

## Meta-analysis literature review on farming practices Launching a wiki website for Member States

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## Access the wiki

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- The coordinator will send the list of persons (email address) to be accredited to access the wiki.
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## Targeted audience

Colleagues in MS administrations working on <u>CAP strategic plans environmental issues</u>: <u>objectives 4 climate change – 5 natural resources – 6 biodiversity – 9 food and health</u>

- Overall strategy and green architecture
- Intervention logic
- Definitions
- Conditionality
- Interventions:
  - link to objectives result indicators and targets,
  - intervention design with particular reference to requirements, eligibility conditions, baseline



## iMAP4Agri – the extension

- iMAP4Agri is an administrative arrangement between DG AGRI and JRC
- Traditional activities in previous years: modelling, outlook estimations / conferences, studies
- Additional budget to support <u>CAP plans assessment and management</u> on environment and climate objectives
- Until end 2021 (but activities could continue afterwards)



## Description of the activity

### **Objectives**

- Clarify intervention logic, expected impact, causal links and quantification between environmental and climate farming practices (FP) and CAP objectives
- Gather information available on environment and climate issues (e.g. as in water knowledge hub <u>https://water.jrc.ec.europa.eu/</u>)
- Improve or develop indicators methodologies for modelling, impact assessment, monitoring and evaluations

### Tasks

- Scientific literature review:
  - Matrix with impacts FP objectives
  - Fiches with meta analysis results
  - Typologies of FP
  - Result impact indicators methodologies
- **Inventory** of data, indicators and legislation
- Development of new indicators (e.g. I.20 Landscape features – I.9 Resilience) and methodology (avoid double counting of areas for output and result indicators)

### Users

- DG AGRI and other DGs units/colleagues working on environmental issues
- Desk officers geo hubs which will assess CAP plans
- Member Stattes colleagues working on CAP plans
- External users such as evaluators, researchers etc.



## Classification / typology of farming practices

### **Current issue**

- Limited possibility to identify and report on targeted information on farming practices financed in the CAP (e.g. not enough disaggregation)
- Lack of a standardised system of classification of practices and their link to CAP objectives

### How to improve the situation in the next period

- Literature review on all farming practices
- Work on recognised /common definitions
- Define a clear list of practices suitable for the whole CAP (conditionality ecoschemes – management commitments – non productive investments etc.)

## Classification / typology of farming practices

### How to report on farming practices

- Apply the standardised classification to CAP plan interventions
- The attribution will be done by DG AGRI after the CAP plans approval
- Reports: extract farming practices across different MS and different interventions to answer the following questions
  - In how many CAP plans a practice is applied
  - Uptake in terms of areas and financial allocation
  - Use of the above information: in evaluations and models

### Practical management still to be defined

- How to classify interventions with more than one practice (e.g. organic + crop rotation)
- Consolidated list of typologies to be applied for the purpose of reporting,
  - for example, how to classify «no or reduced use of pesticides»
    - Demarcation with organic
    - Inclusion of integrated pest management (from legislation) and integrated production (as most common practice used in some MS)



# Farming practices fiches: why they are relevant for you

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## Review of more than 50 farming practices 7 are now available in the wiki









- Organic farming
- Agroforestry
- Fertilisation strategies
  - Organic fertilisation
  - Green manure
  - Enhanced efficiency fertilisers
  - Nitrification inhibitors
  - Low ammonia emission techniques





