



## Session #4

*New knowledge and innovation solutions  
for sustainable farming*

# FARM TO FORK 2020 CONFERENCE



15 - 16 October 2020



**Let's meet each other**



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### Who is today with us in the audience?

- a. a farmer
- b. a representative of producer organisation / cooperative
- c. an farm advisor
- d. an input supplier
- e. a food chain operator (processor, retailer, HoReCa, etc.)
- f. a researcher / innovator
- g. a policymaker (at regional, national or international level)
- h. a representative of a civil society organisation
- i. other



# Setting the scene





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**CLIMATE  
PACT AND CLIMATE  
LAW**

**PROMOTING  
CLEAN  
ENERGY**



**INVESTING IN  
SMARTER, MORE  
SUSTAINABLE  
TRANSPORT**

**PROTECTING  
NATURE**



**STRIVING  
FOR GREENER  
INDUSTRY**



**FROM FARM  
TO FORK**

**European  
Green Deal**



**ELIMINATING  
POLLUTION**

**LEADING THE  
GREEN CHANGE  
GLOBALLY**



**MAKING  
HOMES ENERGY  
EFFICIENT**



**FINANCING  
GREEN  
PROJECTS**

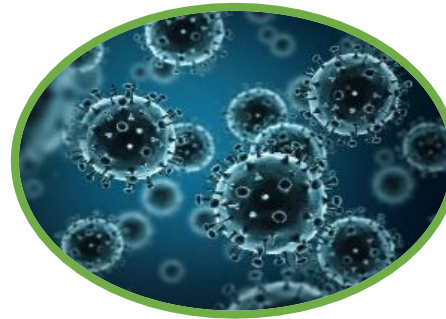


**ENSURING  
A JUST TRANSITION  
FOR ALL**

Reduce by 50% the overall use and risk of **chemical pesticides** and reduce use by 50% of more hazardous **pesticides**



Reduce sales of **antimicrobials** for farmed animals and in aquaculture by 50%



Achieve at least 25% of the EU's agricultural land under **organic farming**

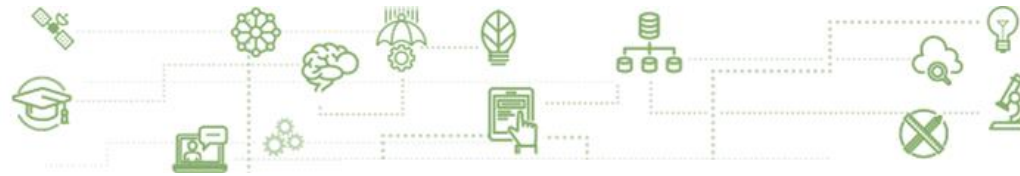


Reduce **nutrient losses** by at least 50% while ensuring no deterioration in soil fertility; this will reduce use of **fertilisers** by at least 20 %



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## R&I as key enablers for sustainable food systems...



# FARM TO FORK





**What has been achieved so far?**

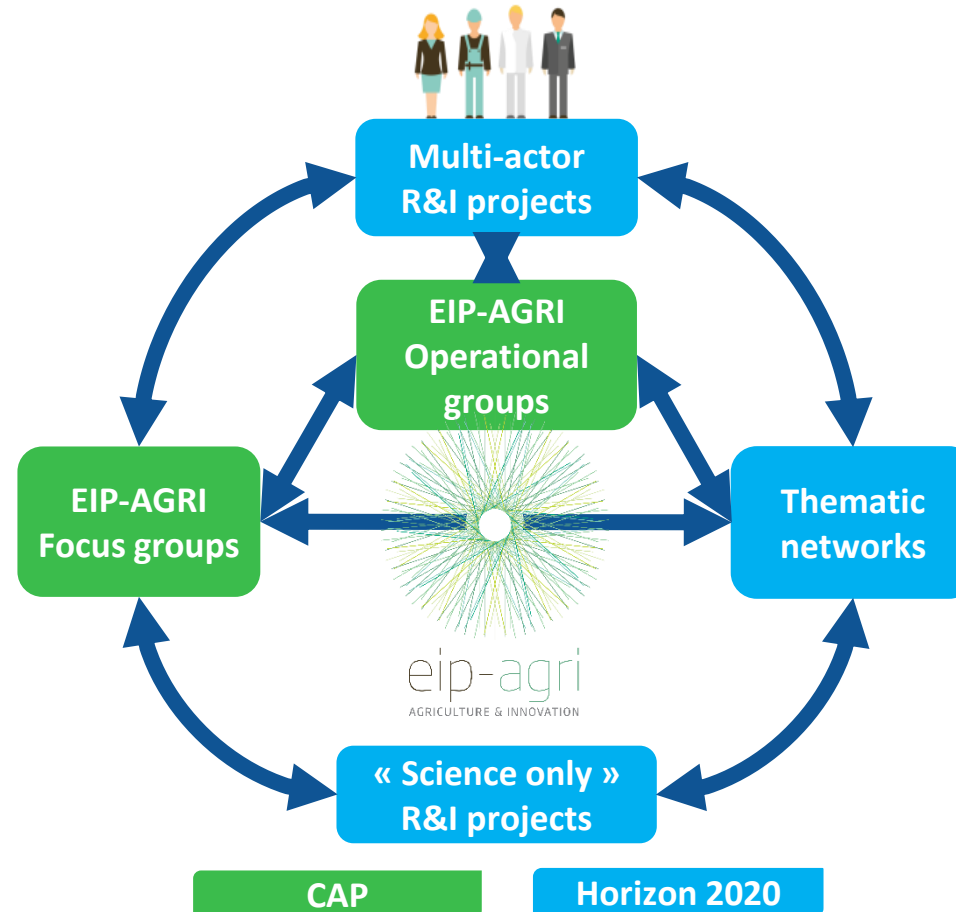




# Long-term strategic approach to EU agricultural R&I

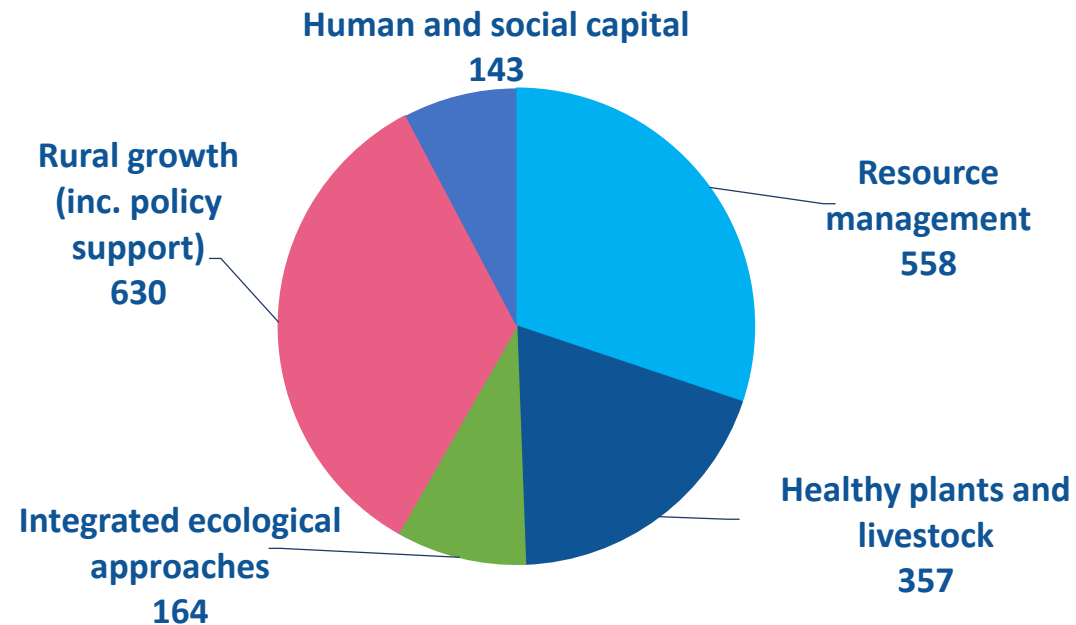


# European Innovation Partnership Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability



## From strategy to action...

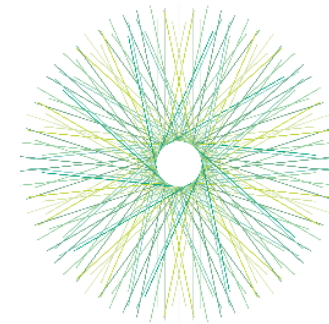
Distribution of budget over priorities  
(EUR million - 2014-2020)



315 projects – 1,9 billion €  
under Horizon 2020

## From strategy to action...

- ✓ **190** H2020 **multi-actor** projects (€1 billion), including **29** thematic networks; **50%** newcomers
- ✓ **27** **Member States** implementing the EIP; over **2000** out of 3200 **OGs** already running
- ✓ A growing and thriving **network** and increasing volume of **practice-oriented knowledge and innovations**



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AGRICULTURE & INNOVATION



# Showcasing innovative solutions

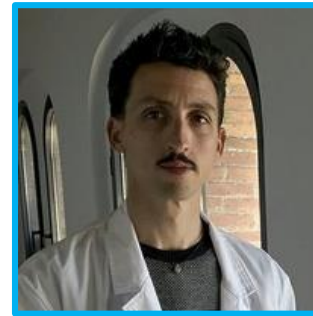
## Let's meet our speakers



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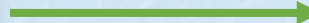
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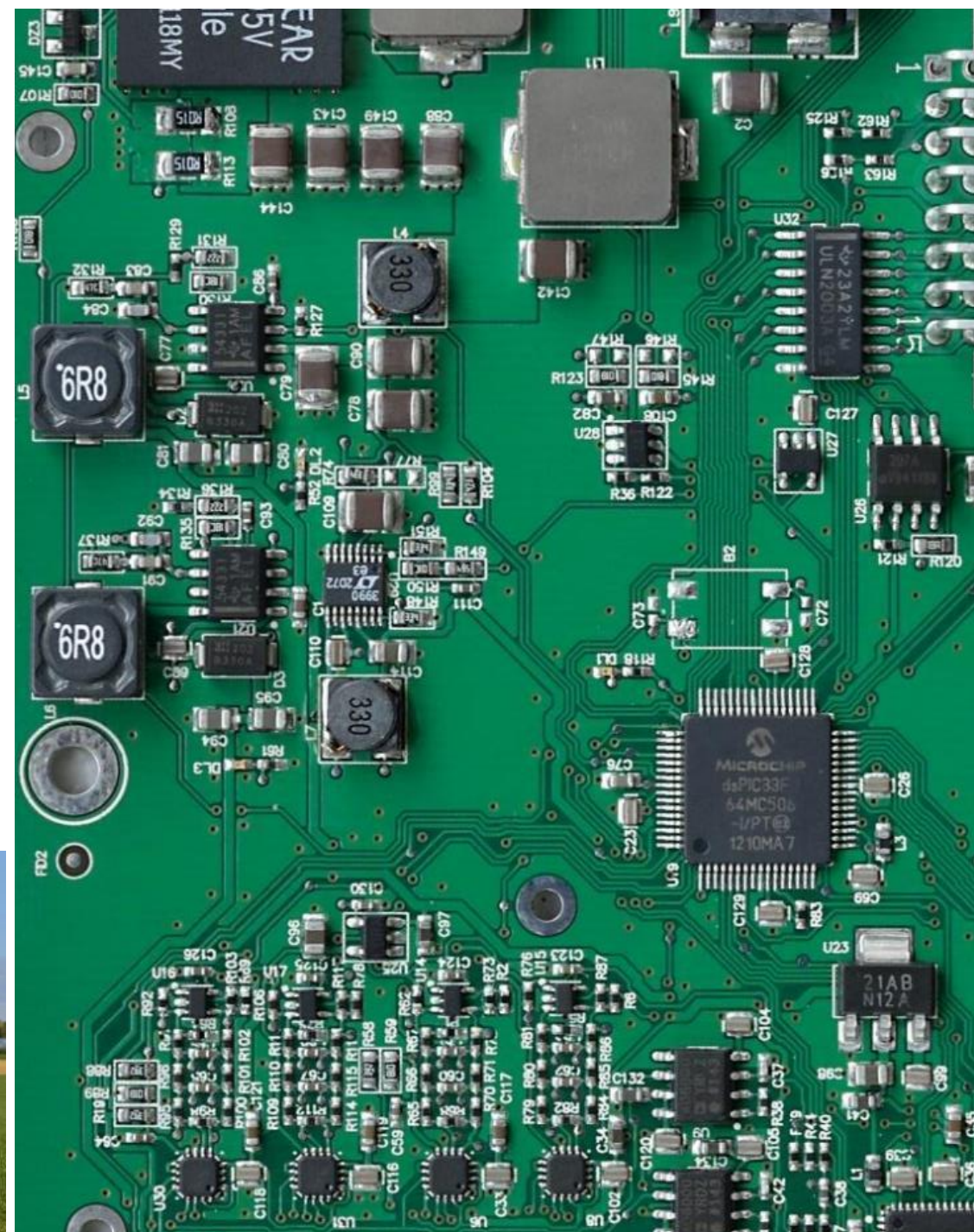




