

# Agroforestry development in France: from local to national level *(and beyond...)*



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***“A fertile soil in a fertile landscape”***

- Carbon cycle?
- Organic farming?



**A lack of communication  
between stakeholders...**









## The French Agroforestry Association (creation 2007)

→ Launched **by**, **with** and **for** farmers

### Goals:

- 1) Connecting stakeholders/experiences together
- 2) Raising awareness
- 3) Exchanging knowledge (incl. training)
- 4) Encouraging/coordinating multi-actor projects (incl. research)
- 5) Fostering policy improvements



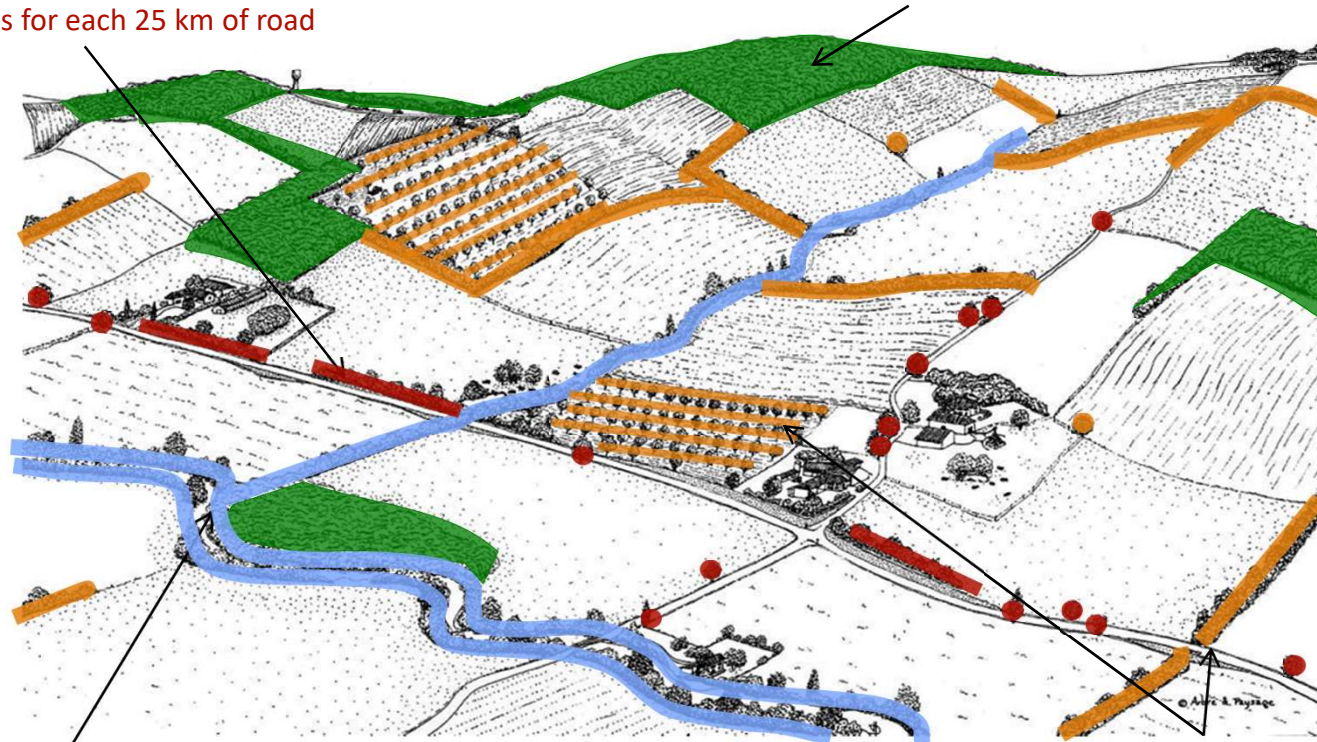
# Building a network ... of partners



# The need for landscape cooperation

**Highway engineers**  
125 m<sup>3</sup>/yr of fuelwood  
75 t of grass for each 25 km of road

**Foresters**  
880 m<sup>3</sup> of fuelwood for an area of  
800 ha



**River conservationists**  
460 m<sup>3</sup>/yr of fuelwood for each 55 km  
of river

**Farmers**  
30 m<sup>3</sup> of fuelwood/yr/farm  
(100 ha, of which 20ha are agroforestry  
+ 5km of hedges)



# Agr'eau – a farmer-centered initiative



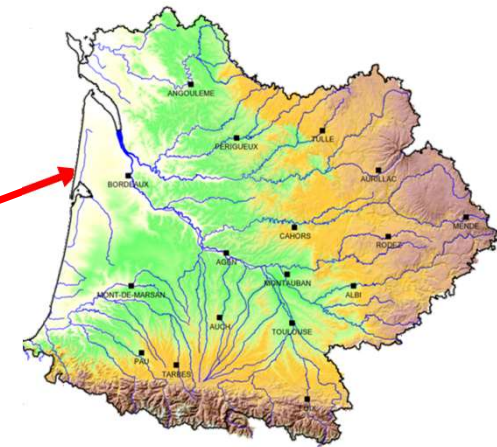
Aim: collaborative development of farming practices that allow for...