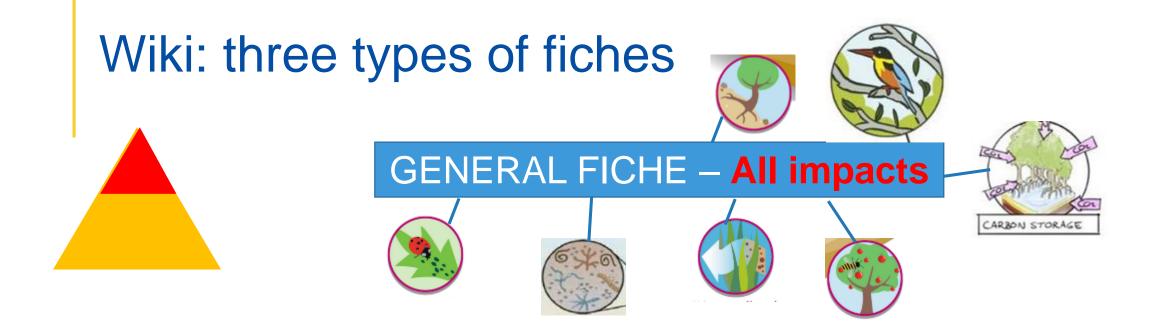




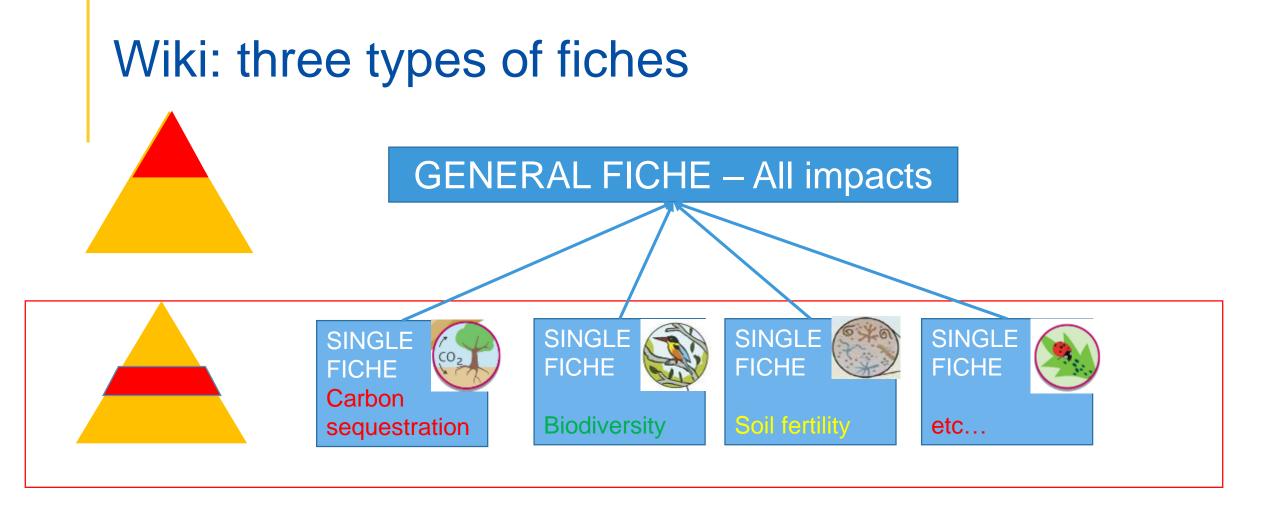
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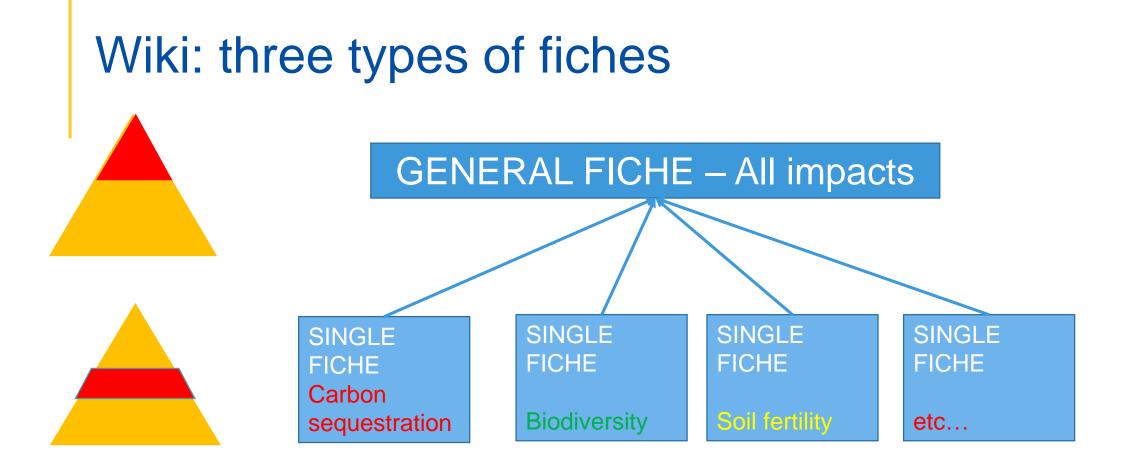