# OUR EXPERTISE

Design of dynamic mechanics, servo systems, electronics and embedded software

Industrial design + machine + cybernetics



# THE ADIGO TEAM

robotics & AI

design &  
mechanics



prototypes &  
piloting

# PROJECT ASTERIX

Revolutionizing vegetable production



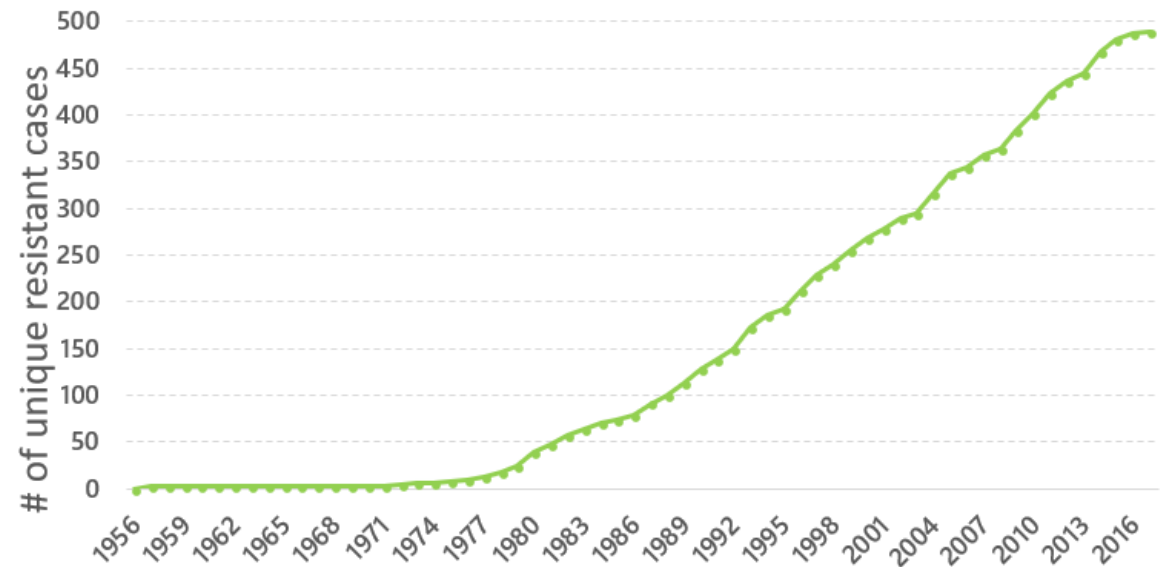
# Problem



The vegetable fields of Europe are blanket sprayed with herbicides appx. four times pr season



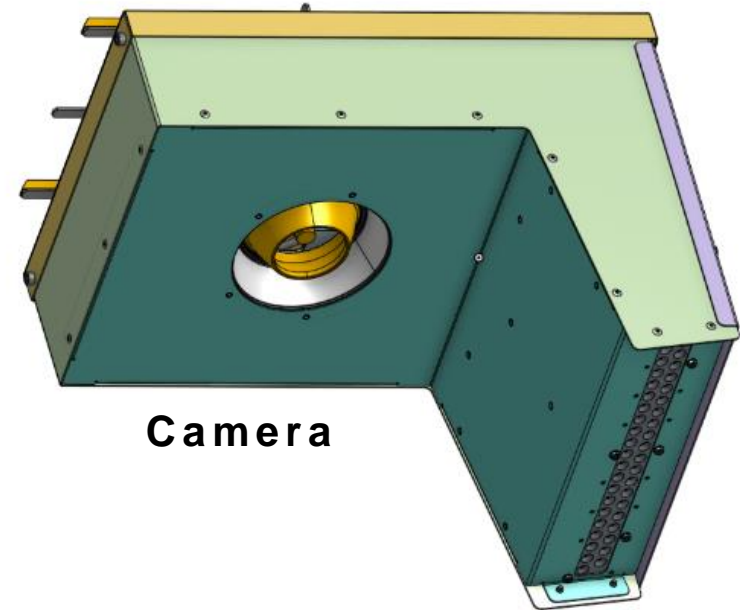
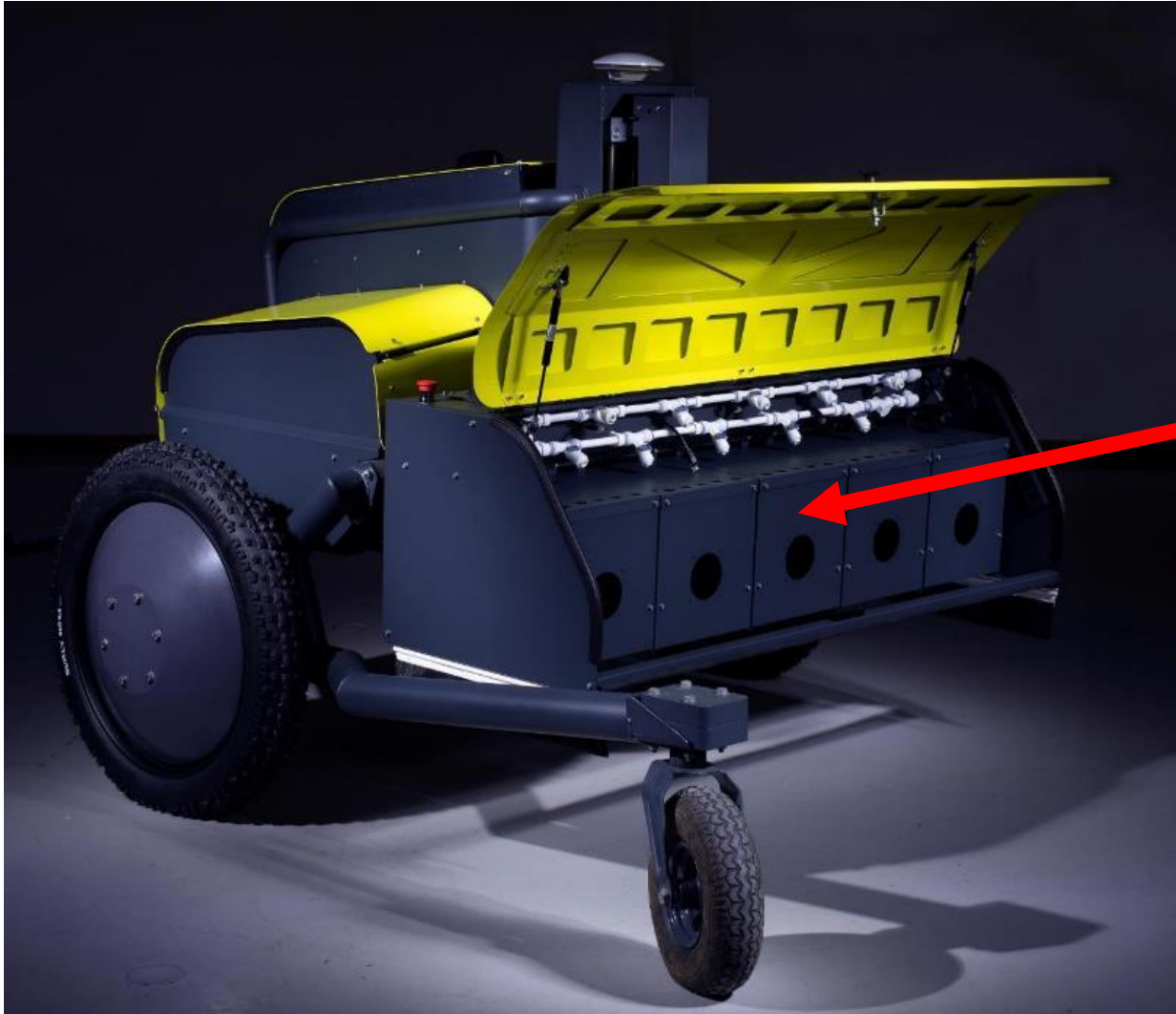
Weeding is **time consuming** and **expensive** in all vegetable fields



Herbicide **resistance emerge quickly** in weeds

## Solution

We «print» herbicide droplets only on weeds, avoiding crops!



