

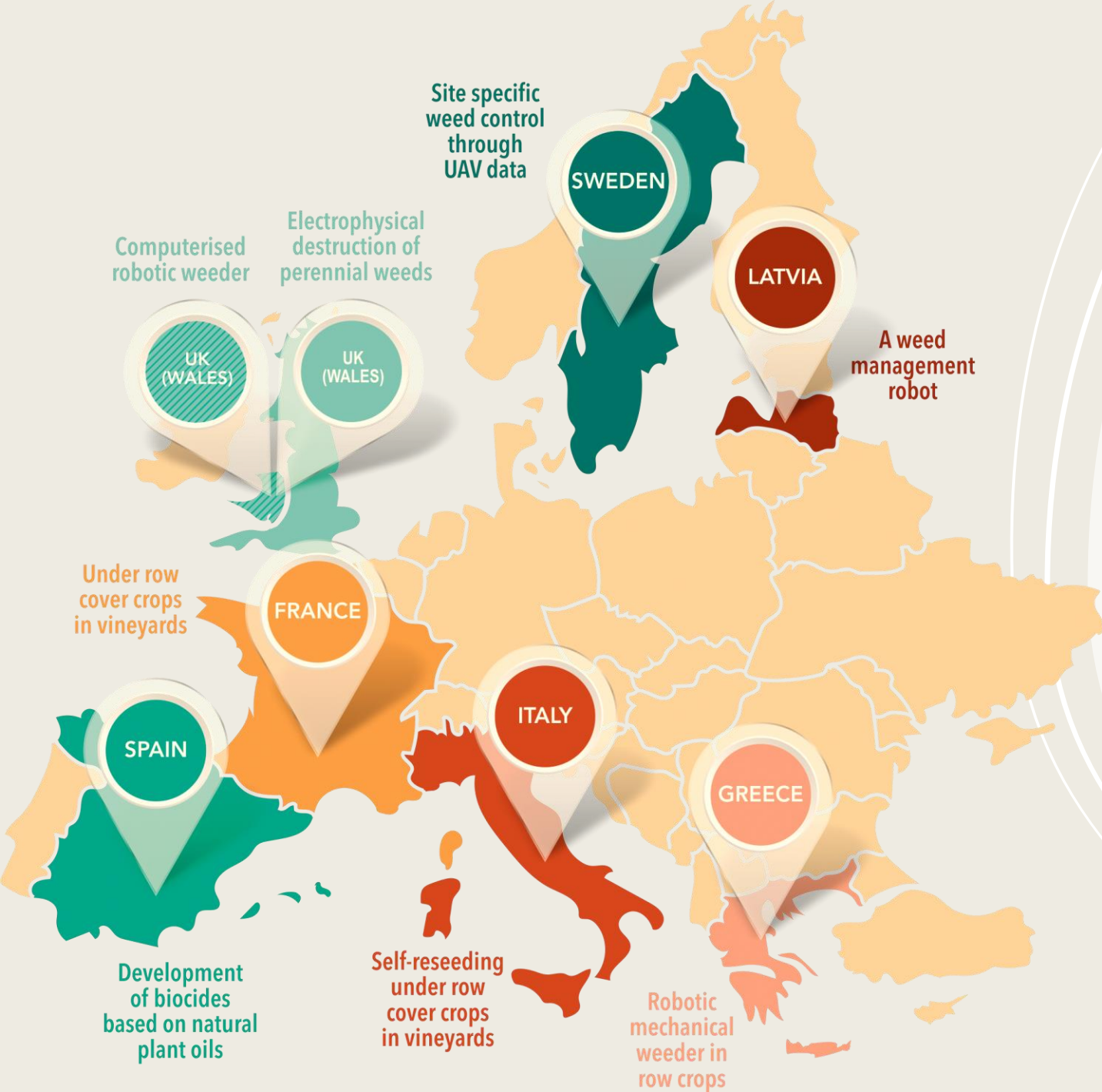
European Thematic Network for
unlocking the full potential of
Operational Groups on alternative
weed control