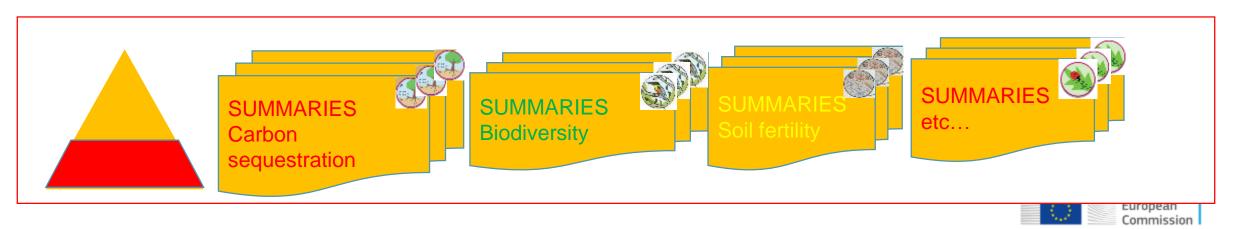












## General fiche

- 1. Description of the farming practice
- 2. Description of the impacts
- 3. Description of the key influencing factors
- 4. Implementation in 2014-2020
- 5. Pictures
- 6. Links to other complementary information
- 7. List of meta-analyses used



Data extracted in January 2021

Note to the reader: This general fiche summarises all the environmental and climate impacts of ORGANIC FERTILISATION found in a systematic review of 33 synthesis research papers<sup>1</sup>.

The general fiche provides the highest level of synthesis – symbolised by the top of the pyramid  $\triangle$ . As each synthesis research paper involves a number of individual papers ranging from so to 238, the assessment of impacts relies on a large number of results obtained mainly in field experiments (carried out in situations close to real farming environment), and sometimes in lab experiments or from model simulations. In addition to this general fiche, single-impact fiches provide a deeper insight in each individual impact of ORGANC FERTILISATION (on air pollutants emissions, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, N leaching/un-off, plant-nutrient uptake, soil biological quality, soil nutrients, soil arganic carbon and crop yields), with more detailed information – medium part of the pyramid  $\triangle$ . Finally, individual reports provide fuller information about the results reported in each synthesis paper, in particular about the modulation of effects by factors related to soil, climate and management practices – base of the pyramid  $\triangle$ 

This general fiche on ORGANIC FERTILISATION is part of a set of similar fiches providing a comprehensive picture of the impacts of farming practices on climate and the environment.

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Key descriptors	<ul> <li>This review includes the application of organic fertilisers from different animal (cattle, pig, sheep, poultry, earthworms), plant and mixed (municipal and agro-industrial waste) sources used both as comparted and non-composed manures.</li> <li>Green manure (the use of a cover crop to fertilise the soil for the following crop) and crop residues were excluded, as their impacts are assessed in separate sets of fiches (Init).</li> </ul>

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE IMPACTS OF THE FARMING PRACTICE ON CLIMATE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

We reviewed the impacts of organic fertilisation (alone or in combination with mineral fertilisation) compared to either mineral fertilisation or no fertilisation.

<sup>\*</sup> Synthesis research papers include either meta-analysis or systematic reviews with quantitative results. \* Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. 2009. Glossary on Organic Agriculture (http://www.fao.org/organicag/en/).

## Benefits for programming the CAP Strategic Plans

- The fiches help:
  - To identify most suitable farming practices to achieve specific climate and environment objectives (identified in the SWOT analysis and need assessment)
  - To provide a benchmark for comparison, as they are used by Geohub officers to assess Member States CAP plans
  - To gather information on biogeographical, climatic and management factors that influence the environmental, climate and crop yield effects