Camera

Nozzle matrix

Patented technology

# Solution



Emerging rutabaga

Nice timing for weed handling

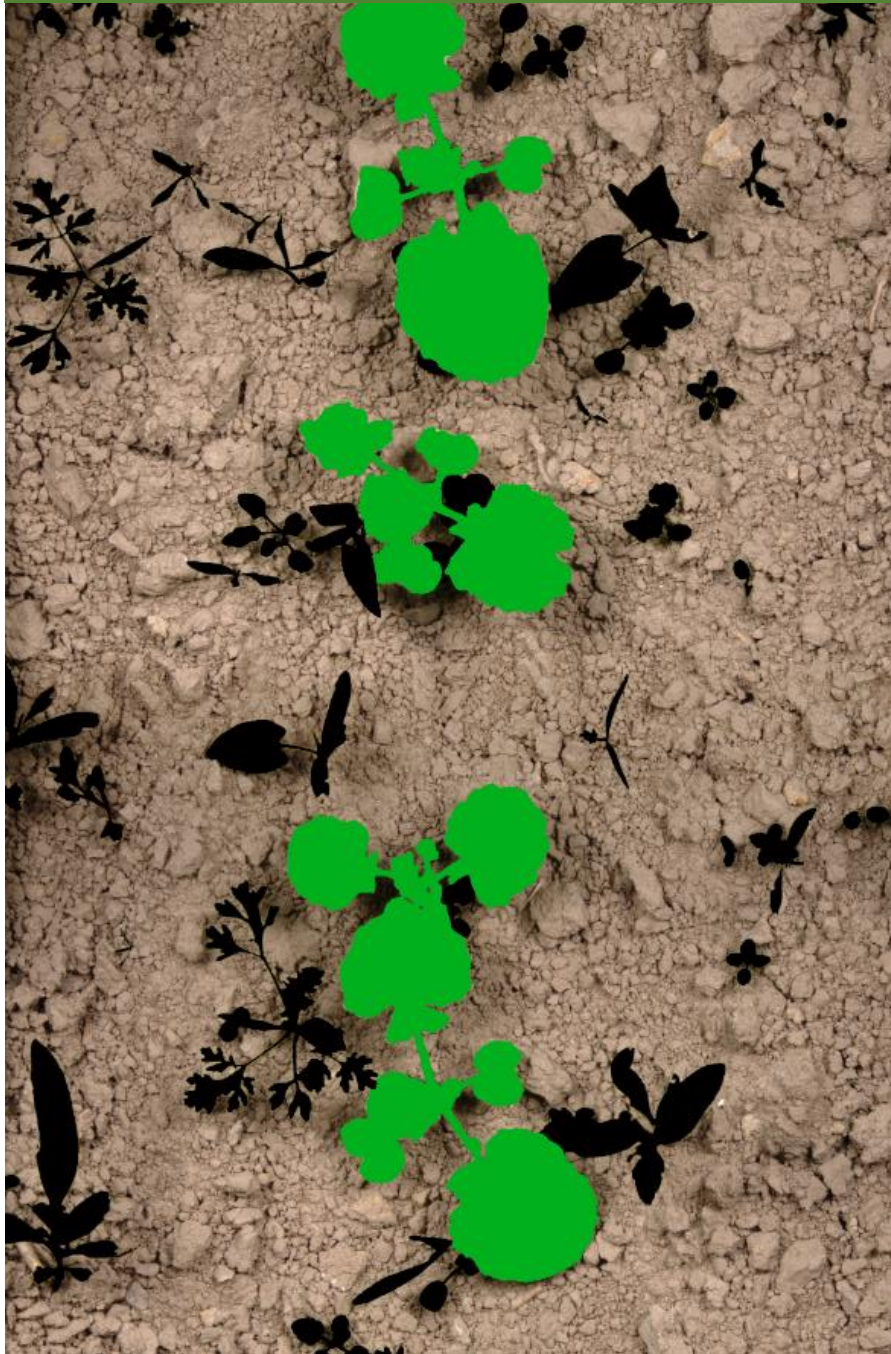
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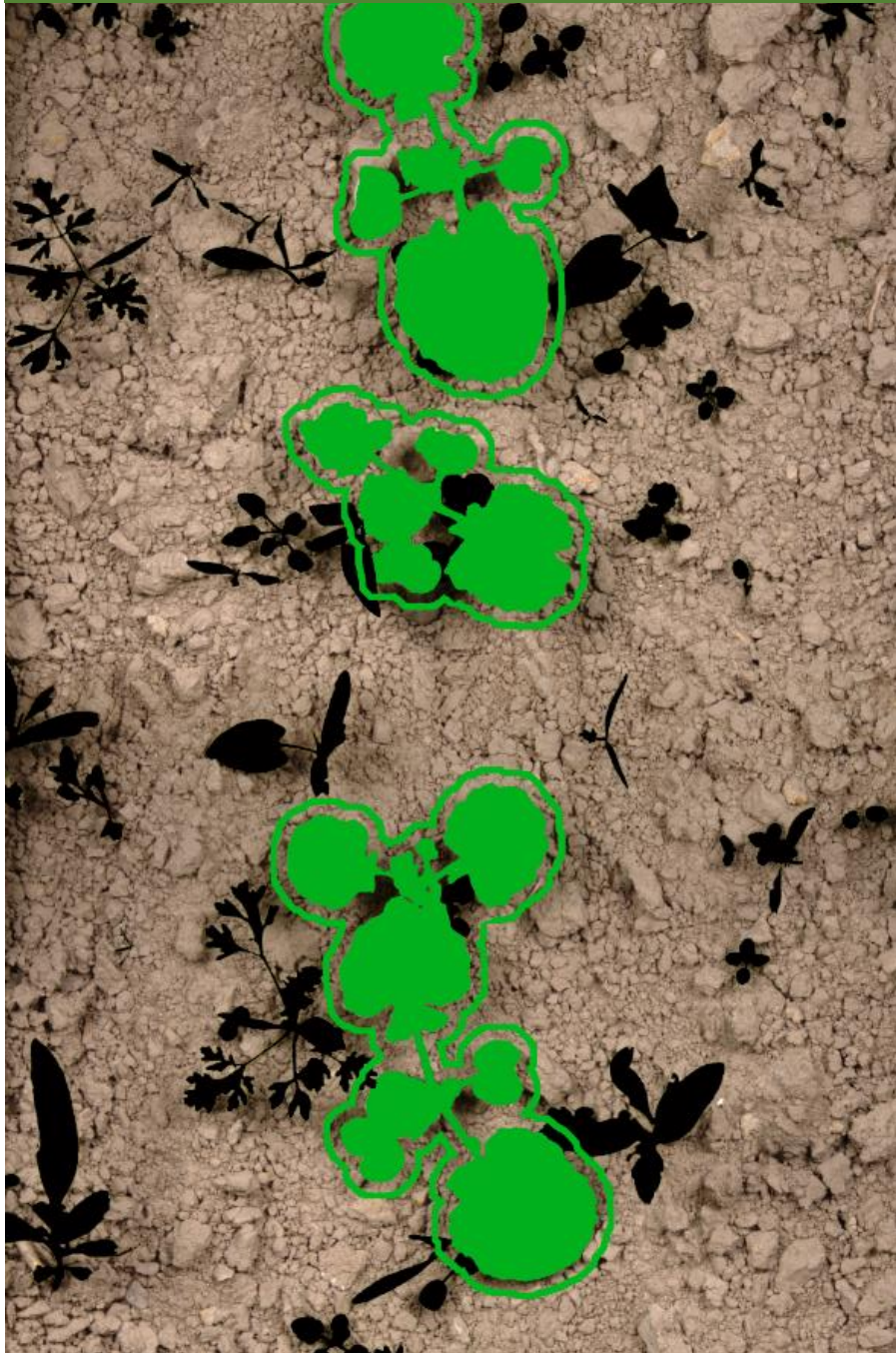
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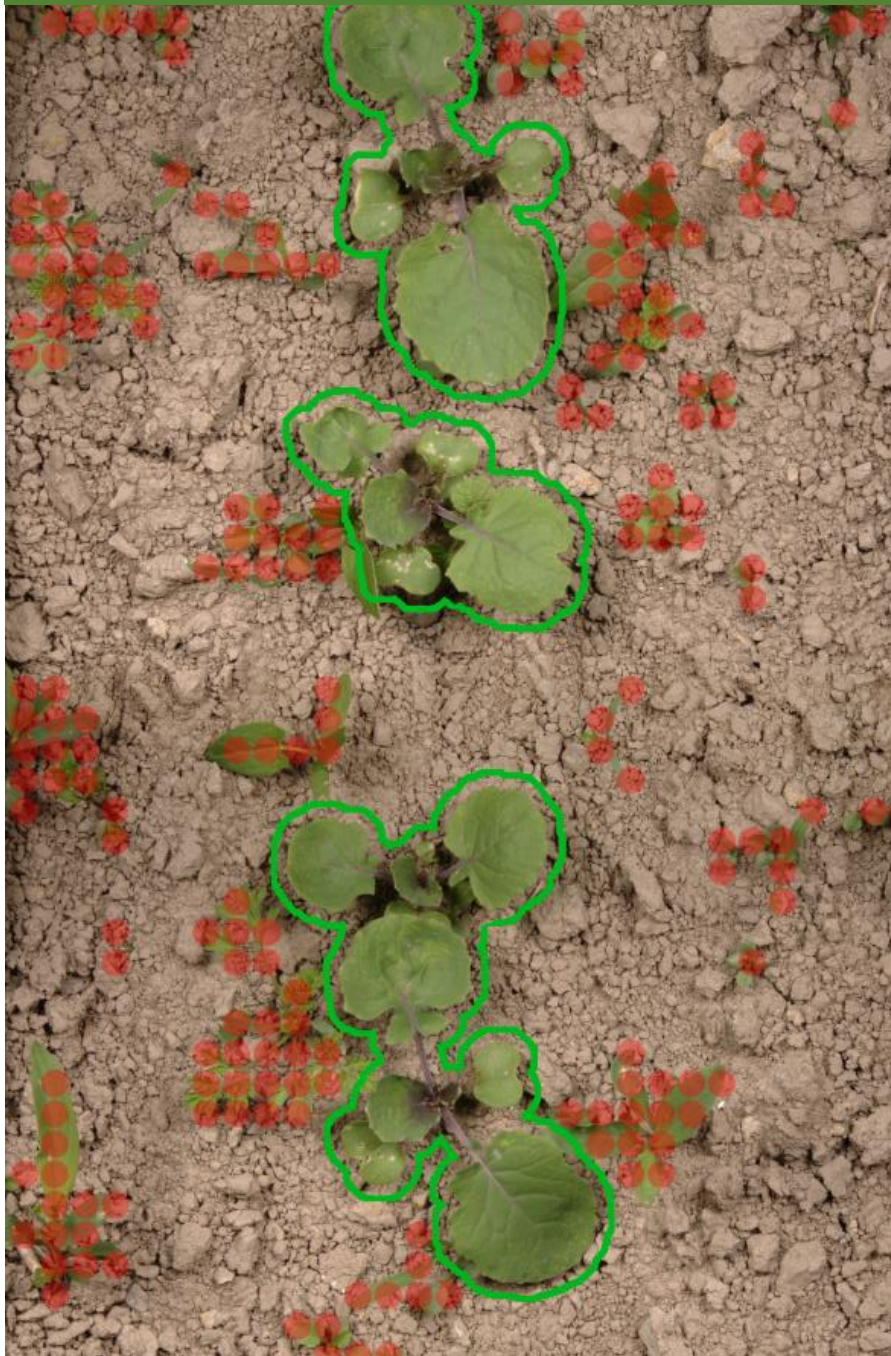
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**-95%**

# The Asterix Project



# Robotic drop-on-demand intra-row weeding in seeded row crops: Results from one field trial in Parsley root in 2018

## Summary and conclusions

Comparing the first robotic drop-on-demand glyphosate application in June with the blanket application of Fenix showed that the robot was better than the blanket application in controlling the total number of weeds ( $p= 0.001$ ) and the dominating weed species, *Solanum nigrum* ( $p= 0.001$ ), whereas the number of crop plants ( $p= 0.468$ ) were indifferent.

In conclusion, the robotic drop-on-demand application of glyphosate did not accidentally kill crop plants, which indicates high precision and accuracy of this novel robotic weeding implement. Depending on the time in season, robotic weeding strategies controlled the weeds better than (July 3) or equal to (August) ordinary blanket application of Centium and/or Fenix.

Asterix with Finalsan  
in post-emerge Parsley root

Farmers practice

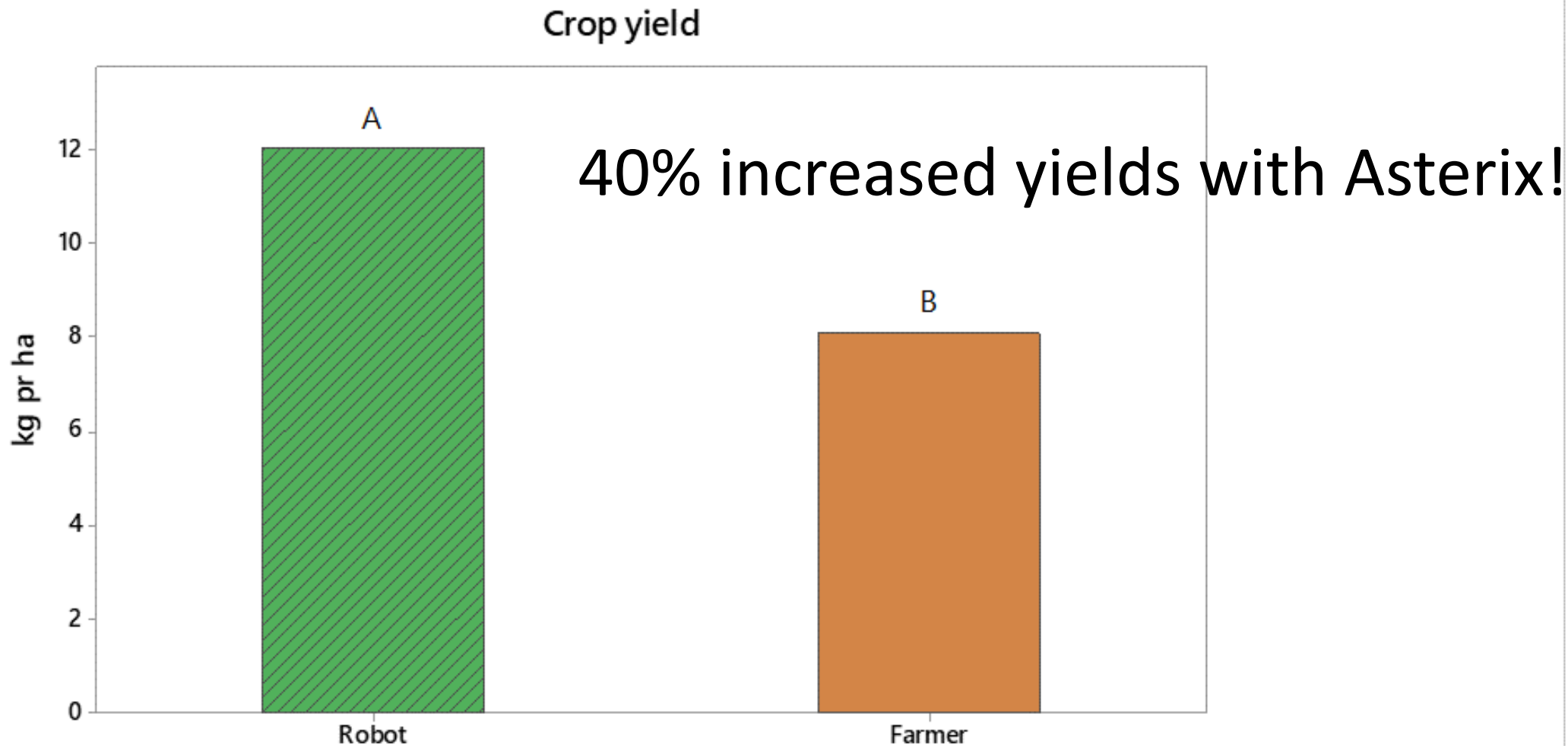


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Farmers practice  
VS  
Asterix