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Project scope

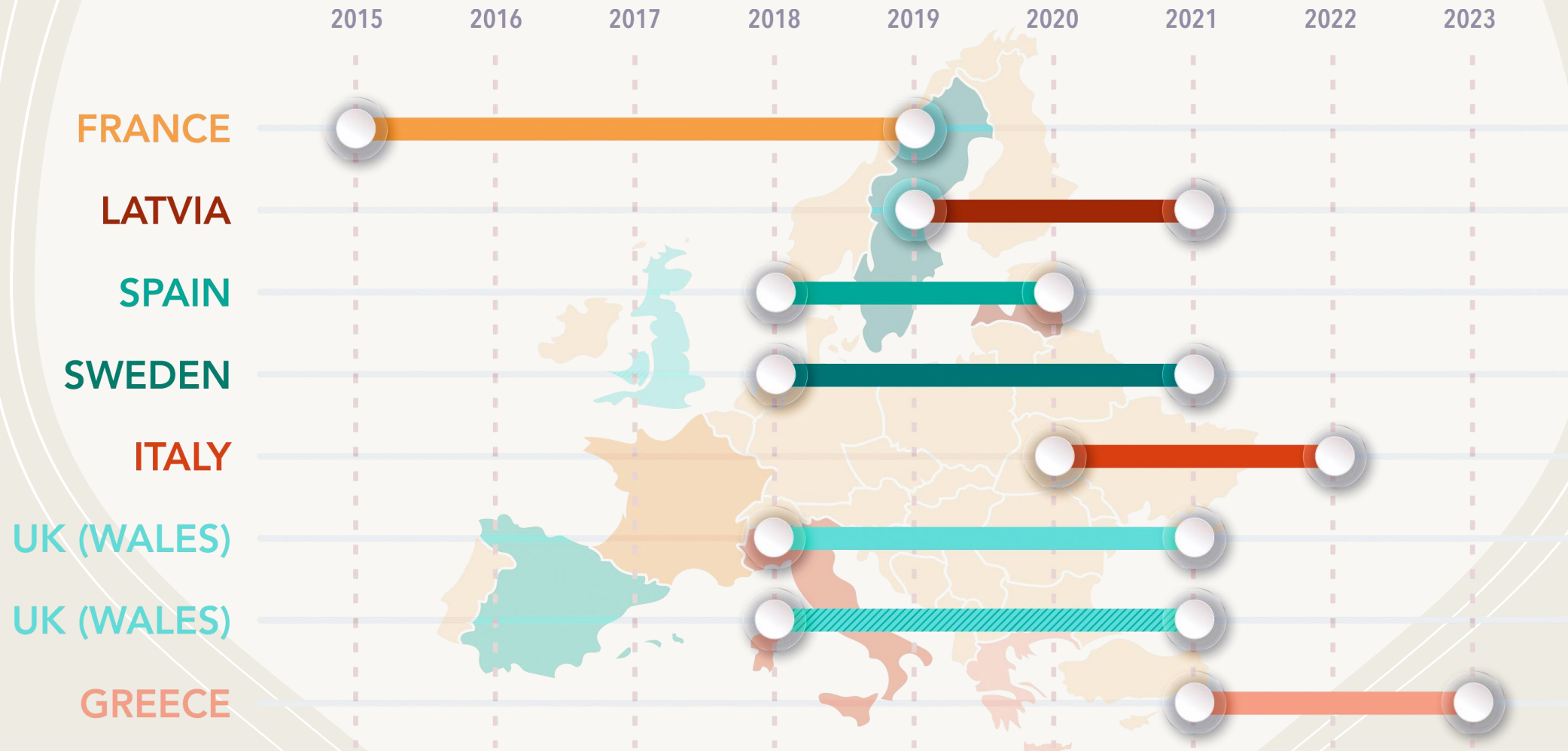
Oper8 will set-up a self-sustainable, multi-actor, EU-wide Thematic Network to support and promote solutions for **non-chemical weed control** by building upon the knowledge and outcomes of **eight (8) Operational Groups**, stimulating knowledge exchange among all relevant actors and stakeholders.

Budget: 2 million Euros

Duration: 36 months

Operational Groups

Build collaboration schemes among OGs that progress at a different pace, providing the opportunity to learn from the 'early birds', which will bring hands-on experience



