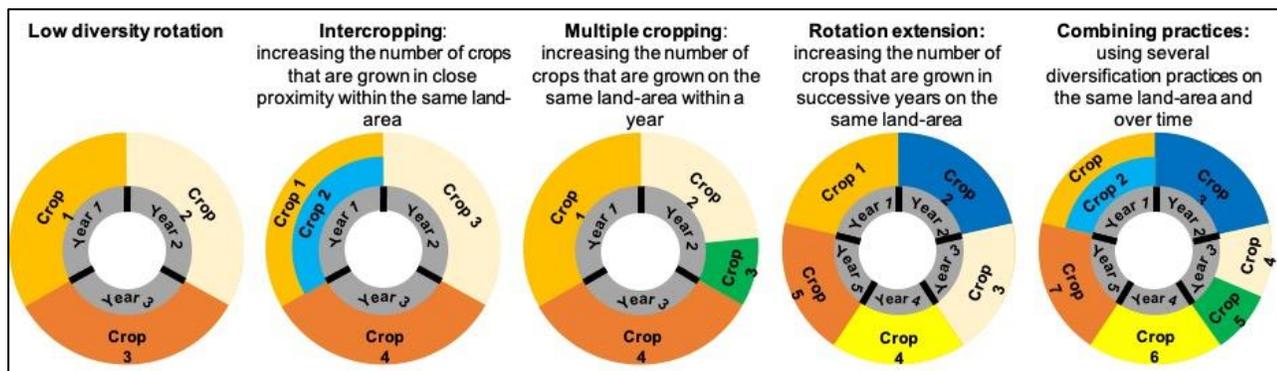




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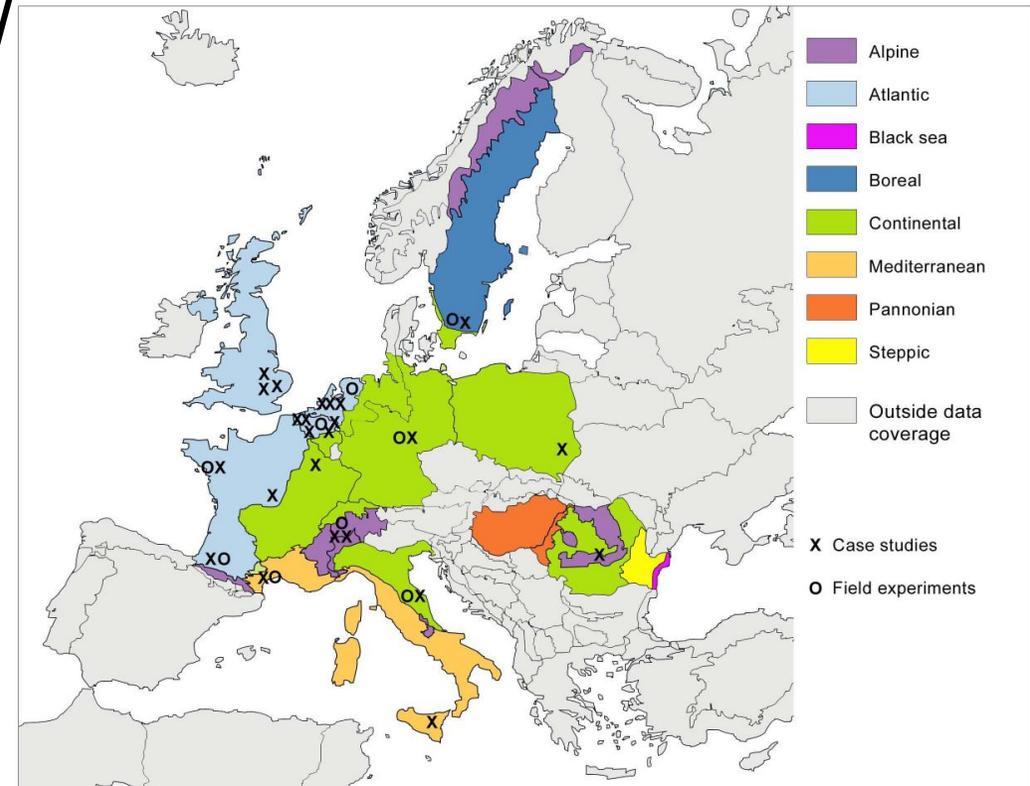
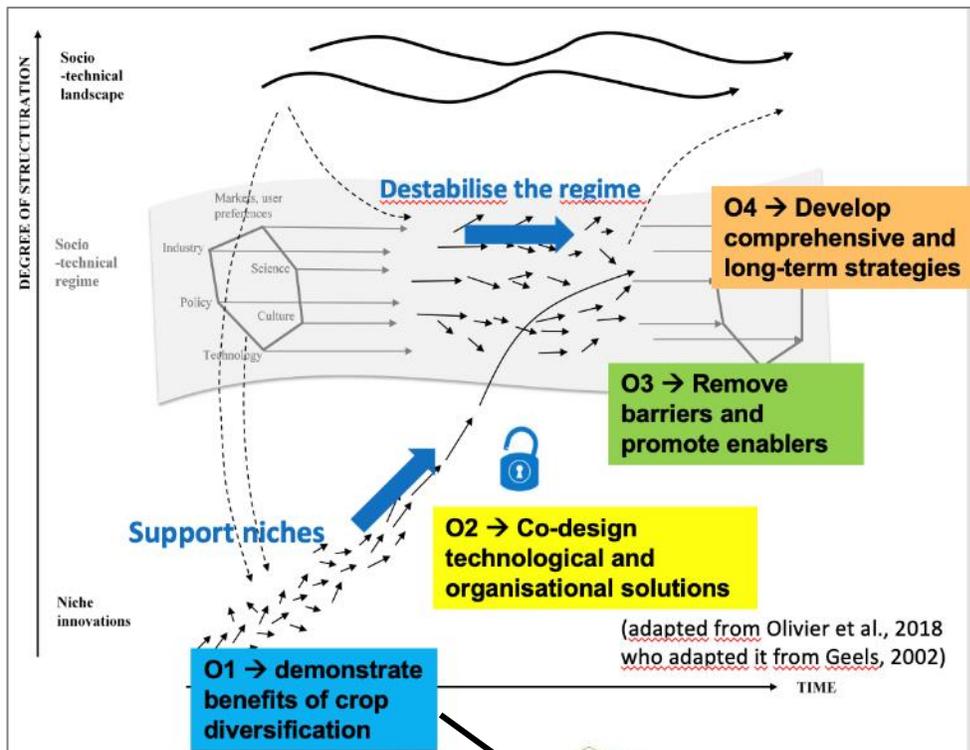