- Sustainable soil & water management (landscape approach)
- Intensification & optimization of farming systems

→ Producing more, with less...  
while protecting the environment



A long-term  
development  
programme  
launched in  
2013



Adour-Garonne watershed



# Agr'eau – a farmer-centered initiative



# Agr'eau – A multi-partner initiative

## The institutions

Programme manager

***French Agroforestry Association***



Founding partners

***IAD : Sustainable agriculture Institute***

***A.O.C Sols: local soil conservation association***

***Arbre et Paysage 32: local farmer association***



Sponsors



**Water Agency: 50% of programme budget**

Associated partners





**C loss:  
600 kg/ha...**

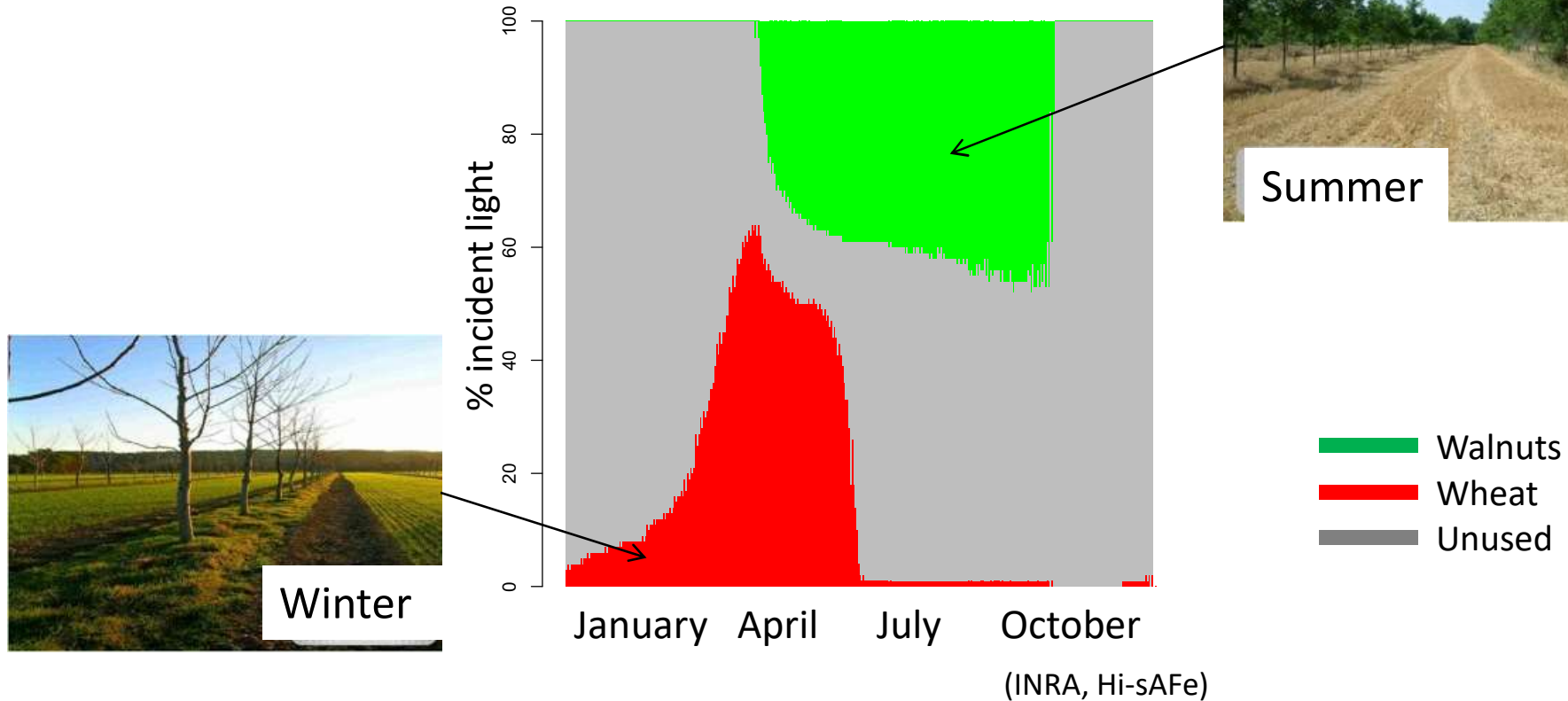
*‘Wait... did we  
not miss a step?’*





# Capturing sunlight in agroforestry

## Complementarity



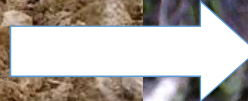
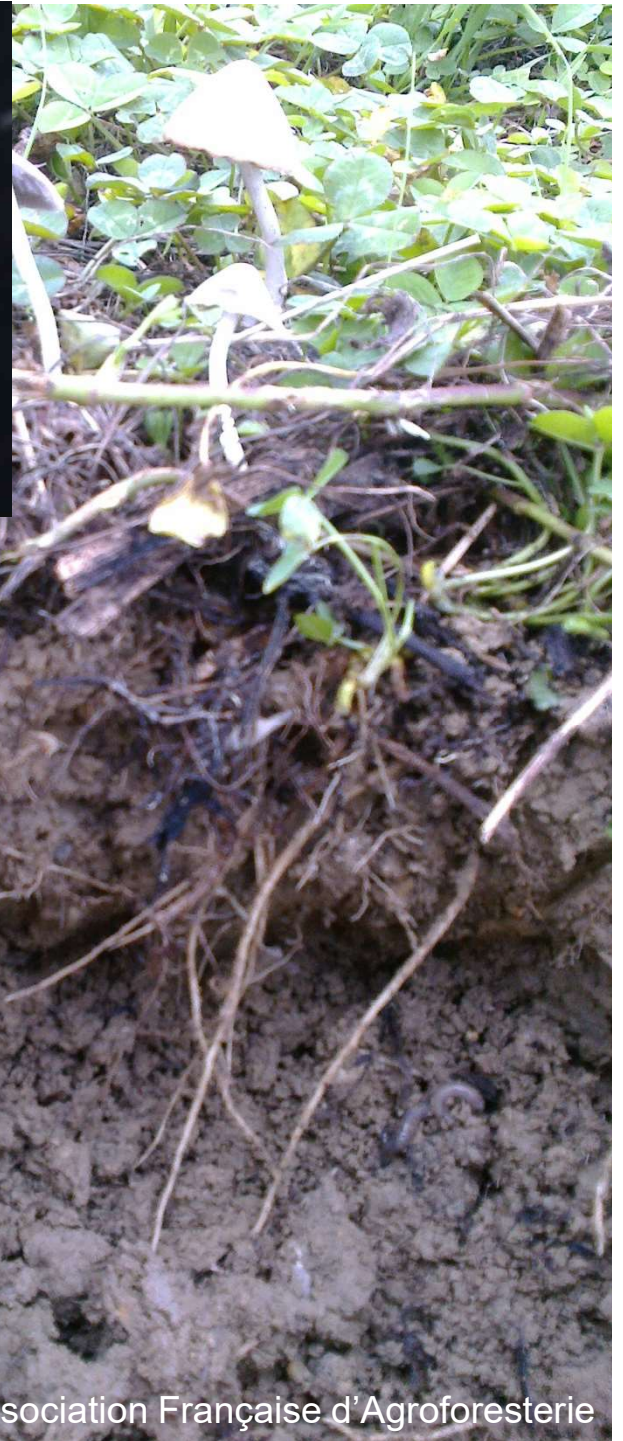
On a 1-yr period, 15 yr old trees + wheat



**No-till + direct seeding into living mulch =  
Healthy, fertile, filtering soils**









# AGROforestry as a means to reach sustainable farming







**13t of biomass/ha**







# Conversation agriculture...



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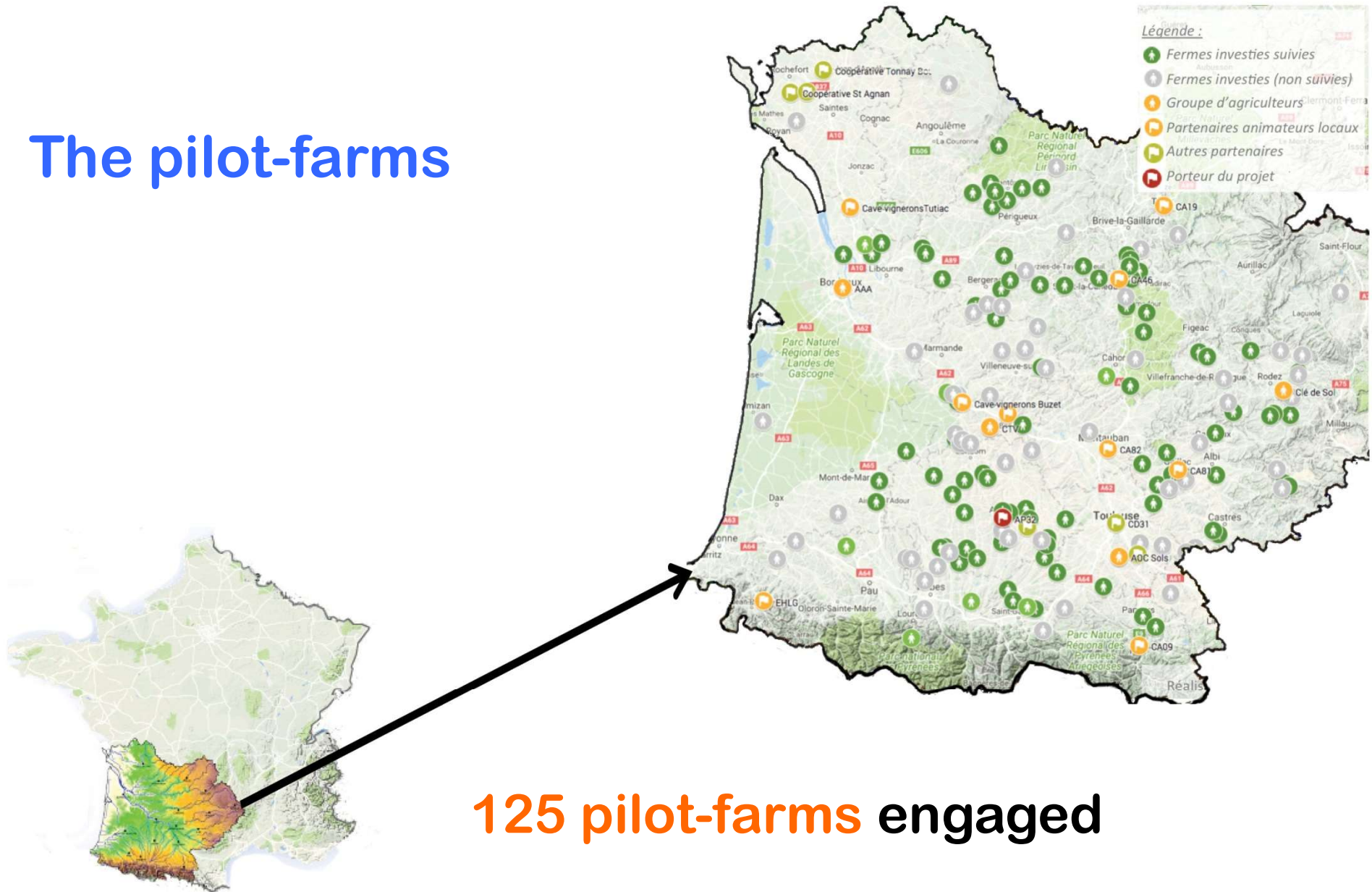
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# The keystone of the Agr'eau initiative:

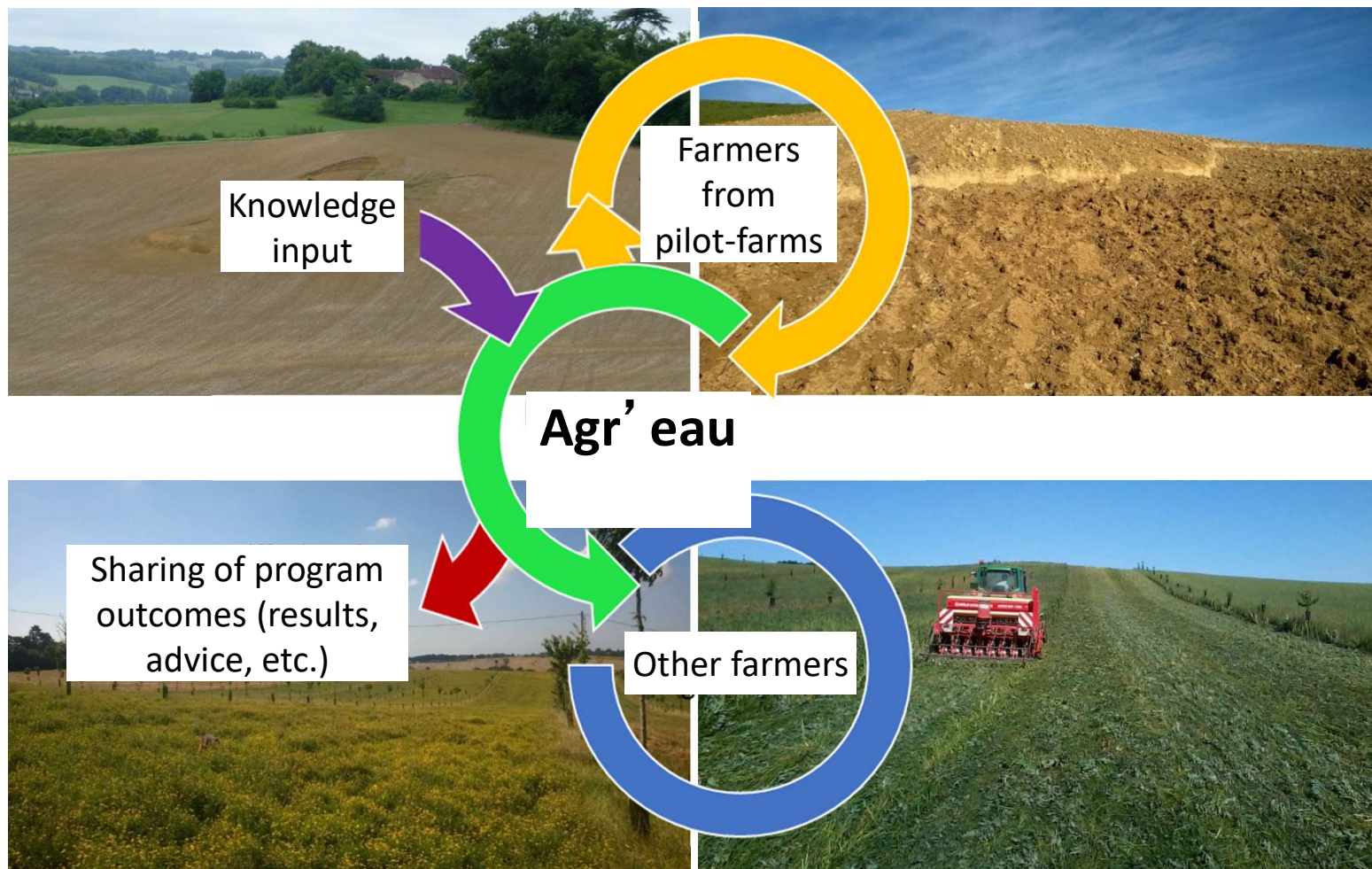
## The pilot-farms



125 pilot-farms engaged

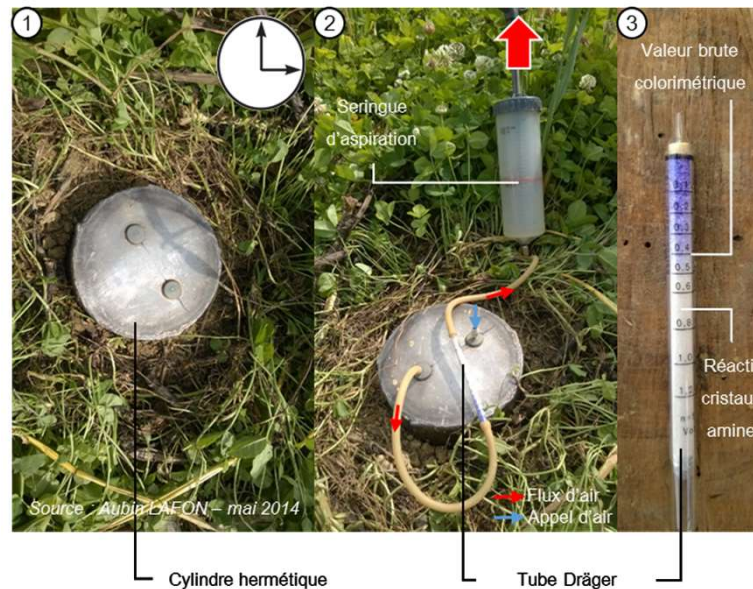


# Farmers, the motors of innovation!



# Assessing results – Field-level

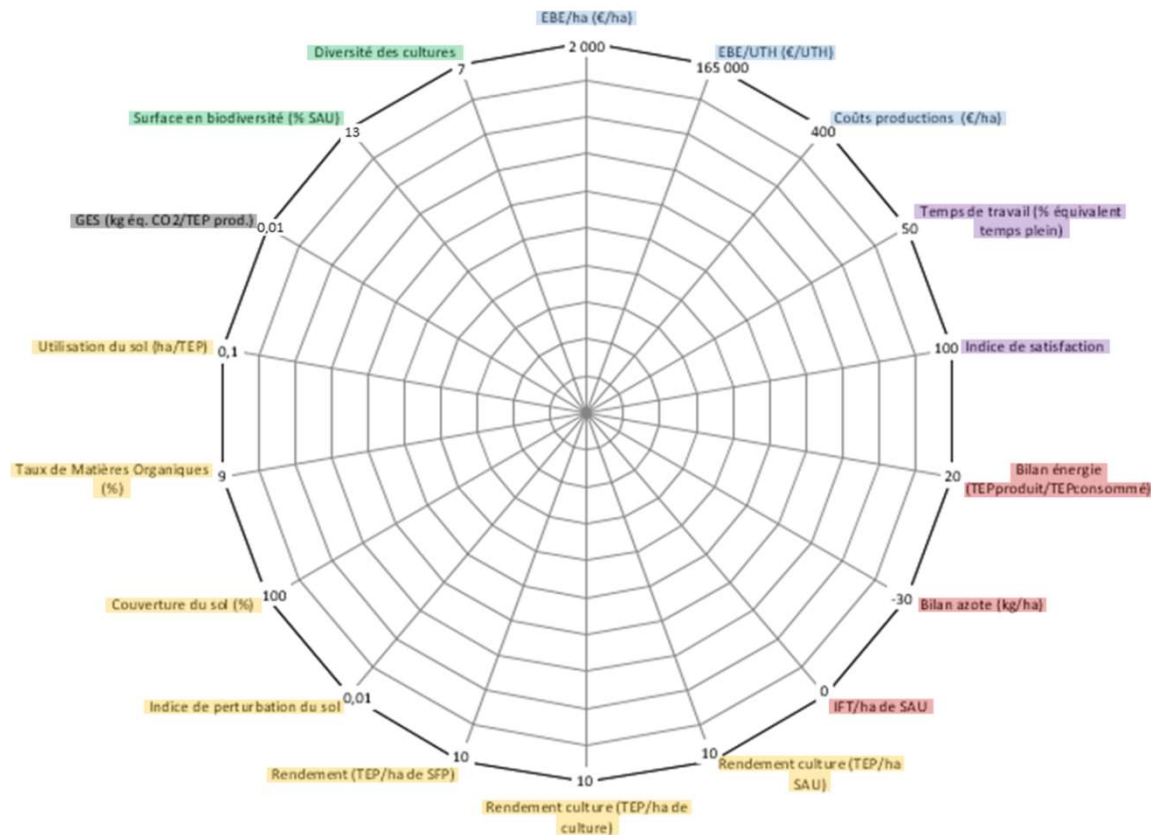
- **Humus, carbon & nitrogen balances**: impact of farming practices on soil organic matter and soil dynamics
- **Soil quality** assesment: biological activity, water infiltration capacity, etc.
- **Biomass yield** per year





# Assessing results – Farm-level

- **Multi-criteria evaluation** of farm performances (radar charts)