## The method behind the fiches



## Evidence from many experiments

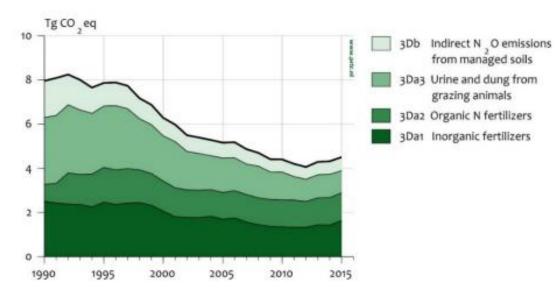


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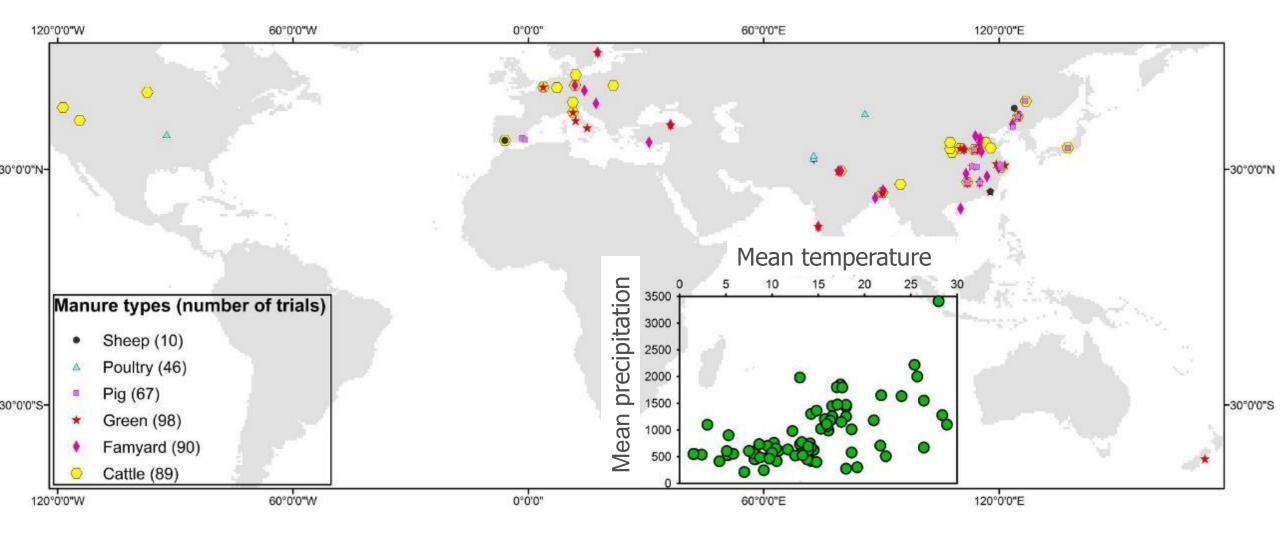
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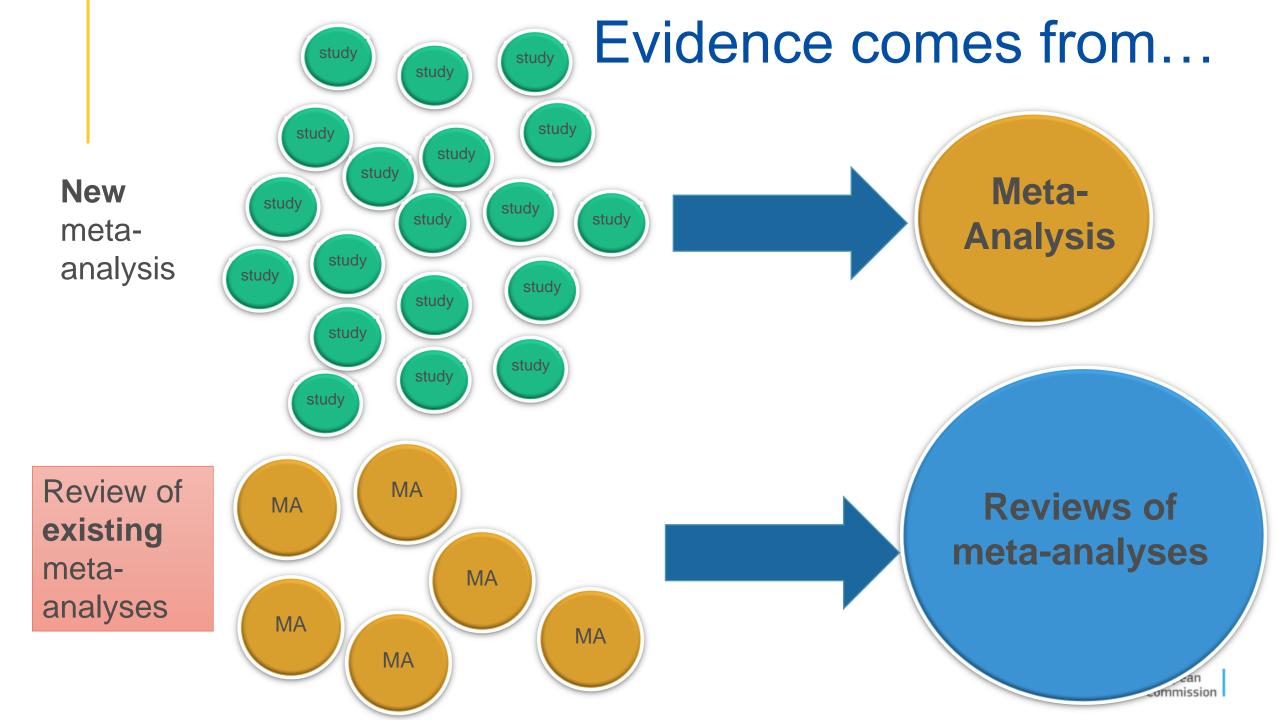