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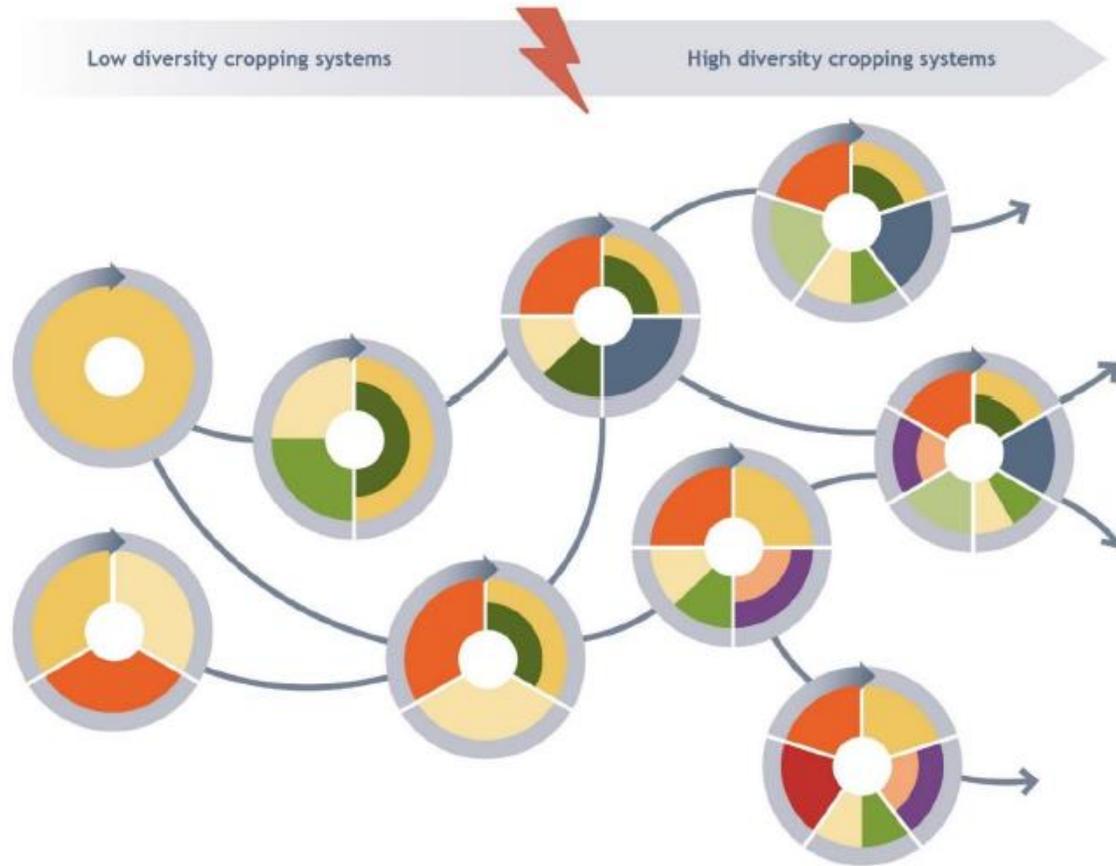
- Background /concepts
- Indicators used in field experiments (FE)
- Field experiments database
- Additional assessment tools
- Relevance for monitoring and evaluation
- Links to complementary projects