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**Fig. 3** Sellable crop yield in Experiment 2. The mean crop yield in weeding strategy Robot (12.03 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>) was significantly higher (paired t-test, p = 0.042) than the mean yield of Farmer strategy (8.11 kg ha<sup>-1</sup>). The number of sellable roots of strategy Robot (120 486 roots per ha) was significantly higher (p = 0.025) than the strategy Farmer (86 806 roots per ha).

# Species, so far..

Carrots



Onion



Black beetroot



Parsley root



Cabbage



Corn salad



Beetroot



Spinach



Ruccola



Rutabaga



Cylinder radish



Strawberry





## Value Proposition –Conventional farming

Drastic reduction in herbicide use

Works in sown and planted cultures

Increased yields

Reduced soil compaction

Eliminates herbicide drift

Large weather window

Attractive investment, ROI <2 years



Asterix – Adigo spin-off

Currently: Department in Adigo AS

From 2021: A separate company: Kilter AS



**Project Asterix is supported by the European Union's  
Horizon 2020 SME instrument phase 2**



Frederik Leen



# Farm Health Action plans: translating R&I to the farm- specific context to tackle AMR

Farm to fork conference 16/10/2020

Frederik Leen Ph.D.



Disseminating Innovative Solutions  
for Antibiotic Resistance  
Management



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# Why reducing AMU?

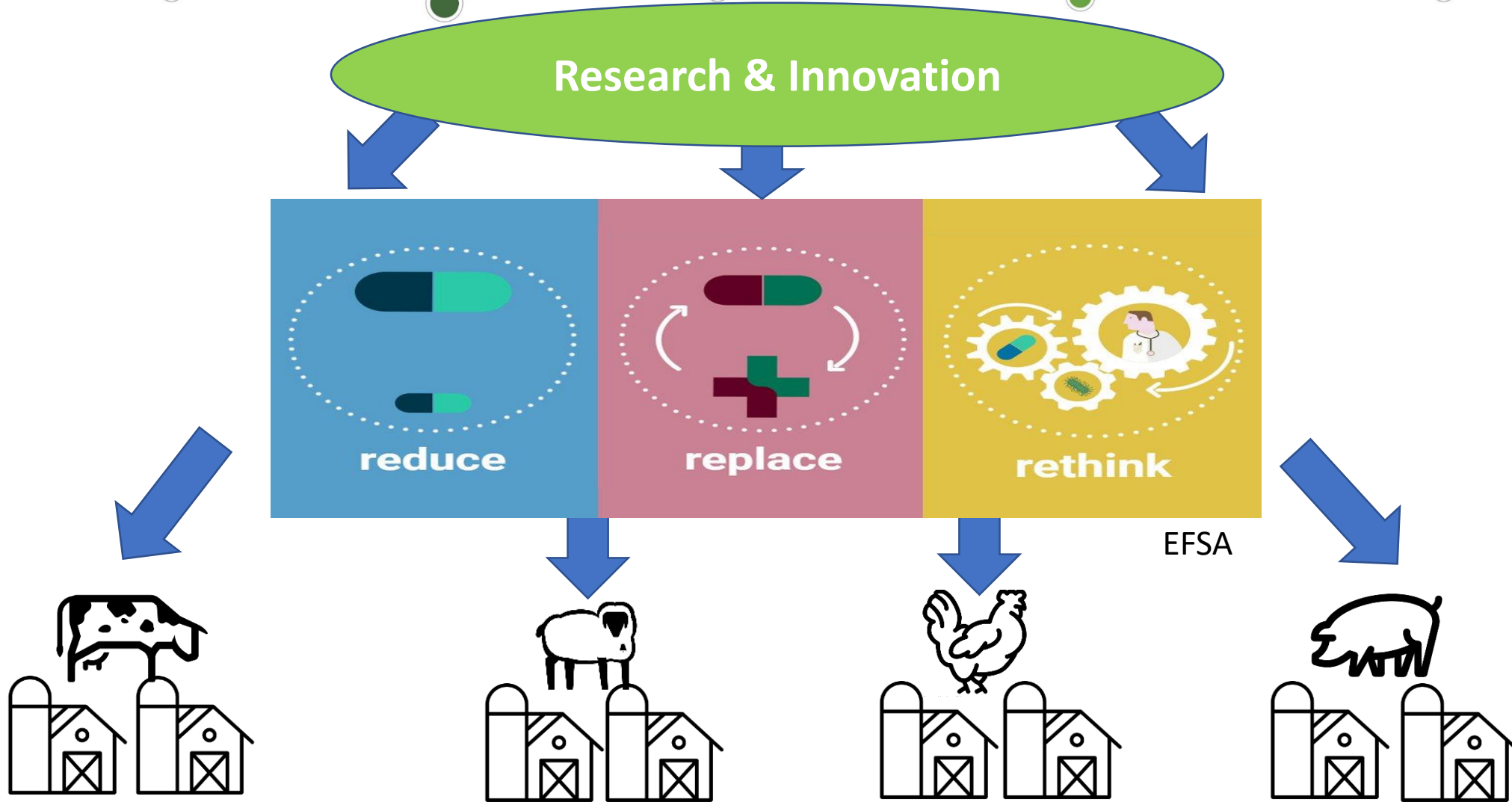


*“Keeping the shine  
on the silver bullet.”*

*Preserving the efficacy of antibiotics  
for future generations of both humans  
and animals*



# Translate R&I to farming context





- ✓ Linking stakeholders
- ✓ Collecting
- ✓ Disseminating and promoting
- ✓ Showcasing farm health teams





# Farm Health Teams



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# FHT from science to practice

Scientific studies on  
Farm health teams &  
Farm health planning



**ILVO**



Utrecht University

Implementation  
in daily practice



Wider promotion  
in EU livestock  
industry



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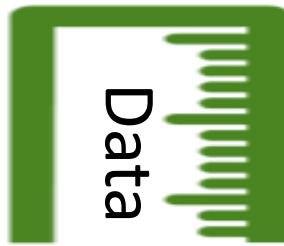
# Toolbox for FHT underway



Actions



Improve



Data



Brainstorm

Plan-Do-Check-Act

Assess farm status

Engage team and team collaboration



# Keep the shine on the bullet!



*Try the Farm Health Team approach!*

- *for the benefit of your farm or that of your clients*
- *for the sake of safeguarding antibiotics for future generations*

Thank you for listening!





**Víctor Riau Arenas**

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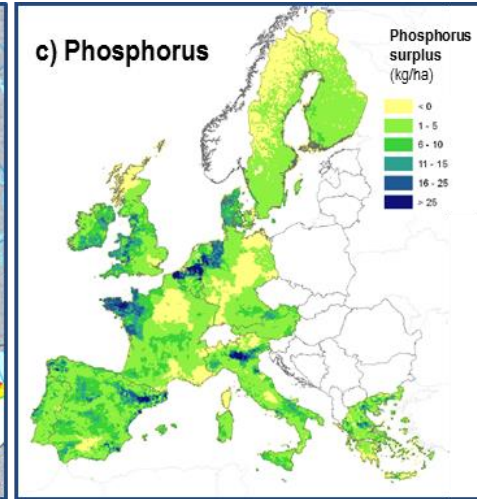
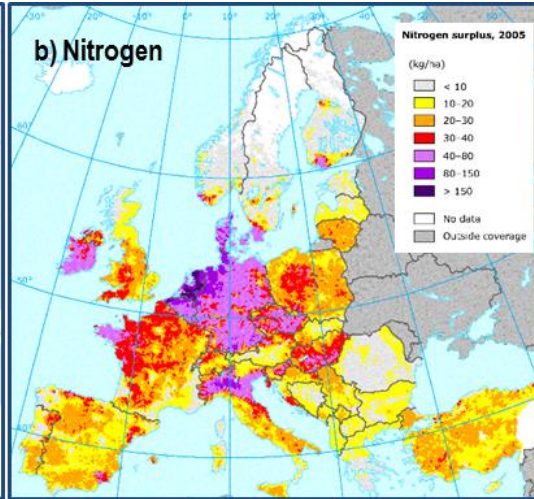
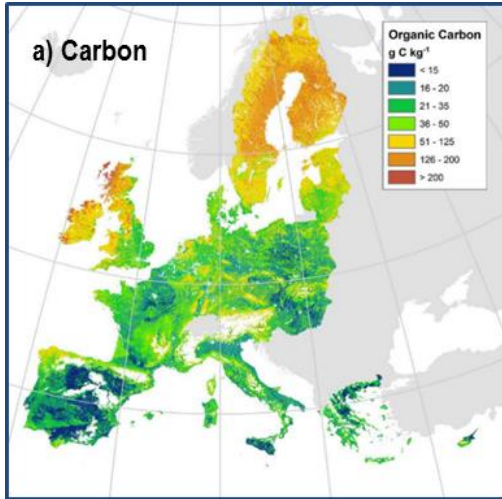