Economic viability

Social viability

Input efficiency

Soil quality

Green house gases

Biodiversity

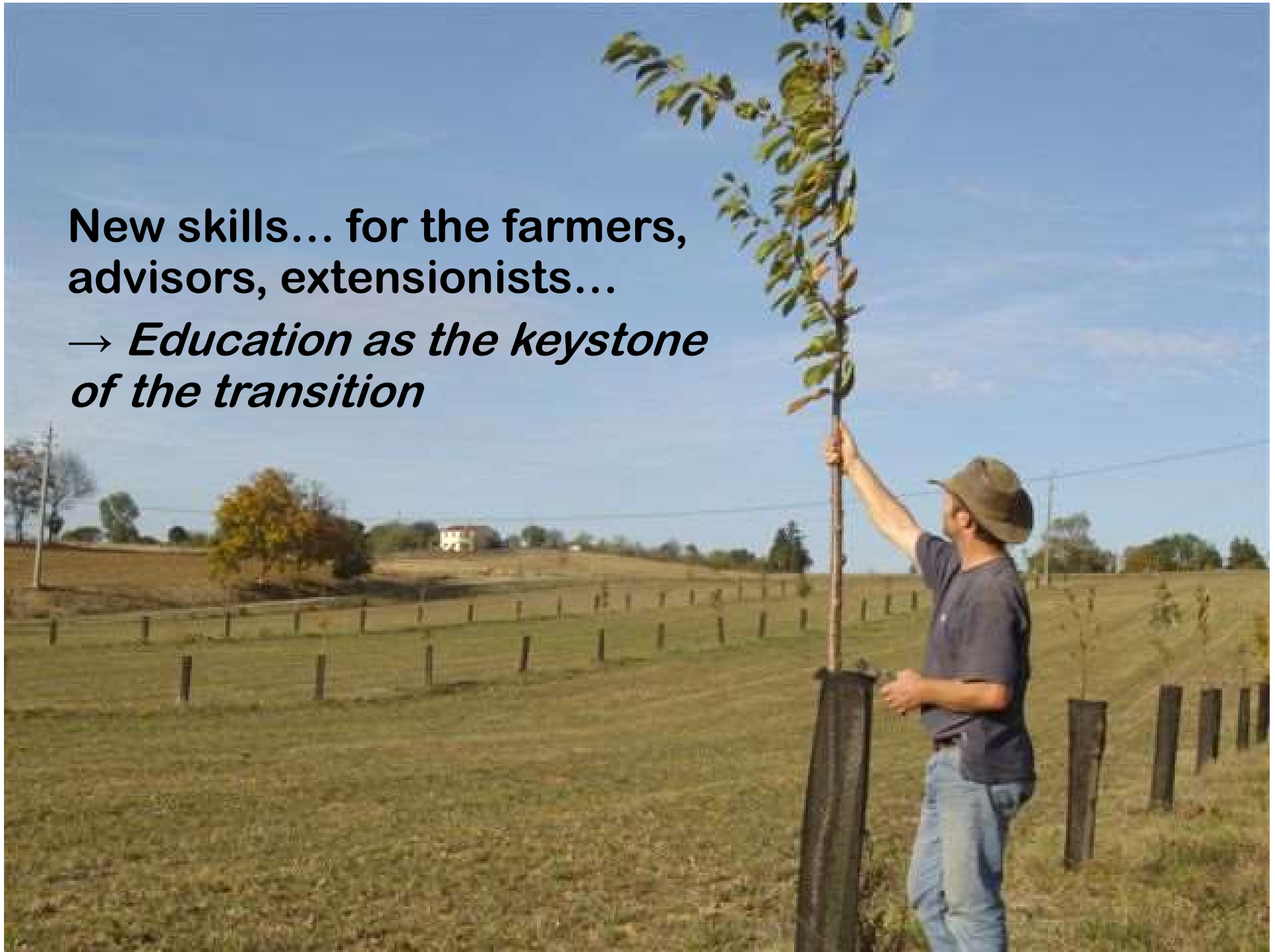
# Raising awareness...





New skills... for the farmers,  
advisors, extensionists...

→ *Education as the keystone  
of the transition*





# Keeping feet on the ground...

MEPs

Farmer





2012-2013  
2 ha d'agroforesterie  
(80 arbres)

2011-2012  
5,45 ha d'agroforesterie  
(268 arbres)

2006-2007  
5,7 ha d'agroforesterie  
(230 arbres)

2010-2011  
520 mètres de haie

Bordures laissées  
en Régénération  
Naturelle Assistée

82 ha de SAU - 2 UTH  
En agriculture biologique depuis 2010  
Techniques Culturelles Simplifiées depuis 2007  
Couverture végétale permanente des sols