# Unlocking the potential of crop diversification to support sustainability transitions requires systemic changes

## WP3 Quantification of the benefits from diversified cropping systems through field experiments

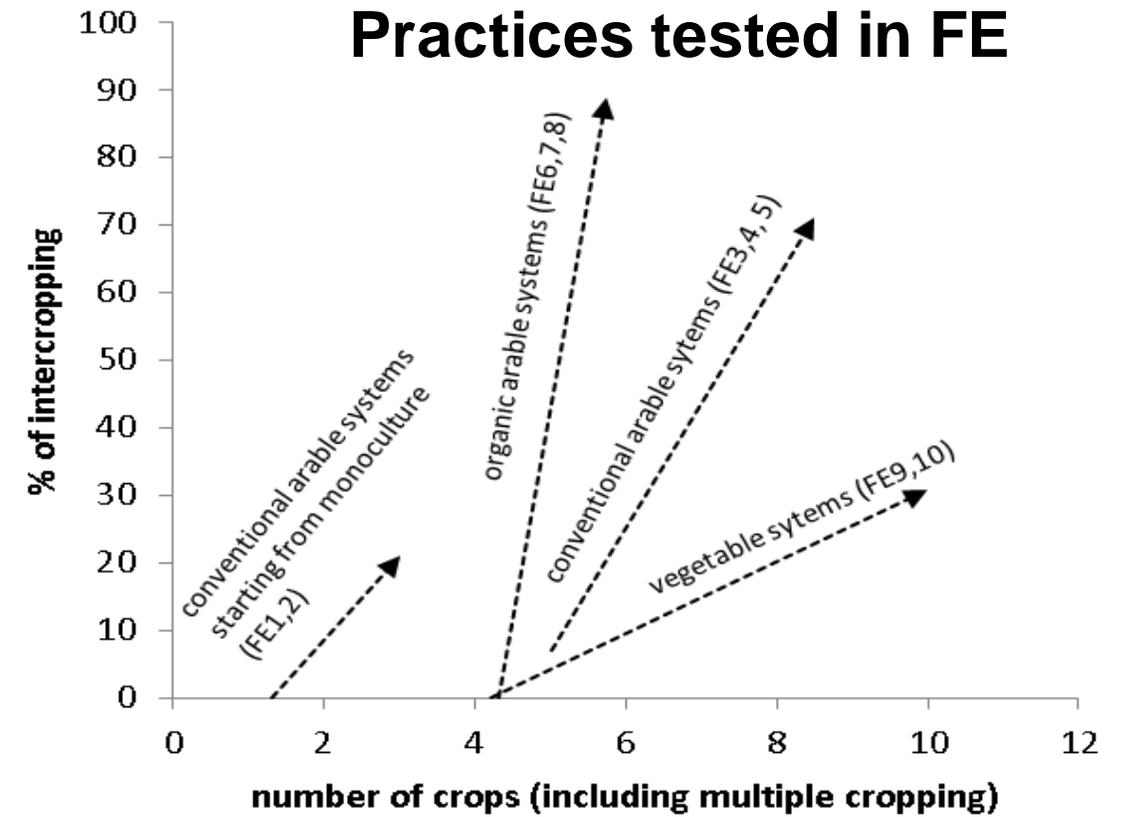


# Crop diversification is a dynamic process



→ Non linear pathway of cropping system diversification with continuous adaptive management

⚡ Socio-economic factors: Regulations, Incentives, Infrastructure, Market  
 On-farm factors: Climate, Biotic factors, Abiotic factor, Knowledge



# Indicators used in the Field Experiments (FE)

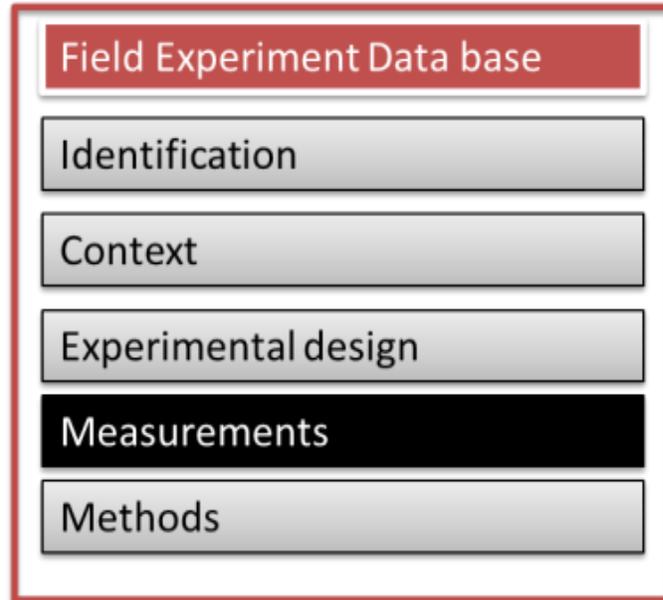
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- Not all indicators are available in all FEs
- The rotation scale requires gathering several growing seasons both in its spatial and temporal dimensions.
- The multi-site analysis for this global assessment has started in September 2021

# Structure of the FE database

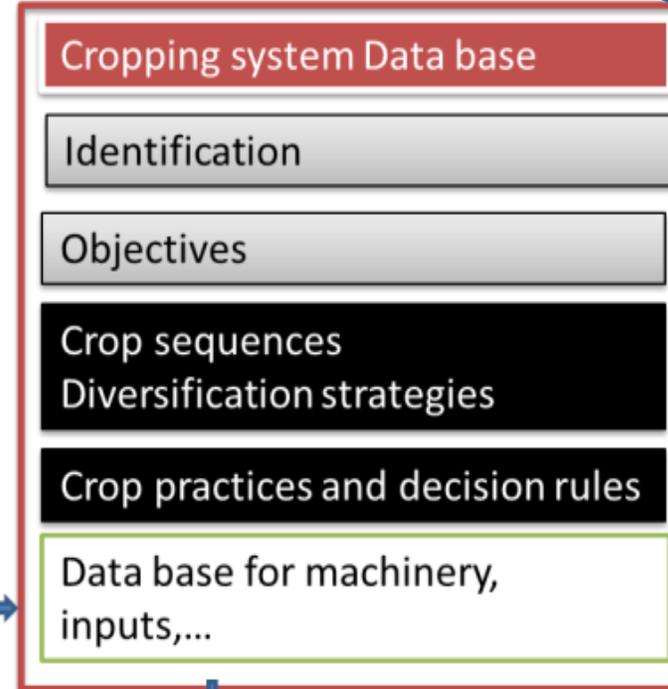
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## (ii) Indicator calculation

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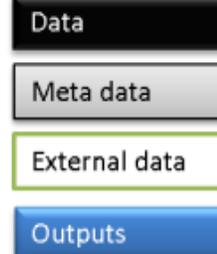
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We are here!