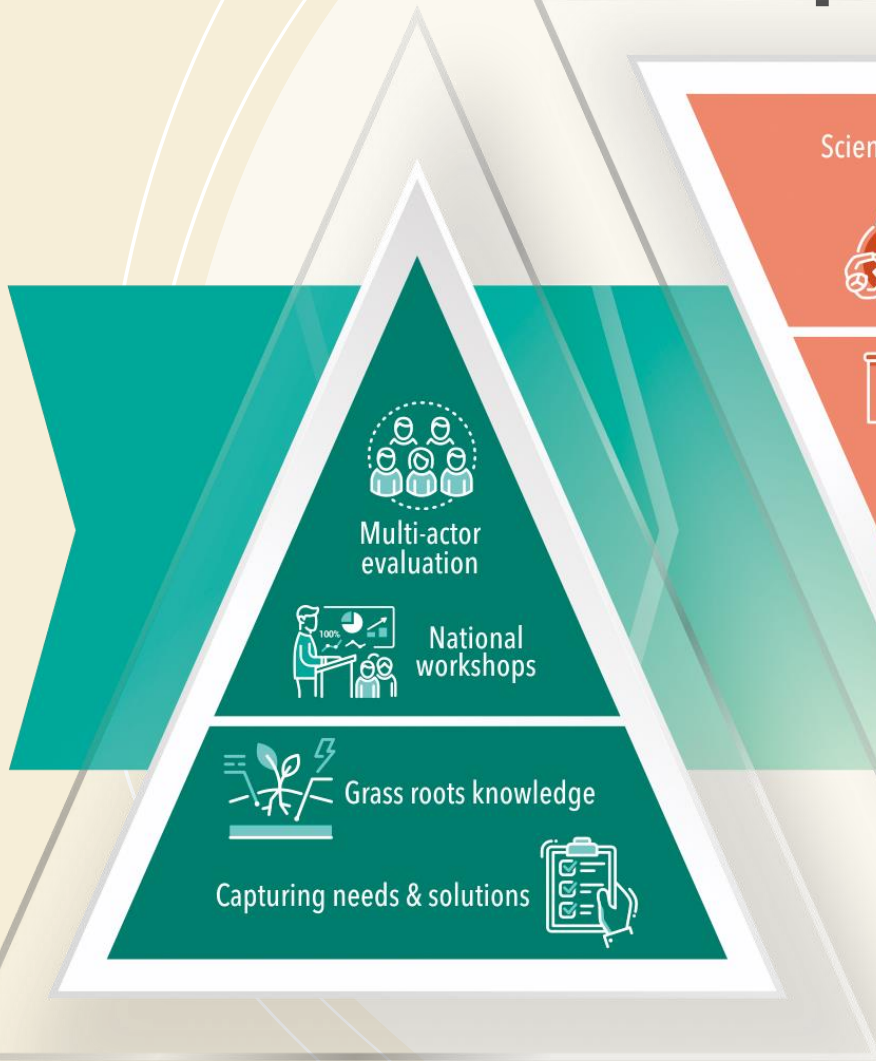
- Set up national AKIS Networks within 7 countries
- Identify needs gaps and barriers, imposed by different contexts, for the broad adoption of solutions
- Create an inventory based on OGs and wider research, project results and commercial solutions
- Adapt and scale up local and transnational knowledge exchange and experiences

How?

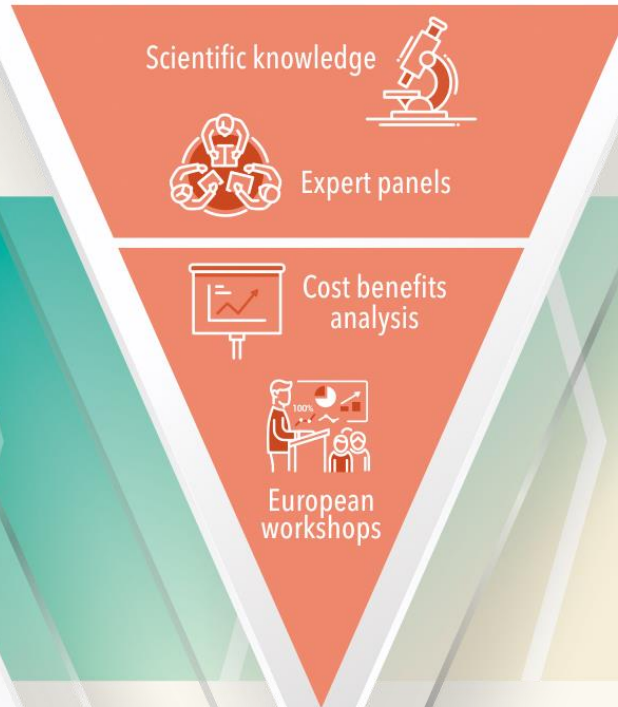
- Mainstream existing scientific and practical knowledge on non-chemical weed control and maximise the impact of OGs' results, through translated/localised Practice Abstracts, Videos, and E-learning material, Demo Farms, policy recommendations, training material



