectively with other nominees, the working group will constitute the Central Committee, setting agenda for inauguration meetings, events, joint discussions and conferences. The events will be held on rotational basis at the premises of the host member of the umbrella organization, thereby contributing in-kind towards sustainability. Likewise, nominees to the umbrella organization will participate in these events at the expense of their institutions, again contributing their time in-kind to the activities of the umbrella organizations.
- Access to resources/funding: The umbrella organizations are expected to eventually transform from informal set-ups to formally registered entities for the purpose of establishing legitimacy and consequently, establish the capacity to engage in resource mobilization. This will open up opportunities to access resources and funding from national, regional and international grants such as the EC, through future joint planning and development of co-funding applications with other partners.
- Launching of events, programs and meetings: The umbrella organizations will have the opportunity to jointly seek for sponsors to support hosting of such events, while at the same time, opening up opportunities for stakeholders to pay for exhibiting their products and services, participation and engaging in B2B sessions
- By becoming guest speakers, lecturers, workshop facilitators and experts/consultants in the field of regenerative agriculture, the umbrella organizations will charge a fee that will further support their sustainability objectives
- The umbrella organizations will promote the CoE as Living Labs, practical resource centres, learning hubs and demo farms for regenerative agriculture, therefore supporting REVIVER beyond the project period

5. MONITORING

Each umbrella organization will hold at least one meeting or knowledge sharing event per year after the project end, for a minimum of 3 years, to discuss progress, share new development, identify further opportunities such as program planning, funding calls or policy advocacy opportunities. Partners in the umbrella organizations will document these meetings, including dates, attendance, agenda and outcomes of their deliberations, showing progress and future plans. The success indicators will be validated in each country through verification that the umbrella organizations remain active for one-year post project, and at least one on-going initiative or collaborative effort to its name, for instance, a joint proposal for funding or a co-hosted consultative meeting or joint training session.

For inauguration meetings, events and training, the number of participating organizations will be documented while for joint programs such as planning and funding application, the number of participants, outcomes of the meeting and joint applications submitted will be evaluated while for policy alignment, the number of policy briefs developed, submitted and subsequent responses received will also be documented.

Six (6) months after the project end, each partner in the umbrella organization will collect data on sustainability indicators. Consequently, a virtual one-year post project meeting will be convened by the coordinator to discuss the direction that the project has taken, share experiences and explore if any other additional interventions are required.

5.1 Achievement and significance



The successful establishment of six umbrella organizations and mobilization of fifty-seven organizations to become part of the network in Europe and Africa represents a significant achievement for the REVIVER project.

This achievement is a guarantee that the collaboration between Europe and Africa does not end with the project but evolves into a stable international network driven by partners who have the mandate and capacity for long-term engagement.

The positive indicators are confident votes that the learnings and outcomes of the REVIVER project will go beyond the project period, ensuring that the umbrella organization network comprising of learning institutions, policy makers, experts, NGOs, public and private entities + other stakeholders will continue to connect and shape the future curricula and prospects of sustainable farming. Furthermore, the existence of these network and contribution to the Centres of Excellence will foster ongoing research, exchange and learning, maintaining networking relationships and facilitate continuous information flows that benefit both Europe and Africa.



6. MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE OF THE UMBRELLA NETWORK

The umbrella network operates through a structured yet flexible governance model that ensures coordination across countries, coherence of technical work, and long-term continuity beyond the project's duration. Its management is organized at two levels: national coordination within each country and international governance bodies that guide the network as a whole.

At the international level, the network is overseen by three complementary structures:

1. Advisory Board – 6 Members

The Advisory Board functions as the strategic decision-making body of the umbrella network. It consists of one representative from each REVIVER partner organisation, ensuring equal representation of Croatia, Germany, Estonia, Tanzania, Kenya and Ghana. This board meets periodically to provide guidance on network priorities, validate annual plans, endorse joint initiatives, and ensure that actions remain aligned with the long-term vision of building strong, interconnected regenerative agriculture ecosystems across both continents. Through this structure, each country maintains a stable voice in shaping the network's direction.

2. Expert Board – 10 Members Drawn from the Umbrella Network

To ensure technical depth and quality, the Expert Board is composed of ten specialists selected from umbrella organizations based on expertise in regenerative agriculture, vocational education, digital learning, climate adaptation, or agribusiness innovation. This board provides thematic leadership, reviews capacity-building materials, contributes to methodological refinement, and supports the Centres of Excellence in identifying emerging needs, designing training content, and advising on field-based demonstrations. It acts as a knowledge engine that translates research, local experience and innovative practices into shared methodologies and scalable approaches.

3. Administration Unit – Operated Through Centres of Excellence

The operational management of the network is supported by an Administration Unit, hosted jointly by the two Centres of Excellence (CoEs). Each CoE contributes administrative staff time, infrastructure, and organizational resources to support communication, documentation, meeting preparation, data management and follow-up with umbrella members. This model ensures that network administration is anchored in institutions with long-term stability and physical learning environments, while keeping costs efficient and responsibilities clearly distributed.



7. CONCLUSION

The establishment of the umbrella network marks one of the most significant achievements of the REVIVER project. By bringing together fifty-seven organizations from Europe and Sub-Saharan Africa ranging from universities, VET and adult-learning providers to NGOs, agribusinesses, community groups and regional networks the project has created a solid, interconnected ecosystem capable of sustaining long-term progress in regenerative agriculture.

The diversity of the network ensures that scientific expertise, pedagogical innovation, community knowledge and market-driven practices are not developed in isolation, but reinforce one another across countries and sectors.

The governance structure put in place comprising the international Advisory Board, the Expert Board and the administrative support provided by the Centres of Excellence offers a stable framework for continued collaboration. This structure will enable the umbrella network to evolve organically, respond to emerging needs, and coordinate cross-border initiatives long after the project concludes. It will also support the Centres of Excellence in remaining active hubs for learning, experimentation and knowledge transfer.

Most importantly, the umbrella network has created a shared sense of purpose among institutions that had not previously worked together. Through joint activities, mutual support and combined expertise, these organizations now form a community committed to improving soil health, strengthening rural livelihoods, empowering young farmers and advancing sustainable food systems.

As a result, the network is not only an output of the REVIVER project it is its legacy. Its foundations, relationships and governance ensure that regenerative agriculture will continue to grow as a collaborative, cross-regional movement, supported by institutions that have both the capacity and the motivation to drive meaningful change well into the future.