Indicators (calculated)

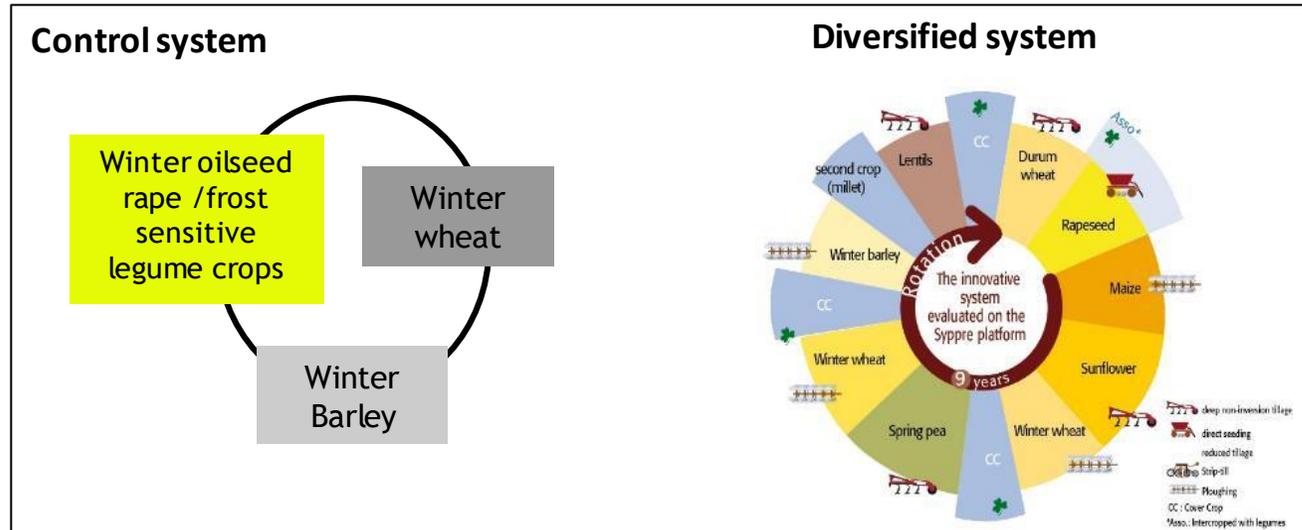
Assessment of the diversified systems

Data at the system level (temporal, spatial dimensions):  
October 2021



# Example of FE data analysis

## RESULTS FE 4 - ACTA, Berry - FRANCE



### FE DESIGN :

- 2 systems : Control and diversified system.
- All the rotation terms present each year.
- 3 replicated blocks.

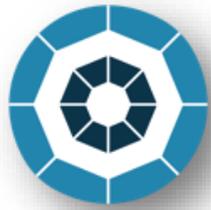


### SYSTEMRE DESIGN :

- 2 farms.
- Surface are : 150 ha
- 1 labour
- Replications : 3

Social Indicator	Productivity		Profitability		Environment			
	Working time	Gross energy production exported	Energy Efficiency	Turnover	Direct Margin without financial support	Total GHG Emissions	Nitrogen balance	Total primary energy consumption
	h/ha	MJ/ha	MJ/MJ	€/ha	€/ha	kgeqCO2/ha	Kg/ha	MJ/ha
<b>CONTROL</b>	2.66	83748	7.2	790	208	2051	49.8	11644
<b>DIVERSIFIED</b>	<b>+11%</b>	<b>-26%</b>	<b>-13%</b>	<b>-17.5%</b>	<b>-57.9%</b>	<b>-25%</b>	<b>-37.4%</b>	<b>-15.7%</b>

# Additional assessment tools developed by DiverIMPACTS



**smart**  
sustainability monitoring  
and assessment routine



Generic platform for integrated assessment and modelling (IAM) of social-ecological systems (SES) at territory level for landscape design/planning and management