## Evidence from many countries



Liu et al (2020) Impact of manure on soil biochemical properties: A global synthes



### We check the quality of the meta-analyses

### Criterion

- 1. List of studies
- 2. Selection criteria
- 3. Objective specified
- 4. Databases mentioned
- 5. Search string
- 6. Number of studies at each step of the selection process
- 7. Quantitative results described
- 8. Statistical methods described
- 9. Individual effect sizes presented
- 10. Individual effect sizes weighted
- 11. Dataset available
- 12. Confidence intervals presented
- 13. Method of data extraction described
- 14. Heterogeneity of results analyzed
- 15. Funding sources mentioned
- 16. Publication bias analyzed

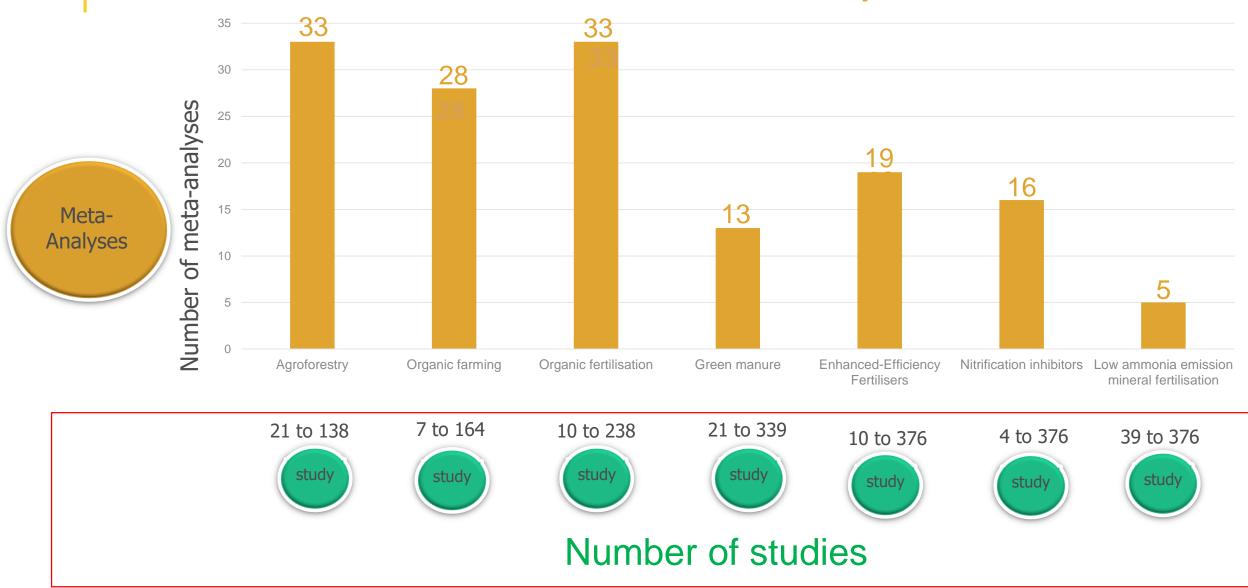
### Scores (0 or 1)

8/16 = 50% our quality threshold



### Hundreds of experimental studies available

### Number of Meta-analyses



**Reviews of 28** meta-analysis

## Effects of organic farming (per ha) Compared to conventional farming

**NO EFFECT** 

### POSITIVE

- Increase carbon sequestration
- Decrease greenhouse gas emissions
- Increase biodiversity
- Etc.

Decrease yield

**NEGATIVE** 

 Increase pest and diseases



### **Reviews of 28** meta-analysis



## Effects of organic farming Compared to conventional farming

### **POSITIVE NO EFFECT**

### **NEGATIVE**

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Increase carbon sequestration	8 (6)	0	1*	0	0	0	0	0		
Decrease eutrophication	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0		
Decrease acidification	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0		
Decrease greenhouse gas emissions	2	0	1	0	1 (0)	2	2	0		
Improved pest and disease control: Increase abundance of	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Improved pest and disease control: Reduction of pests and diseases	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Increase biodiversity	11 (10)	0	0	2	0	0	0	0		
Increase yield	0	9+2*	1*	0	0	0	0	0		
Decrease of agricultural land use	0	0	0	0	 0	2	0	0		
Decrease energy use	1 (0)	0	0	0	3 (2)	1		oropean mmission		