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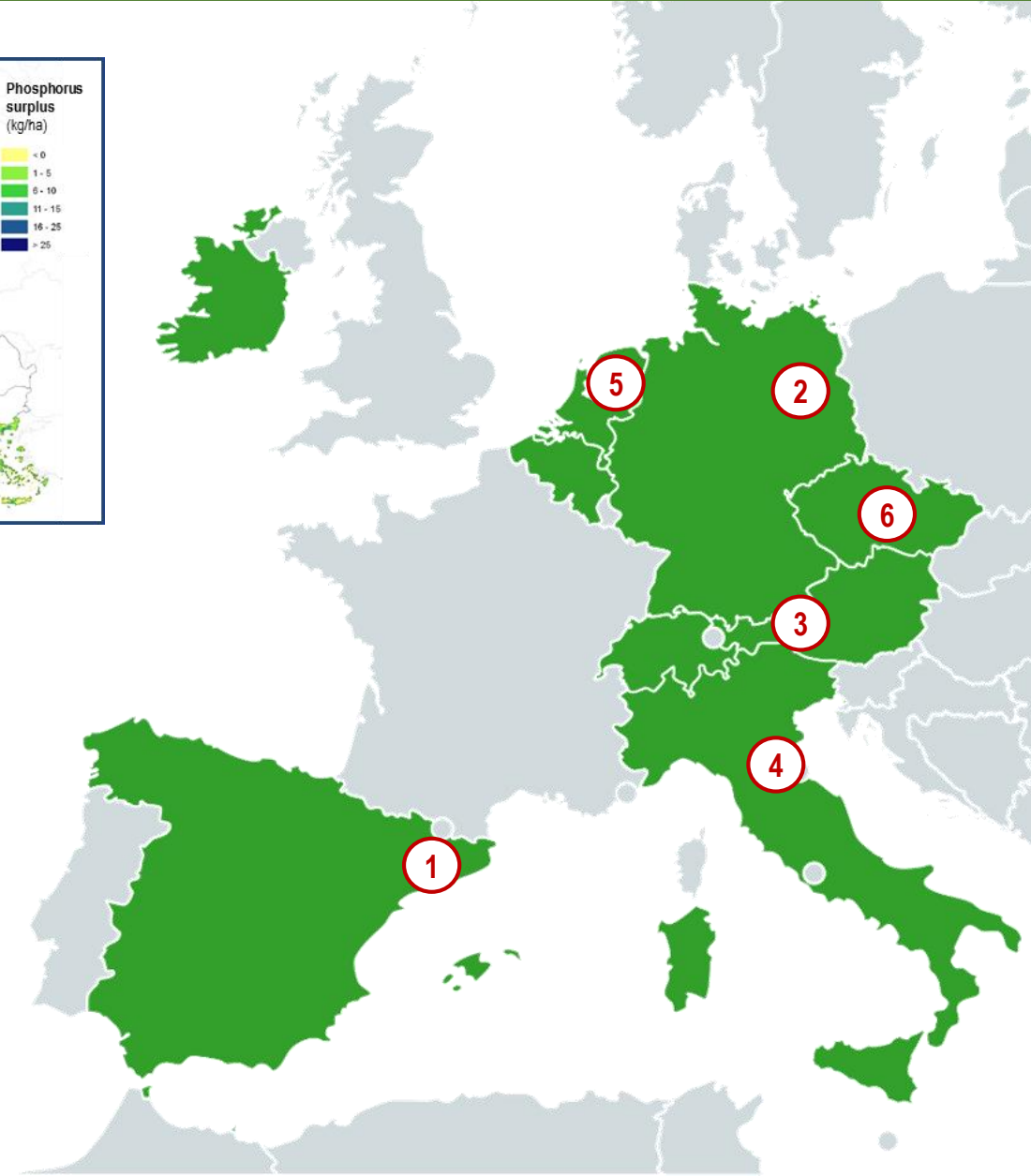
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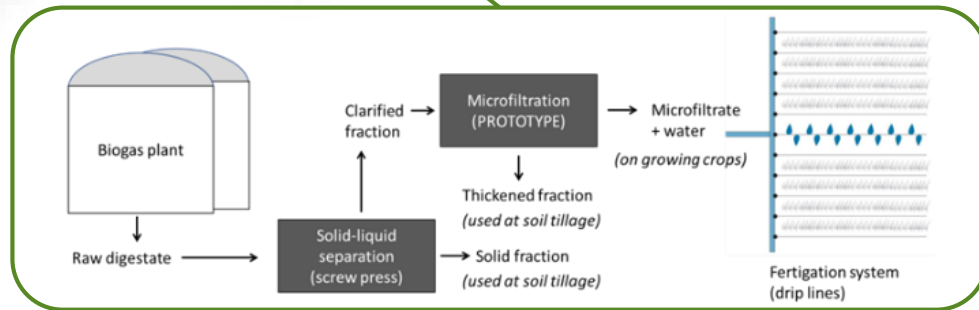
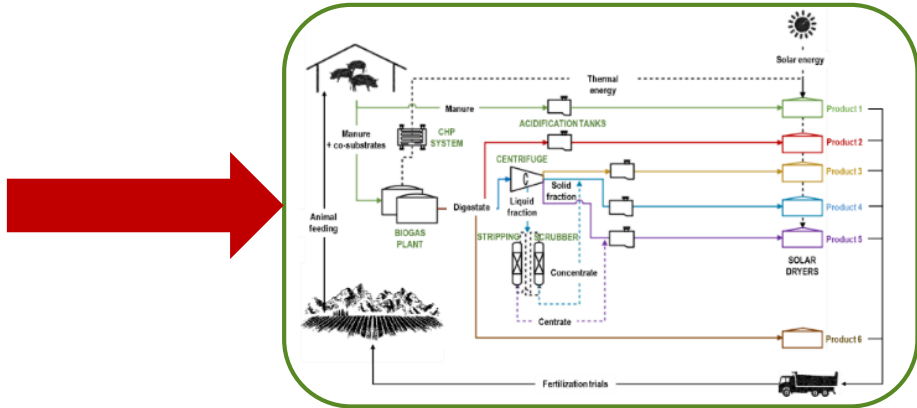
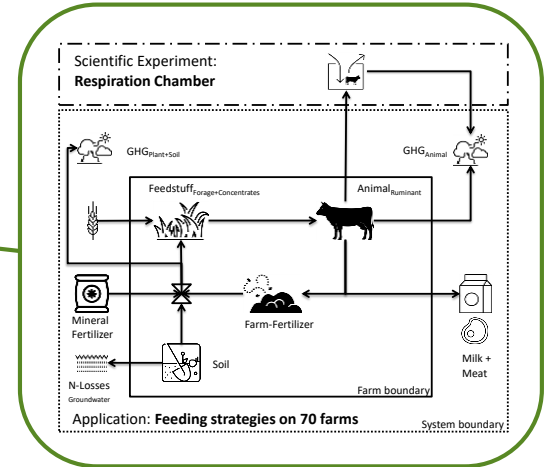
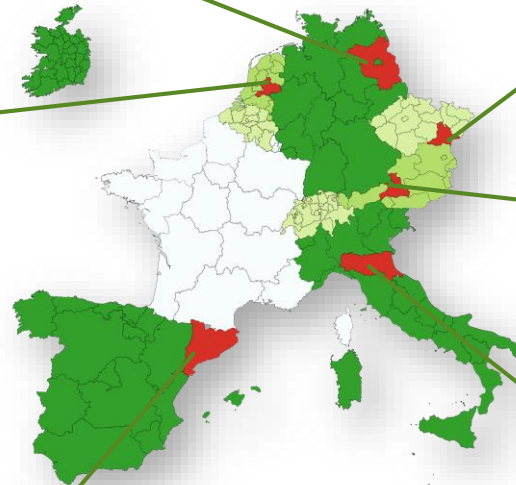
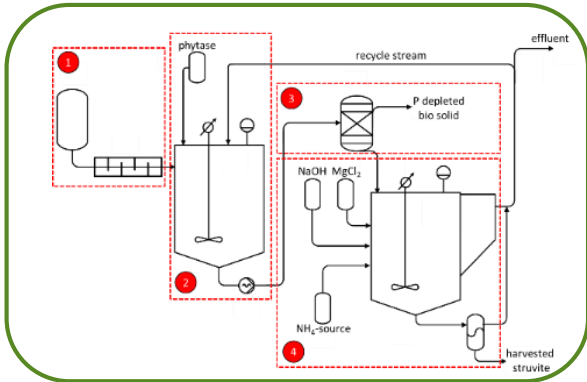
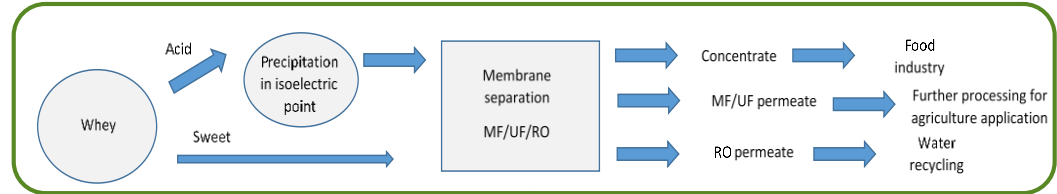
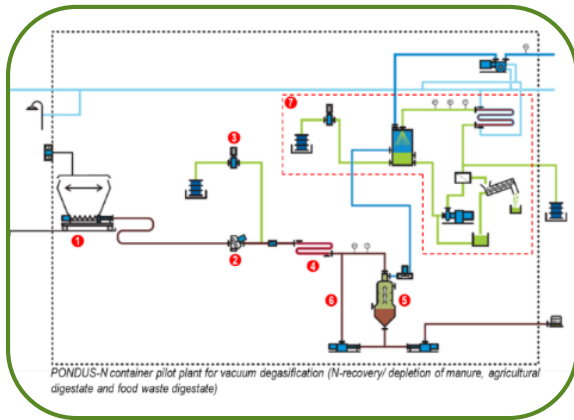
# CASE STUDIES



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- 1) Catalonia, Spain
- 2) Brandenburg, Germany
- 3) Lungau, Austria
- 4) Emilia-Romagna, Italy
- 5) Gelderland, Netherlands
- 6) South Moravia, Czech Republic

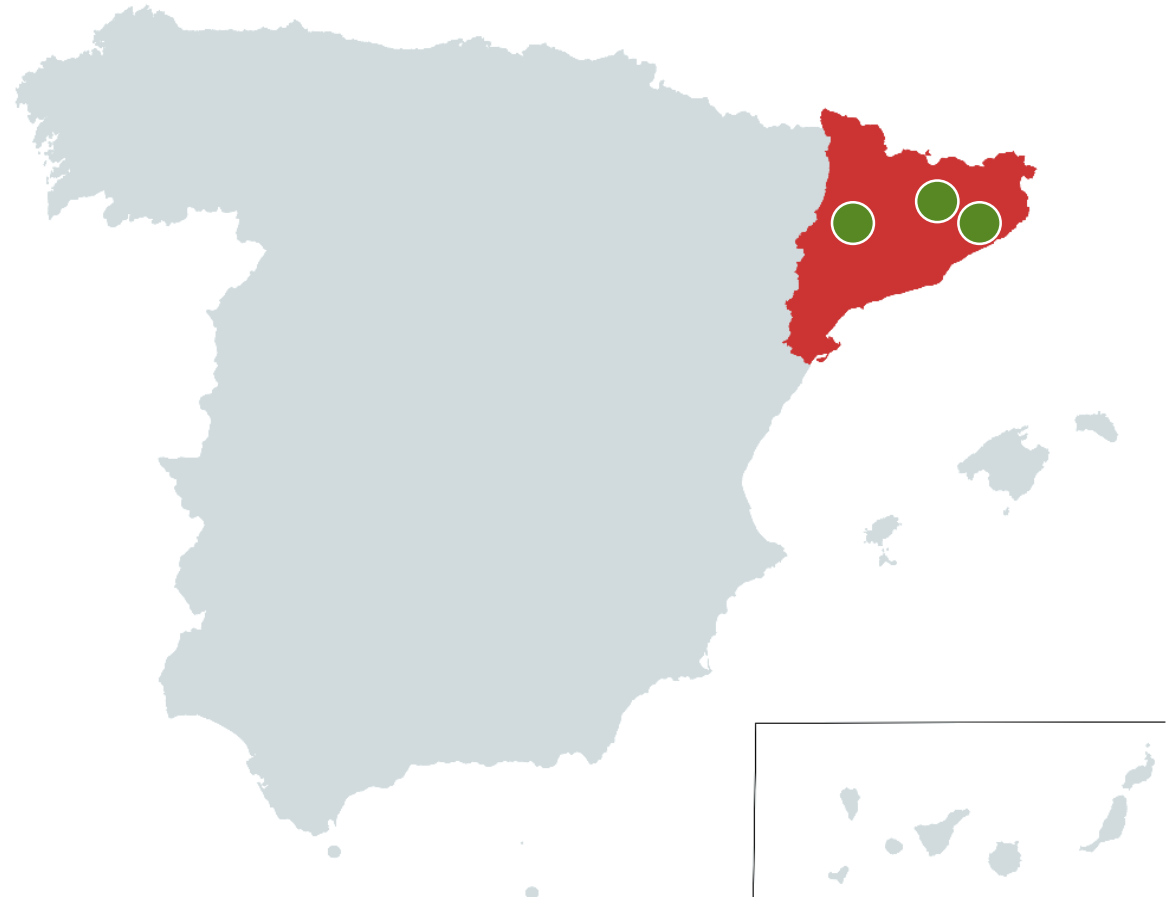
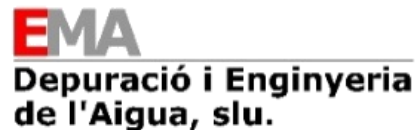






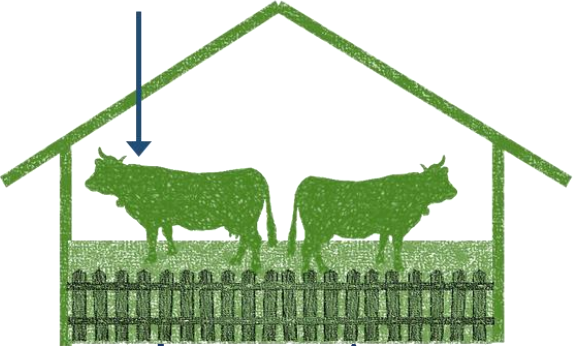
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- **Pig manure valorisation, bioenergy and fertilizer production from manure**. Anaerobic co-digestion, solid-liquid separation, solar drying and stripping, fertilization trials.
- **Long-term organic fertilization trials**. Application of organic amendments: C-sequestration, N and P assessment.