Indicator name	Performance (%)				
	Farm 1	Farm 2	Farm 3	Farm 4	Farm 5
Habitats: Share of near natural habitat area	13	99	8	78	6
Habitats: Woodlands share of agricultural area	0	25	0	0	0
Arable land: Share of legumes in the rotation	0	25	100	50	75
Arable land: Intercropping area	0	0	100	75	0
Arable land: Share of temporary grasslands	75	100	100	0	75
Arable land: Crop residues	100	75	100	67	100
Energy: Direct energy consumption per ha	0	75	0	0	0
Energy: Total non-renewable energy consumption per ha	0	0	0	0	0
Fertilization: N from fertilizers	0	0	0	25	0
Fertilization: P from fertilizers	0	0	0	0	0
Profit stability	75	75	100	100	100
Debt level	100	100	97	75	30
Local procurement: producer level	67	82	100	80	100
Local procurement: supplier level	100	100	100	100	67
Local sales	100	75	100	100	50
Full-time jobs per hectare	25	25	25	50	50
Further training of employees	0	50	0	0	0
Workers: Work overload	63	48	44	55	55

## Relevance for monitoring and evaluation

- The database of field experiments provides information on the possible impacts of diversification through a range of indicators;
  - It includes references on measured impacts under typical receiving environments (pedo-climatic conditions and cropping systems)
- DiverIMPACTS Field experiments may or may not be representative of all possible cropping systems and all regions or countries;
  - But can be used as references
- The final user interface to search in the database is still under discussion and should be made public end of 2022;
  - Inclusion of other field exper
- Besides the database, assessment tools at field, farm and territory levels are developed and can be used to support ex-ante assessment of alternative management scenarios.