## Relevance of the fiches for programming CAP Strategic Plans

- The fiches help:
  - to prepare the CAP strategy
  - to design the intervention

• The method behind the fiches ensures a decision that is based on robust scientific evidence with a low risk of bias



## Overall matrix

**Farming practices** 

### CAP specific objectives

		CAP objectives / environmental and climate themes											
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Organic fertilization													
Fertilisation using green manure													
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Deep placement In wiki, the matrix is the entry point to the fiches													
Irrigation after fertilization					ammonia emissions								
Split application of N fertilizer over more dates	Decreas greenho gas emissio	use			Decrease ammonia emissions	Decrease N leaching							

## Questions ?







## Wiki demonstration

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IMAP WIKI under construction. Official release in a few days

**IMAP wiki** is a platform to facilitate the implementation and evaluation of the CAP Strategic Plans, in particular for the objectives linked to climate and the environment. The support includes:





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## Impacts of farming practices on Environment and Climate



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### IMPACTS of FARMING PRACTICES on ENVIRONMENT and CLIMATE

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### How to NAVIGATE

The navigation in this portal can start from:

- the Synthetic matrix of the impacts (an overview table of all farming practices and their impacts).
- each single Farming practice fiches (using a tree structure, one can access each fiche associated to a farming practice).

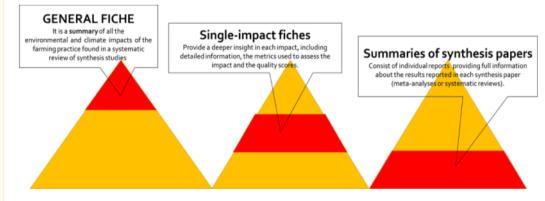
The navigation is facilitated by hyperlinks within each fiche. Each fiche can also be downloaded, in pdf format.

### Methodology used for the synthesis of scientific evidence

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(including either meta-analyses or systematic reviews with quantitative results).

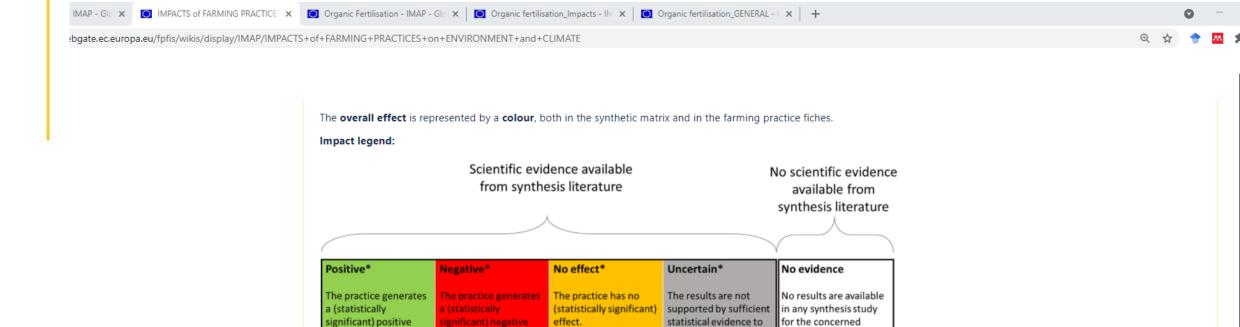
For each farming practice, the results are reported in the following types of fiches, with increasing level of synthesis:



The overall effect of each farming practice on a specific impact is based on the scientific evidence found in all synthesis studies available in the literature.

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field experiments, and sometimes in lab experiments or from model simulations.



\*The number of synthesis papers reporting each effect is indicated in the fiche. The attribution of the colour reflects the predominant effect (i.e. it will be positive if 4 synthesis studies report a positive effect, while 3 report a negative/no effect).

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\*\* For all potential environmental/climate impacts that are not included (either in the Fiches or left in blank in the synthetic matrix), there is **no available evidence in the existing** synthesis studies (systematic reviews and meta-analyses).