Top-down Approach



Multi-Actor

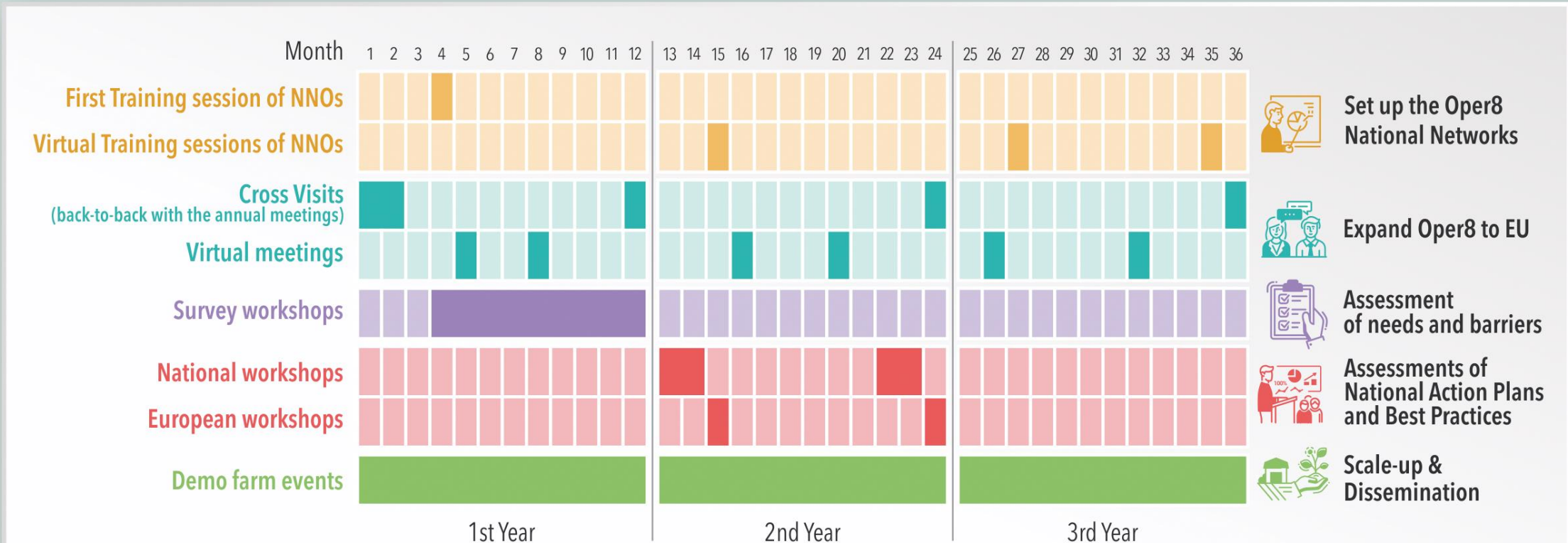


- Capture the needs of practitioners, through focus groups and questionnaires
- Develop National Action Plans and create an inventory based on available solutions, needs, gaps and barriers
 - National and European workshops to collectively evaluate the inventoried solutions and success stories
- Selection of Best Practices (ready to use solutions)
- Adapt and scale up local and transnational knowledge exchange and experiences

Bottom up

Cross fertilisation

- Cross visits
- Virtual Meetings
- Survey Workshops
- National Workshops
- European Workshops
- Demo Farm Events



Set up the Oper8 National Networks



Expand Oper8 to EU



Assessment of needs and barriers



Assessments of National Action Plans and Best Practices



Scale-up & Dissemination

IMPACT

AKIS

- Raise awareness and increase the knowledge of farmers and advisors towards alternative weed control practices
- Use innovative and cost-effective non-chemical weed control practices to produce safe food in environmentally friendly manner.

SOCIETY

- Raise awareness about the negative consequences of the chemical weed control
- Drive a mindset and behavioural shift towards sustainable agrifood systems

POLICY

- Bring sustainable agriculture to policymaking
- Design and promote new regulations and policies for mitigating harmful agricultural practices

INDUSTRY

- Unlock the huge growth potential of the market of non-chemical weed control practices and involve industry professionals

RESEARCH

- Link educational institutions with farmers and advisors, through practice-based knowledge
- Raise awareness to the young generation of students on sustainable agricultural practices

CAP NETWORKS

- Accelerate the peer to peer leaning and cross-fertilization and knowledge exchanges
- Achieve network multiplier effects for large-scale transformative changes

IMPACT

700 participants in cross-border visits & virtual gatherings

100 EIP-AGRI Practice Abstracts

80 fact sheets

60 articles

50 audio-visual material

30 press releases

10.000 AKIS actors reached

2,100 users of training material

80 ready to use solutions(Best Practices)

24 policy recommendations

24 on-farm-demonstrations

15 links with other EU/national projects

EIP-AGRI channels

EU –FARMBOOK platform

Thematic Networks: AFINET, INNOSETA, WINETWORK

EU networks channels: SmartAgriHubs, FAIRshare, IoF2020, EUREKA, IWMPRAISE, AE4EU, GO-GRASS, Horti-blueC

Partner's Network: over 600 resources, blogs and farmer profiles on agroecological practices, involving more than 55 municipalities

SUSTAINABILITY

OPER8 Partners

Research

Agricultural University of
Athens

University of Santiago de
Compostela

University of Pisa

Institut Français de la Vigne et
du Vin

Latvia University of Life
Sciences and Technologies

Farmer and advisory networks

RSK ADAS LTD

AGROVASTäst

Farmers Parliament

Progressive Farming Trust LTD
LBG

Industry

AGROMET P.C.



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Thank You

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