# Diverfarming addressing the same objectives



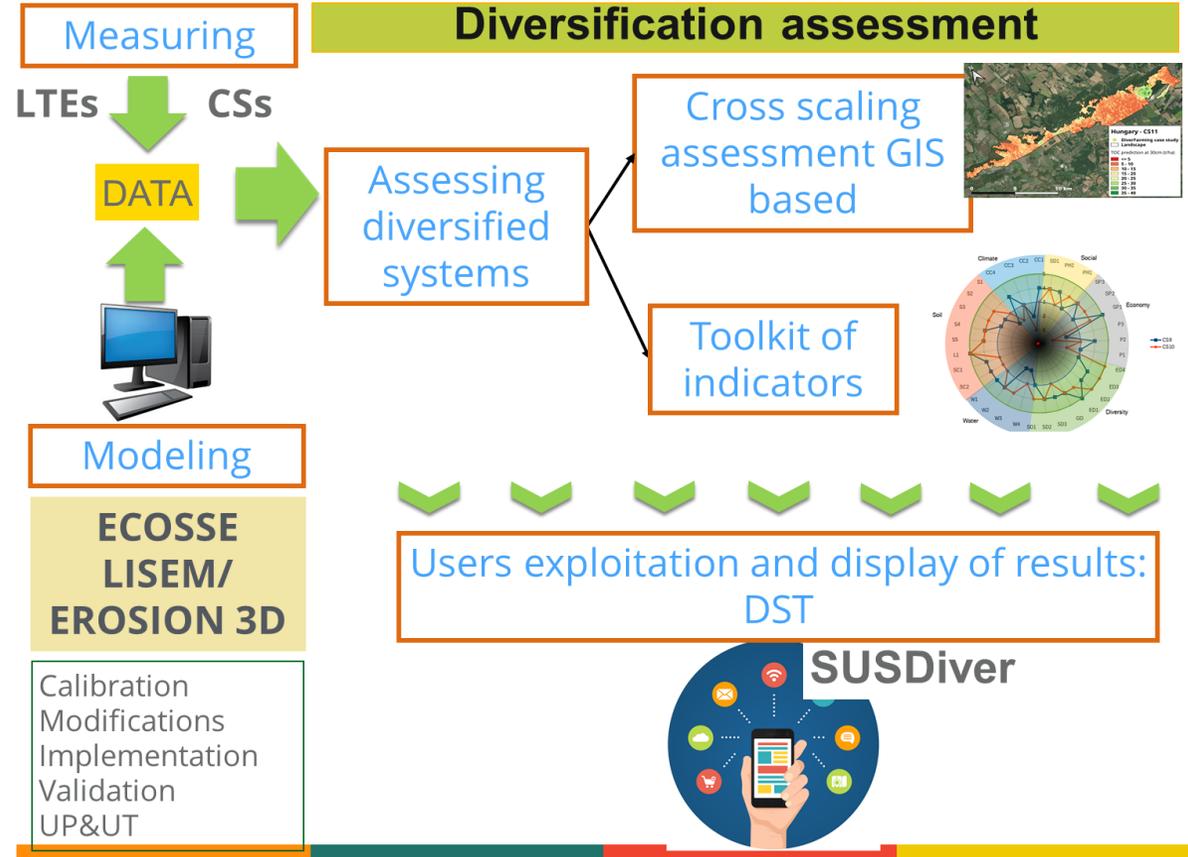
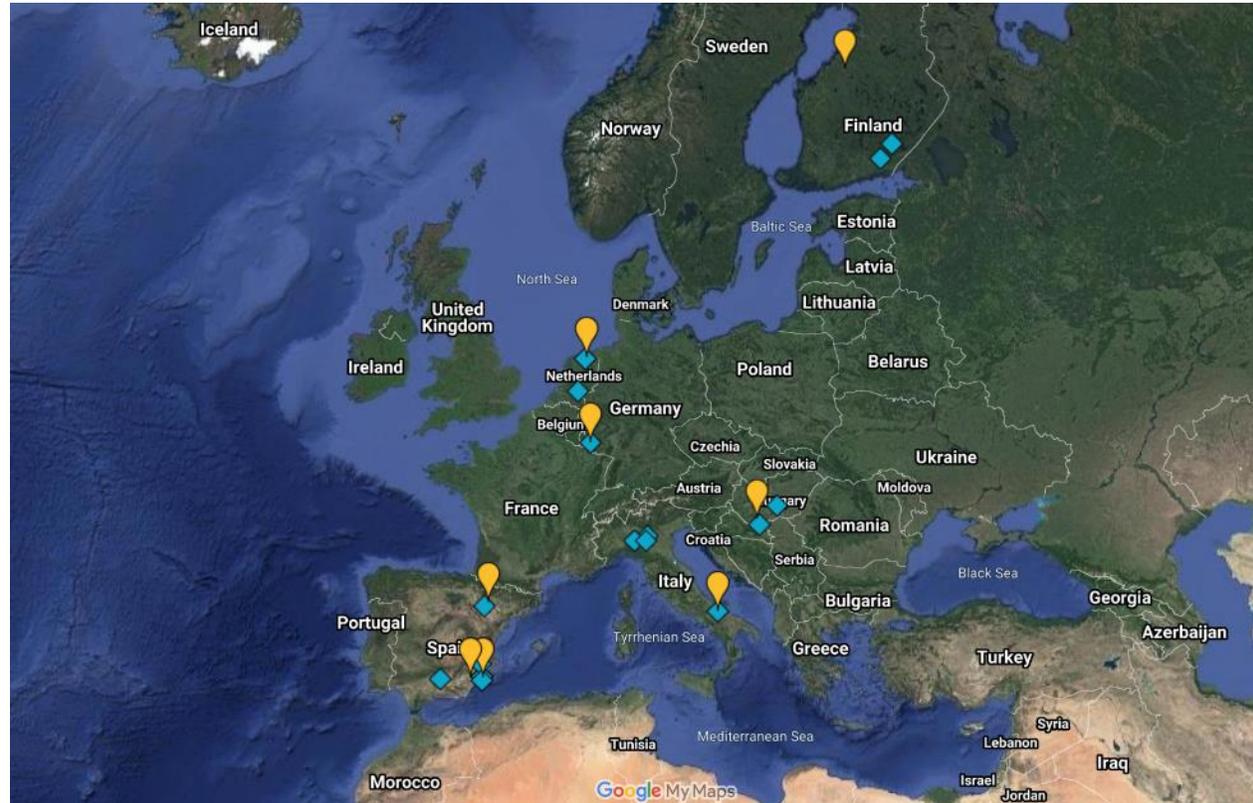
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## DIVERFARMING

Crop diversification and low-input farming cross Europe: from practitioners' engagement and ecosystems services to increased revenues and value chain organisation



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# Slides for the breakout groups



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# Structure of the FE database

- **The final database will combine 2 databases** : (1) Measurements from the field and (2) Indicators from SYSTERRE®.