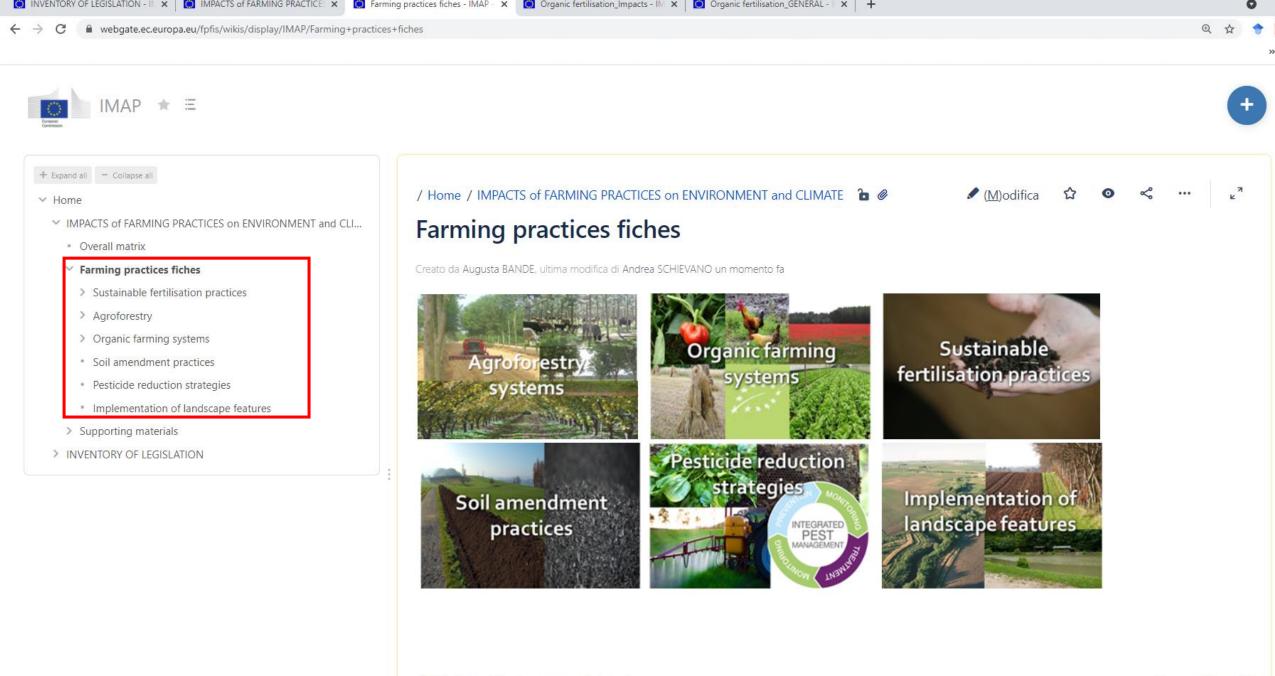
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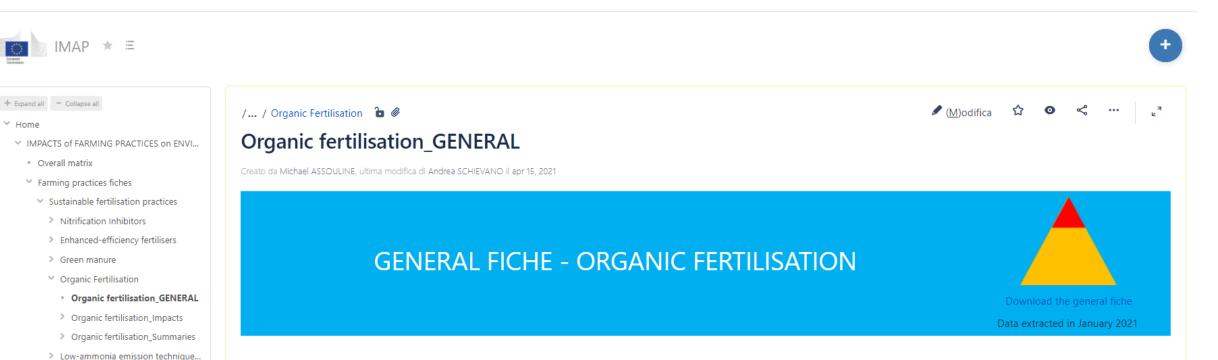