**Productions végétales : grandes cultures et fourrages en production biologique**

• Cultures: blé, orge, féverole, pois, tournesol, sorgho

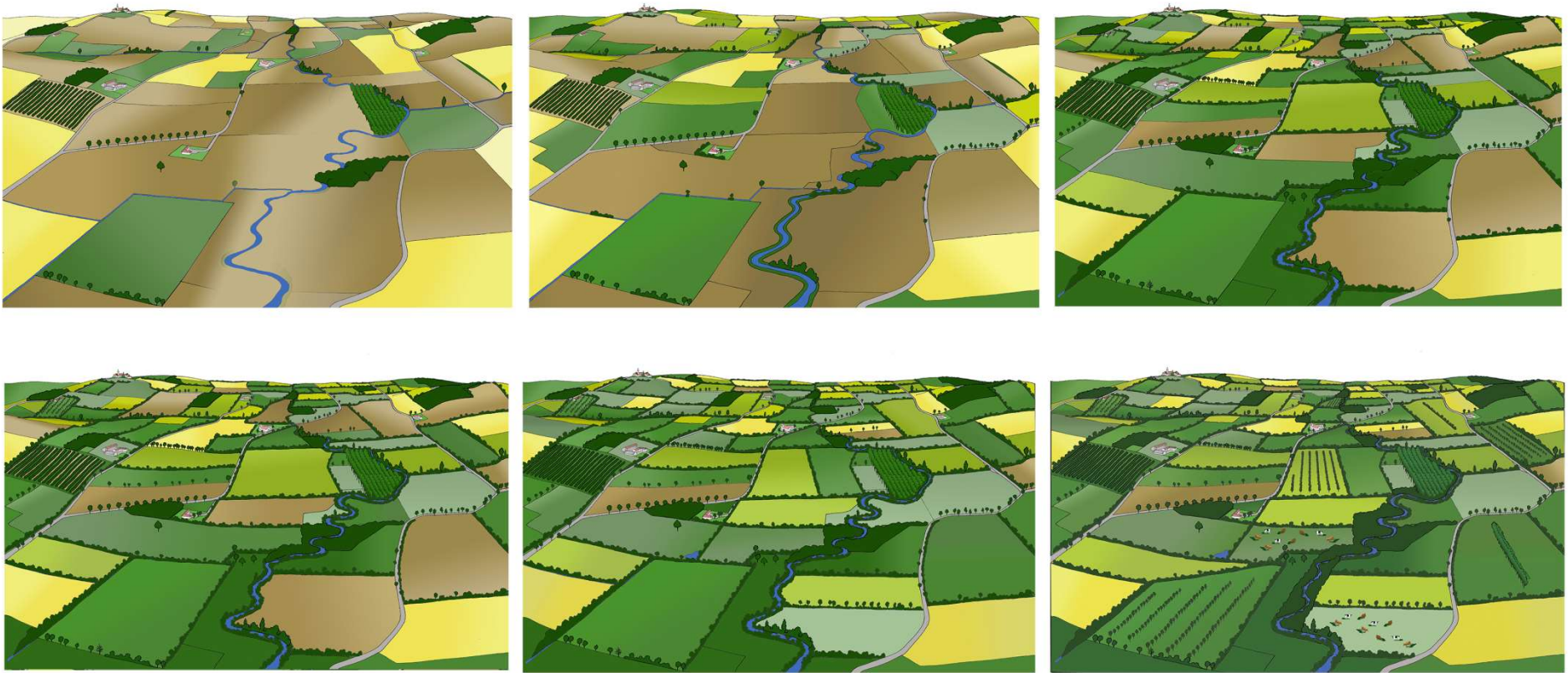
2006-2007  
2,5 ha d'agroforesterie  
(127 arbres)  
110 mètres de haie

2006-2007



# An agro-ecological transition

→ Multiple time and space scales





# French Rural Network on Agroforestry (2015-18)



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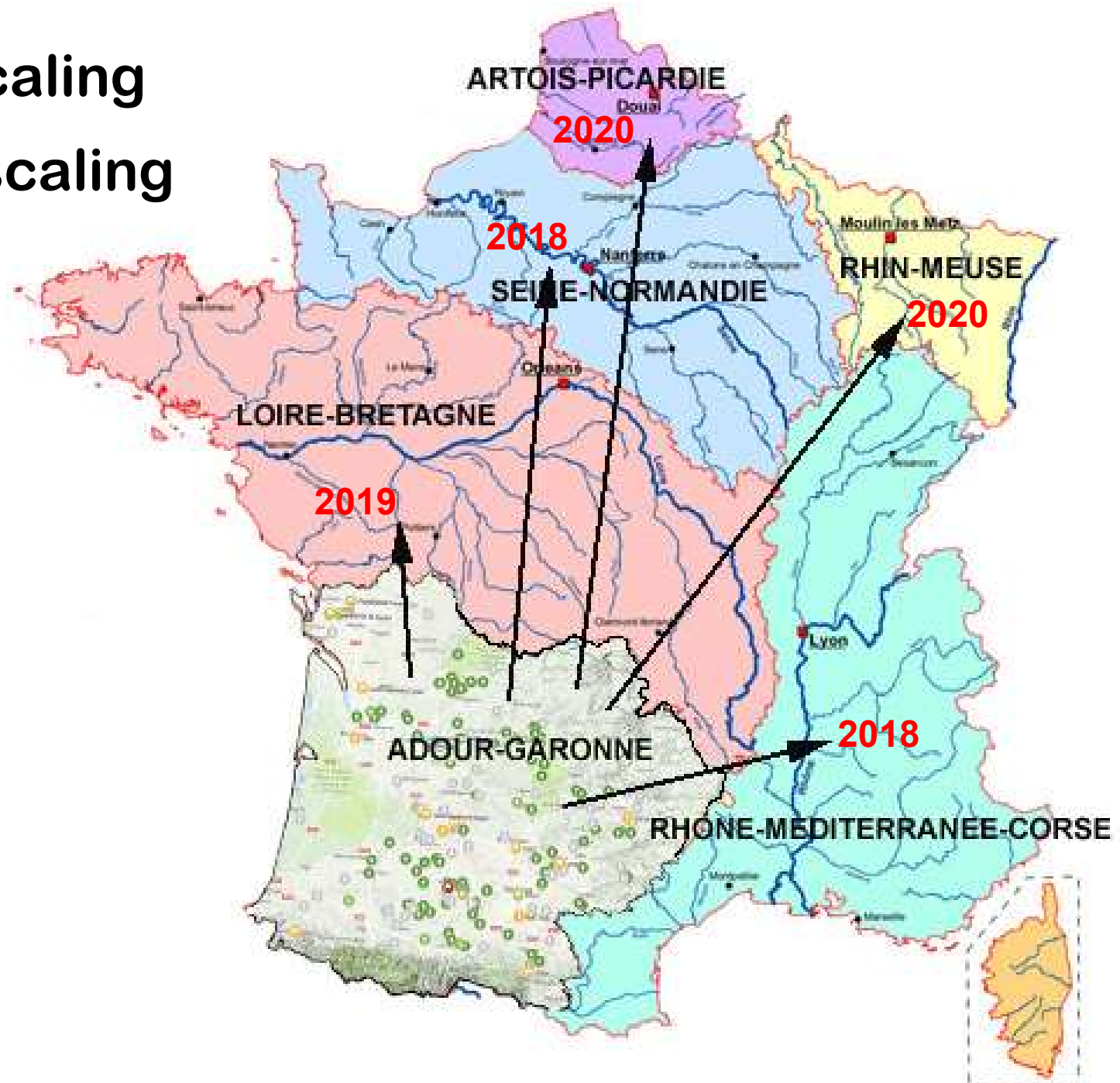
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# Outscaling & upscaling