# SITE 1 (CATALONIA)

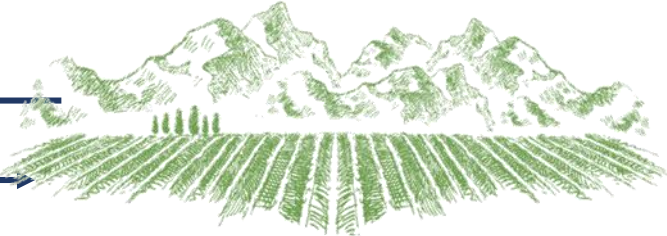
Precision feeding tools



**Mixed farming system** – Ruminant Production + fodder crops production.  
Precision feeding, bedding strategies.

Animal feeding

fertilization

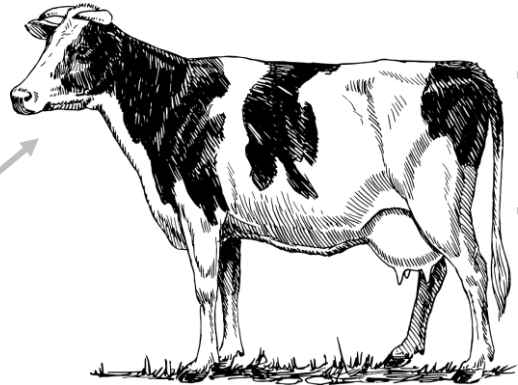


# PRECISION FEEDING SYSTEM (CATALONIA)



CONVENTIONAL    PRECISION    N BALANCE

INTAKE  
674 g/d N  
637 g/d N



FECES  
2.91 g N total/100 g  
2.84 g N total/100 g

URINE  
196 g N total/d  
145 g N urea/d  
142 g N total/d  
85 g N urea/d

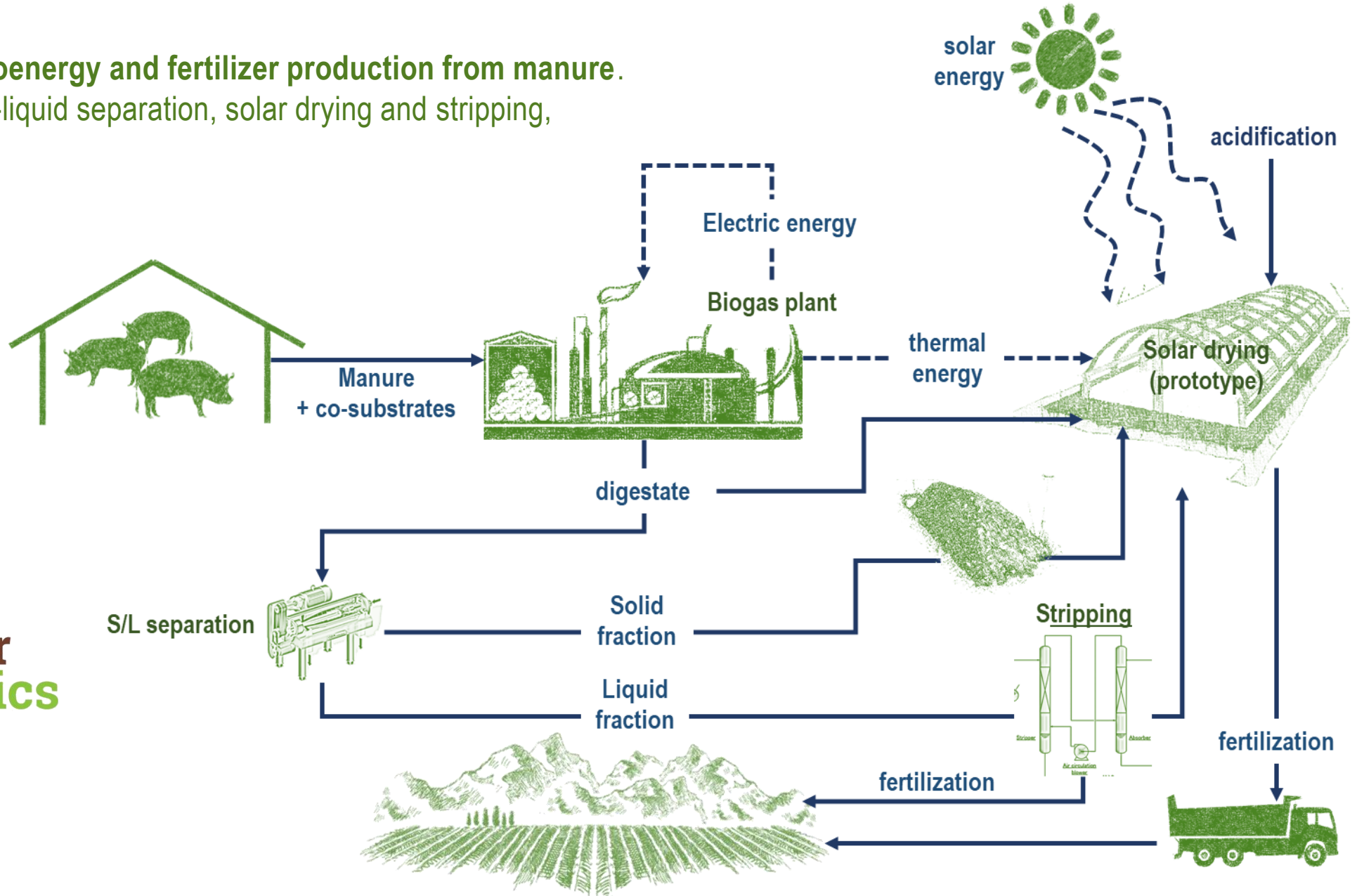
PLASMA  
Urea 17.8 mg/dl  
Urea 15.1 mg/dl

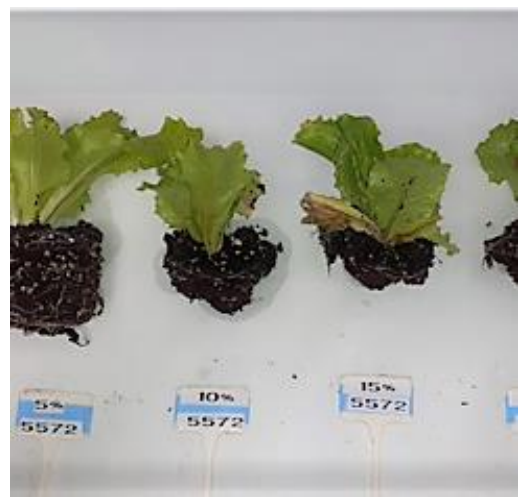
MILK  
194 g/d N total  
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77 mg/dl urea



# SITE 2 (CATALONIA)

Pig manure valorisation, bioenergy and fertilizer production from manure.  
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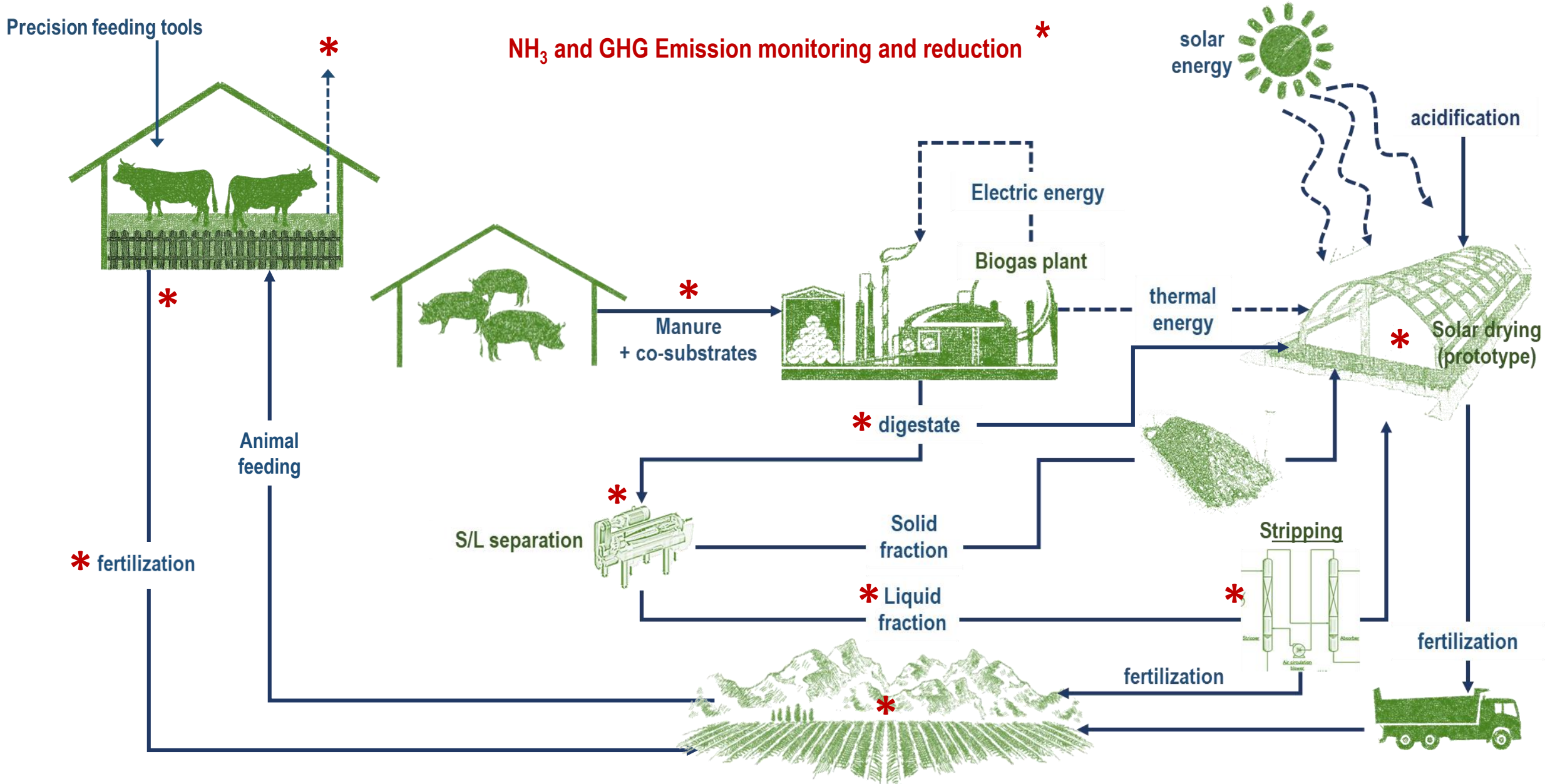