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## Database with measurement from the field :

- **Data collection :**

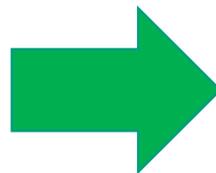
Raw data is collected at the crop level per year. FEs are responsible for the data entry.

Data were collected for a period of three crop year (2017-2020).

- **Database configuration :**

One column per the variable. Unit of each variable is given.

Different level of hierarchy to structure the description database (Field experiment number, System number, year of harvest, temporal replications, spatial replication, crop).



Field experiment number	system number	year	temporal replication	spatial replication	rank of the crop	crop name
-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	1	2018	A	1	1	winter rye
6	1	2019	A	1	1	spring oat
6	1	2019	A	1	1	red clover
6	1	2020	A	1	1	red clover
6	1	2021	A	1	1	winter wheat
6	1	2022	A	1	1	spring pea
6	1	2023	A	1	1	winter oilseed
6	2	2019	A	1	2	spring oat
6	2	2019	A	1	2	lupin
6	2	2019	A	1	2	red clover
6	2	2020	A	1	1	red clover
6	2	2021	A	1	1	wheat
6	2	2022	A	1	1	ray-grass
6	2	2022	A	1	1	vetch
6	2	2022	A	1	1	oil radish
6	2	2022	A	1	2	spring pea
6	2	2022	A	1	2	spring barley

# Structure of the FE database

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## Database with indicators from SYSTERRE ®

Field experiments are scaled up at a farm level.

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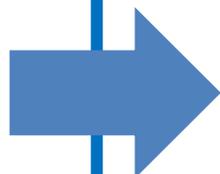
Descriptive data are collected at the crop year level (Machinery, parcels/areas, workforce, crops and cropping practices, inputs, economic data).

Data was collected for a period of three crop year (2017-2020).

1 cropping system = 1 farm on Systerre.

**Output database configuration (excel file) :**

- One column per variable.
- Different level of hierarchy (crop year, cropping system, farm)



ID	System	Farm	ID-Farm	Crop year	ID-Crop System	Plot	Lot	Actual crop
FE04_S1	DIV	1	DIV_FE04_S1_1	2018	DIV_FE04_S1_1_2018__L1_101	101	L1	Grain Maize
FE04_S1	DIV	1	DIV_FE04_S1_1	2018	DIV_FE04_S1_1_2018__L1_107	107	L1	Winter Barley/Soya
FE04_S1	DIV	1	DIV_FE04_S1_1	2018	DIV_FE04_S1_1_2018__L1_110	110	L1	Soft winter wheat/Sorghum
FE04_S1	DIV	1	DIV_FE04_S1_1	2018	DIV_FE04_S1_1_2018__L2_219	219	L2	Grain Maize
FE04_S1	DIV	1	DIV_FE04_S1_1	2018	DIV_FE04_S1_1_2018__L2_215	215	L2	Winter Barley/Soya
FE04_S1	DIV	1	DIV_FE04_S1_1	2018	DIV_FE04_S1_1_2018__L2_212	212	L2	Soft winter wheat/Sorghum
FE04_S1	DIV	1	DIV_FE04_S1_1	2018	DIV_FE04_S1_1_2018__L3_323	323	L3	Grain Maize
FE04_S1	DIV	1	DIV_FE04_S1_1	2018	DIV_FE04_S1_1_2018__L3_325	325	L3	Winter Barley/Soya
FE04_S1	DIV	1	DIV_FE04_S1_1	2018	DIV_FE04_S1_1_2018__L3_329	329	L3	Soft winter wheat/Sorgho

# Structure of the FE database : the final database



**Still under**

## FINAL DATABASE :

- Combination of the two databases.
- One row per system.
- Choices on the final indicators are still under discussion. It will depend on the relevance of each indicator during the multisite analysis.

	Indicators from the WP3 database	Indicators from SYSTERRE®	Indicators from SYSTERRE® also available
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