**More innovations on the way...**





# Agroforestry: a food revolution



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**AGRICULTURE  
du VIVANT**



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Agence de l'Eau  
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Restaurateurs



Industriels

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Distributeurs



Multimédia  
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Industriels



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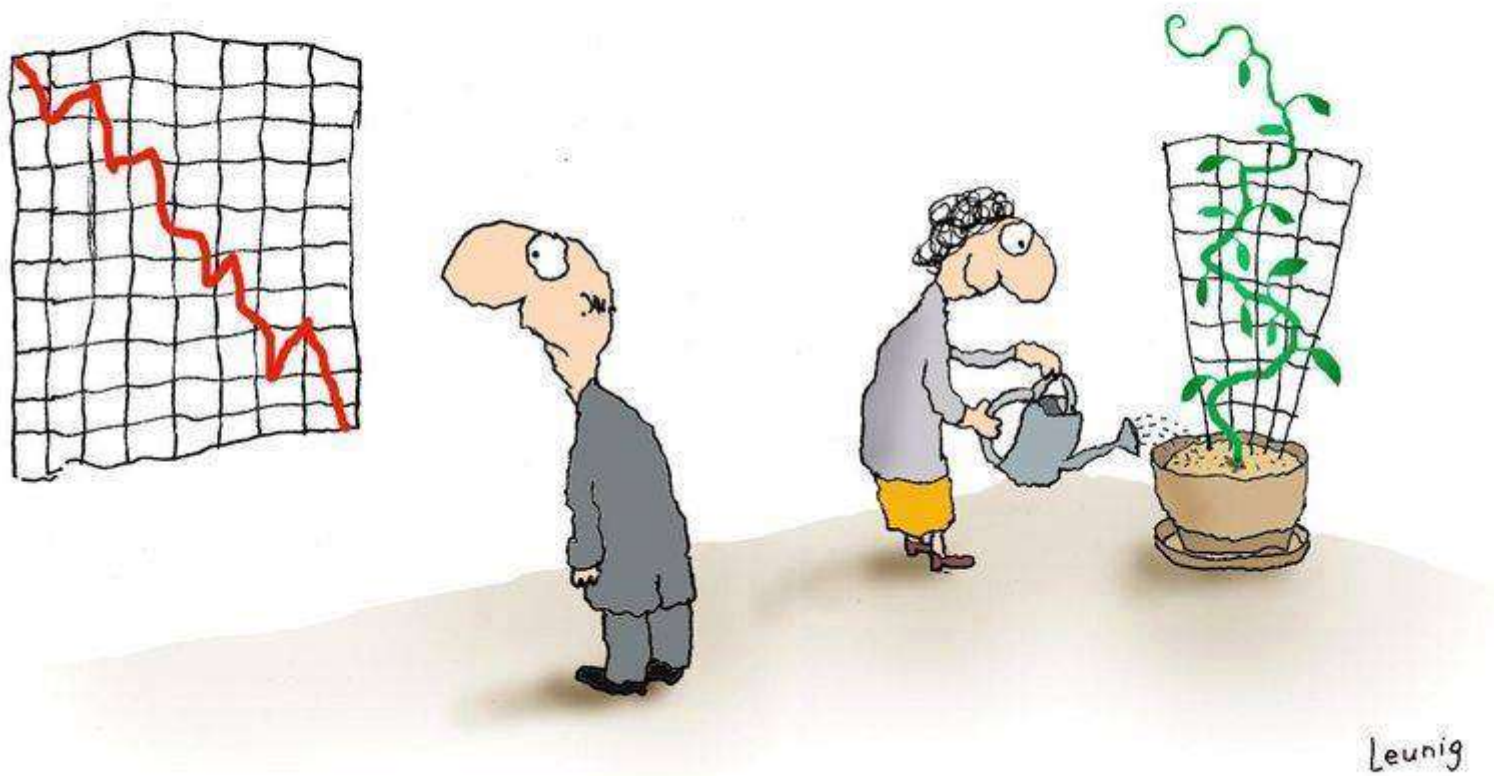
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