# SOLAR DRYING (CATALONIA)



# SPANISH CASE STUDY (CATALONIA)







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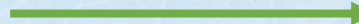
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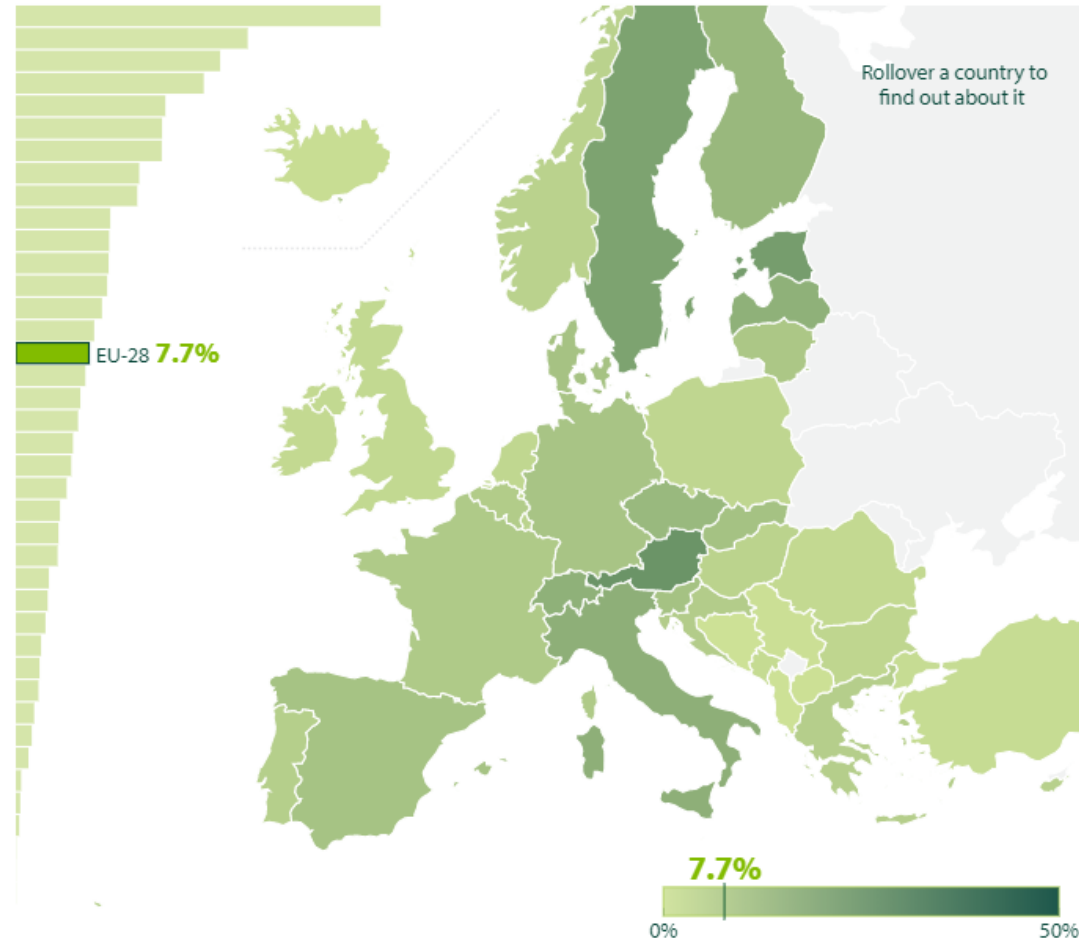


**Research and innovation for achieving  
25% organic farmland**

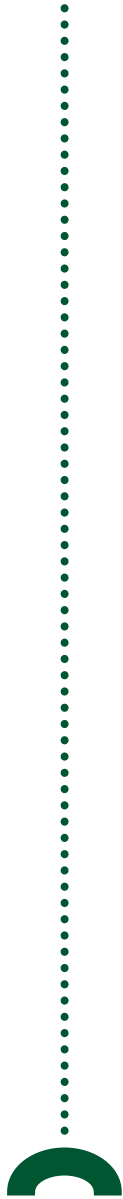
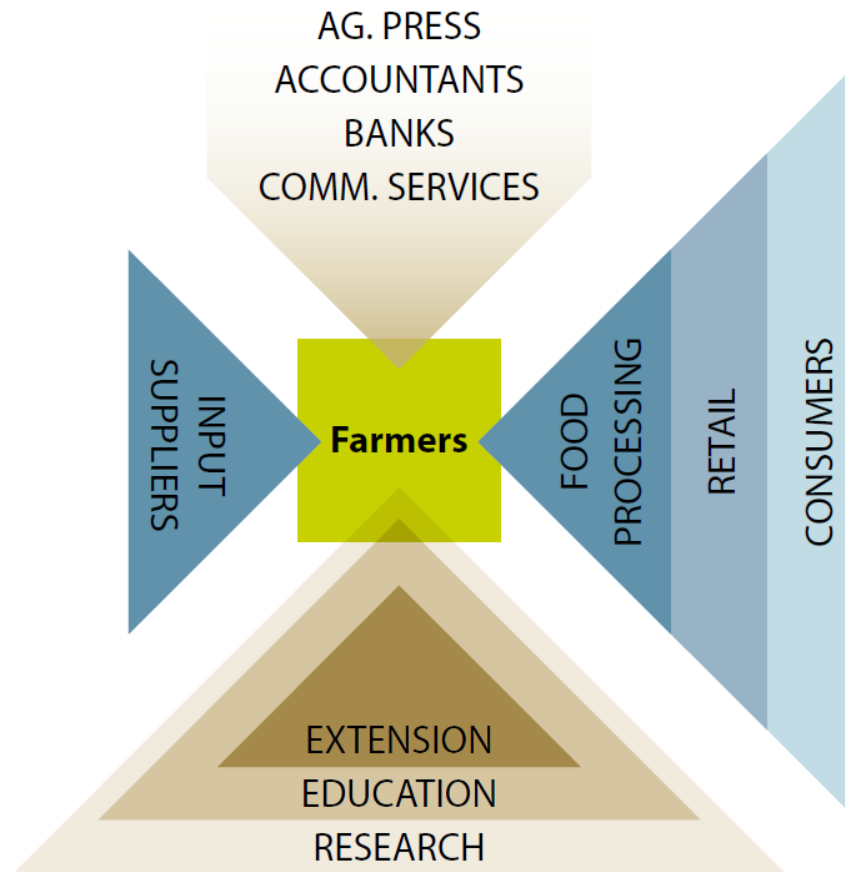
Bram Moeskops, Research & Innovation Manager

# Organic farmland in the EU: From 8% to 25%

Percentage of agricultural land which is organic



# Reaching 25% organic farmland requires R&I at all levels of the food system



# Input supply

## Organic seed from adapted cultivars



# Farming methods

## No-till system with cover crops



Farming methods  
Better livestock management for less antibiotics





# Food processing

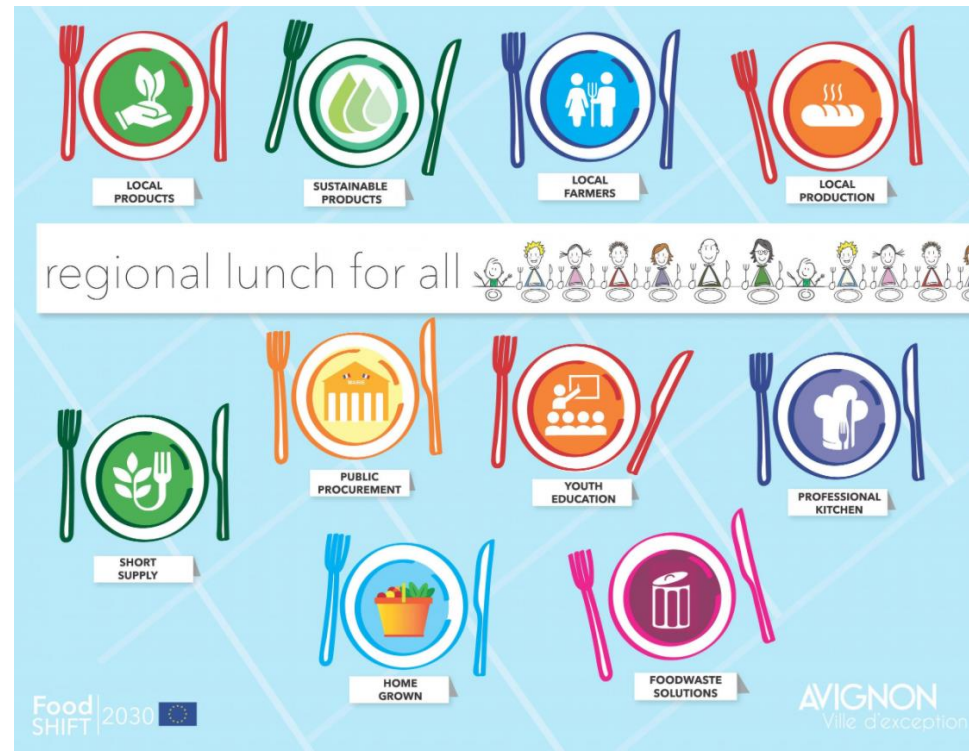
## Enhanced quality certification in organic wine



# Consumption

## Public procurement as a driver for regional, sustainable and organic food systems

### FOODSHIFT 2030



# Knowledge networks for accelerating adoption

Face-2-face knowledge exchange



On-line knowledge exchange



<https://organic-farmknowledge.org/>

# Take home messages

- Building on dynamics of organic agriculture to create sustainable food systems is smart and reasonable
- Research & Innovation is needed at all levels of the organic food system
- A strong organic “Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation System” is crucial
- And... don't forget the CAP. It should be fully aligned with Farm to Fork Strategy.
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# More Horizon 2020 projects...

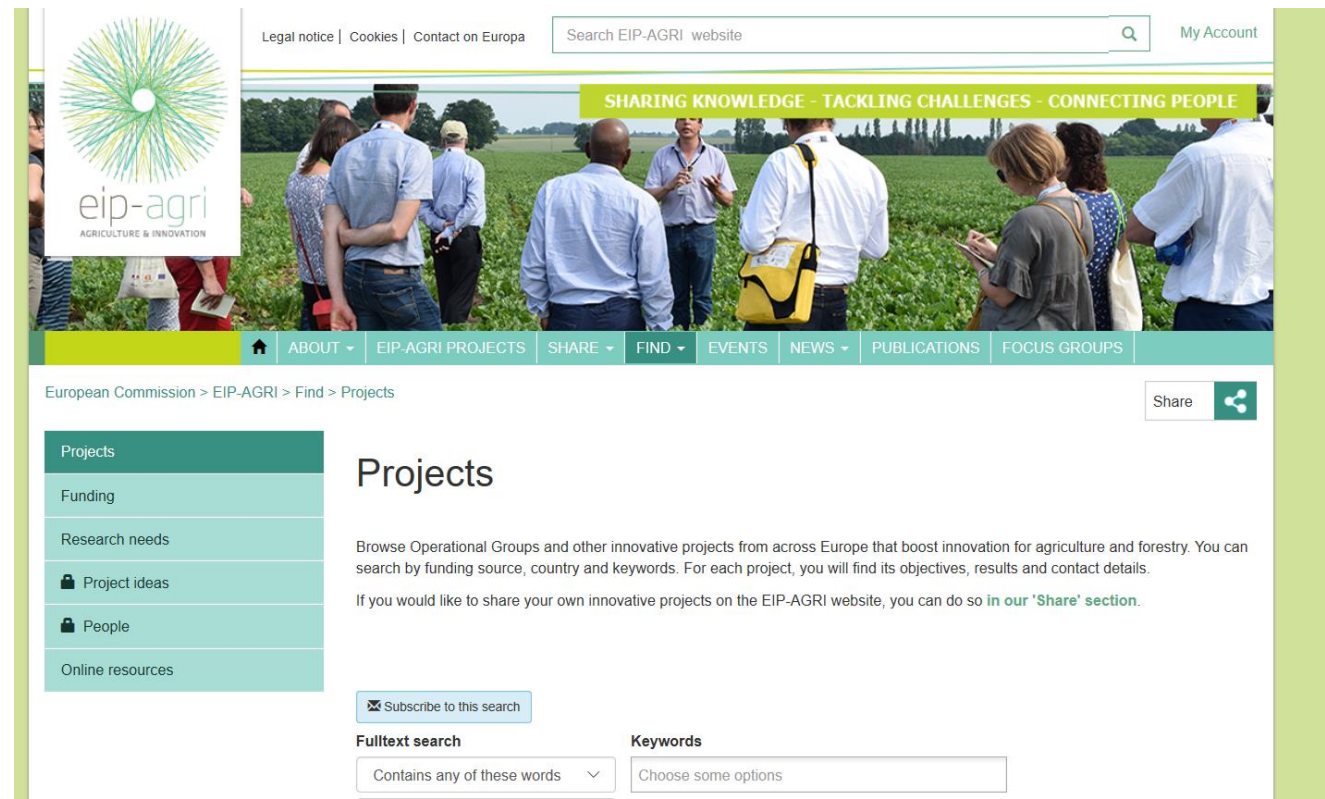
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- Public Goods from Agriculture and Forestry:** Why do R&D on public goods from agriculture and forestry matter?
- Digital Transformation in Agriculture and Rural Areas:** Why do R&D on agricultural and rural digital transformation matter?
- Soils:** Why do research and innovation on soils matter?
- Ecological Approaches and Organic Farming:** Why do research and innovation support ecological approaches and organic farming?
- Animal Production Systems:** Why do research and innovation on animal production matter?
- Sustainable, Circular and Innovative Value Chains:** Why do R&D on sustainable, circular and innovative value chains matter?
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- Water, Nutrients and Waste:** Why do research and innovation on water, nutrients and waste matter?
- Genetic Resources and Breeding:** Why do research and innovation on plant and animal genetic resources and breeding matter?

At the bottom of the collage, there are several data points and key themes related to the Horizon 2020 societal challenge 2:

- Key themes:** Sustainable, circular and innovative value chains; Enhancing human capital and boosting innovation systems; Animals and health; Plant health; Genetic resources and breeding; Water, nutrients and waste.
- Horizon 2020 societal challenge 2:** 53 billion EUR in total funding; 151 ME in research grants; 539 million in innovation grants.
- Key themes and health under Horizon 2020:** 21 projects in progress; 179 ME in total funding; 246 million in innovation grants.
- Genetic Resources and Breeding:** 23 projects in progress; 107 ME in total funding; 262 million in innovation grants.
- Water, Nutrients and Waste:** 54 projects in progress; 367 ME in total funding; 603 million in innovation grants.
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- Plant Health:** 23 projects in progress; 107 ME in total funding; 262 million in innovation grants.

## ... and EIP-AGRI operational groups



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<https://ec.europa.eu/eip/agriculture/en/find-connect/projects>



**What is planned for the future?**



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**How to maximise the impact of research and innovation  
on the ground supporting farmers in the transition to  
sustainable food systems from farm to fork?**

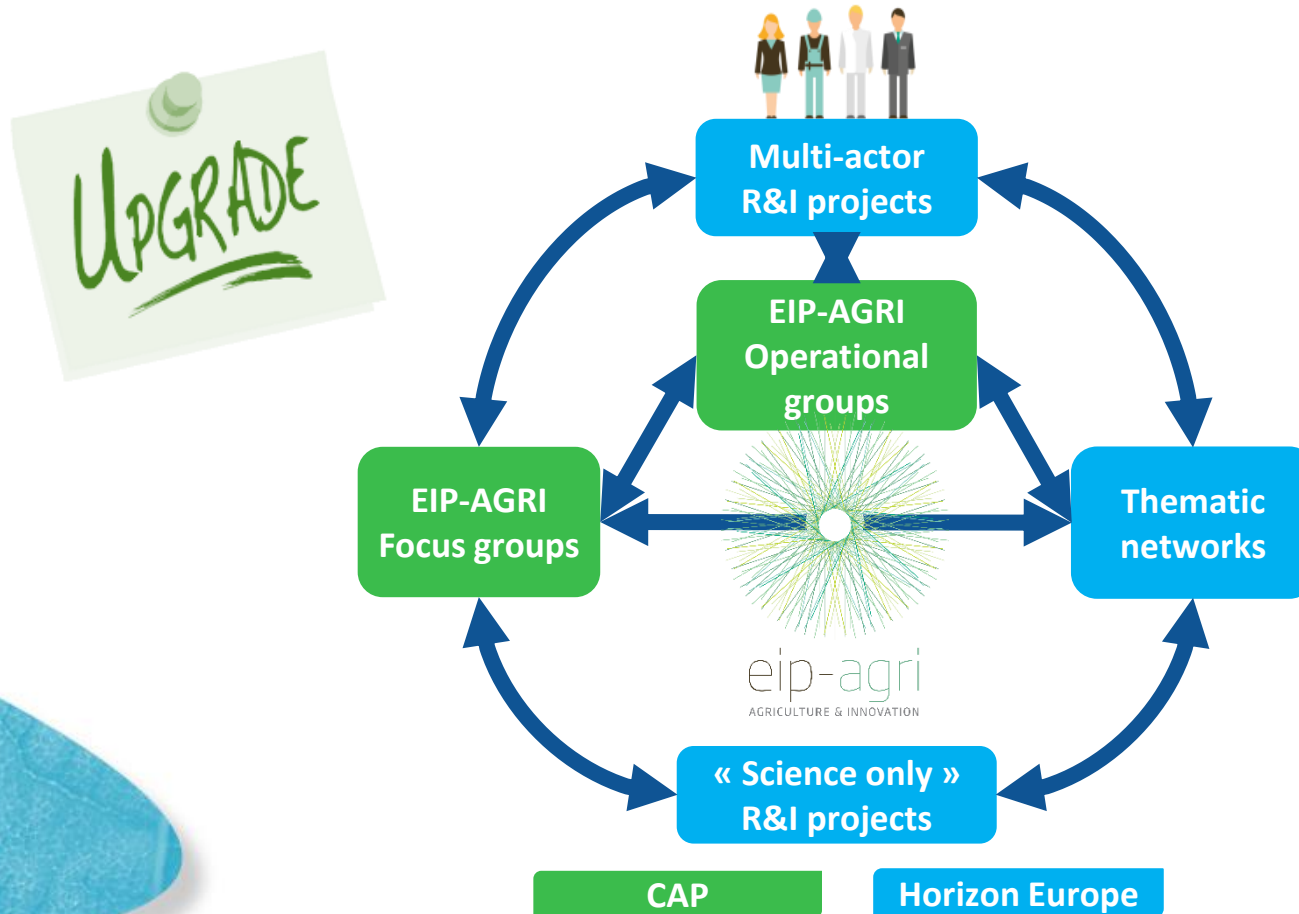


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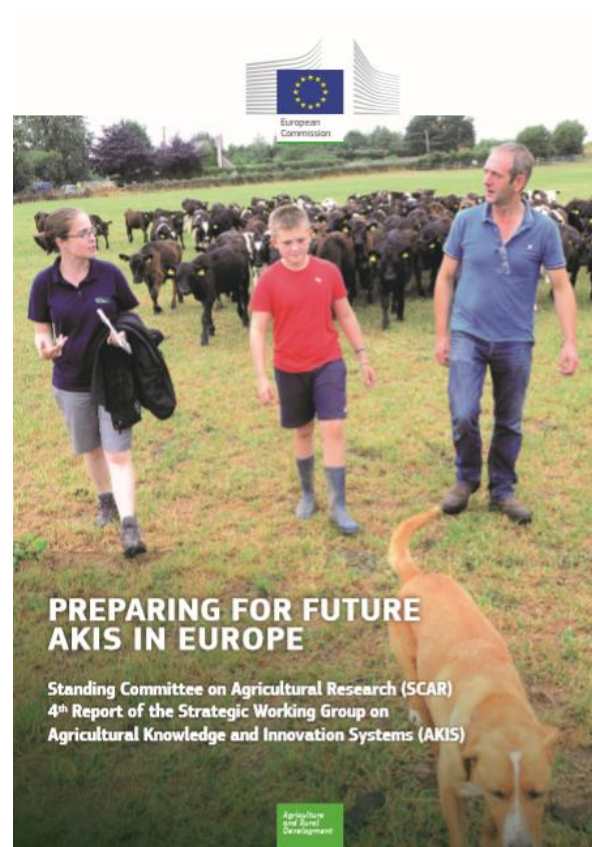


**Around 9 billion €** food, bioeconomy, natural resources, agriculture and environment

## Boosting implementation & impact on the ground



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## Encouraging synergies



**Accelerating farming systems transitions:  
agroecology living labs and research infrastructures**



**Safe and sustainable food systems  
for people, planet and climate**



**Agriculture of data**



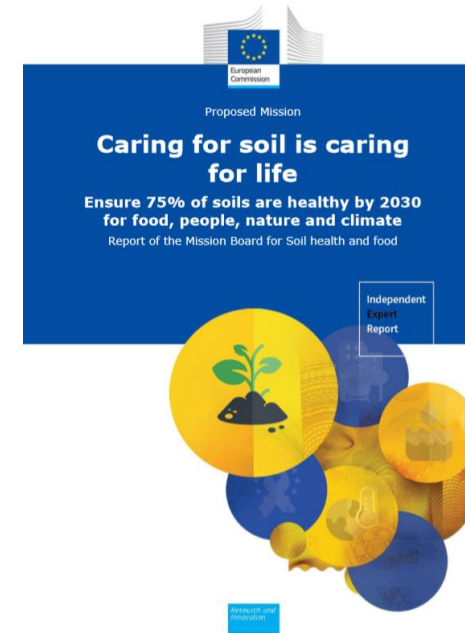
**Animals and health**

# Leaving space for new approaches

## R&I Mission

### Caring for soil is caring for life

Ensure 75% of soils are healthy by 2030  
for healthy food, people, nature and climate





## **SOIL HEALTH AND FOOD**





# Panel discussion

## Let's meet our panellist



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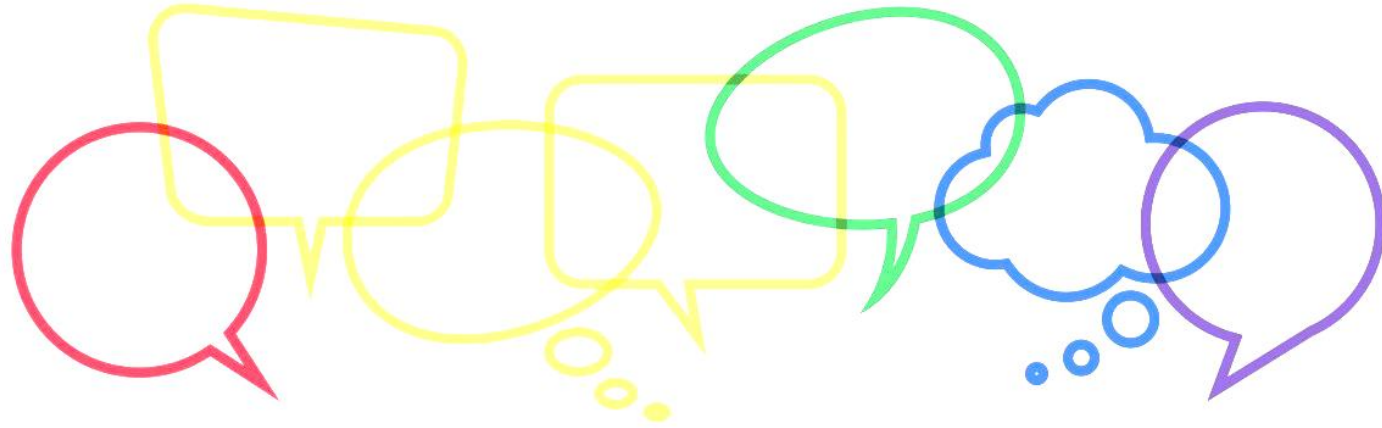


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# Conclusions