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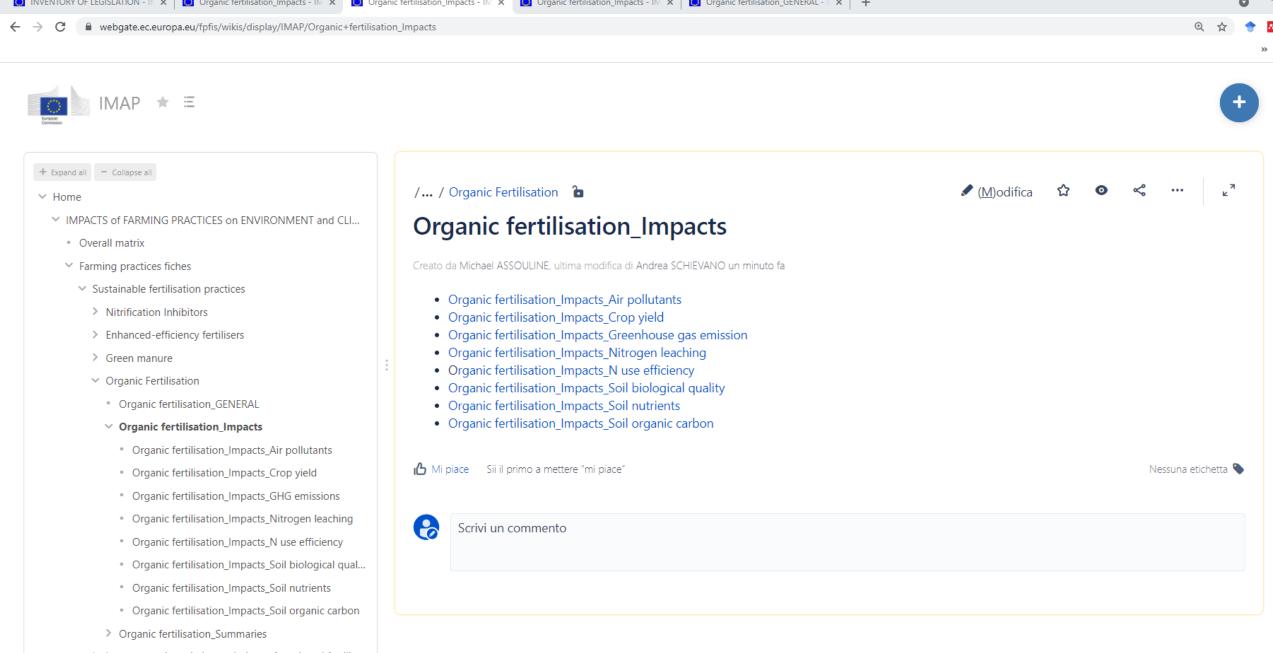
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	NO emissions*	0	0	0	0	0	1 (1)	0	0
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	CO2 emissions*	0	1 (1)	0	0	0	1 (1)	0	0
	N2O emissions*	1 (1)	2 (2)	6 (6)	0	1 (1)	5 (5)	1 (1)	0
Decrease N leaching/run-off 📥		1 (1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Increase Nitrogen use efficiency 📥		0	1 (1)	1 (1)	0	0	0	0	0
Improve Soil biological quality 📥			0	0	0	3 (3)	1 (1)	1 (1)	0
Increase Soil nutrients 📥			0	2 (1)	0	4 (4)	0	1 (1)	0
Increase Soil organic carbon 📥			0	0	0	6 (6)	0	1 (1)	0
Increase Crop yield 🔺			1 (1)	4 (4)	0	5 (5)	0	0	0

\* accounting only for emissions resulting from fertiliser application.

#### 3. DESCRIPTION OF THE KEY FACTORS INFLUENCING THE SIZE OF THE EFFECT

Only the factors explicitly studied in the reviewed synthesis papers with a significant effect are reported below. Details regarding the factors can be found in the *individual reports* following the hyperlinks ( $\rightarrow$  or refX).

Impact	Factors
Decrease Air pollutants emissions	Duration of treatment (Ref.7), N application rate (Ref.20), organic fertiliser application rate (Ref.7), soil C/N ratio (Ref.20), soil mineral N (Ref.20), soil organic carbon (Ref.20), soil pH (Ref.20), soil texture (Ref.20)
Decrease GHG	Annual precipitation (Ref.32), climate (Ref.8, Ref.23), crop type (Ref.8, Ref.30), difference in total N inputs between organic and mineral fertilisers (Ref.19), duration of treatment (Ref.7, Ref.8), mean annual temperature (Ref.32, N application rate (Ref.30). organic fertiliser application rate (Ref.2, Ref.7), organic fertiliser C/N ratio (Ref.17, Ref.19), organic fertiliser N



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### SINGLE-IMPACTFICHE ORGANIC FERTILISATION

### **IMPACT: SOIL ORGANIC CARBON**

Data extracted in January 2021

**Note to the reader**: This fiche summarises the impact of organic fertilisation on SOIL ORGANIC CARBON. It is based on 10 peer-reviewed synthesis research papers<sup>1</sup>, each of them including from 10 to 238 individual studies.

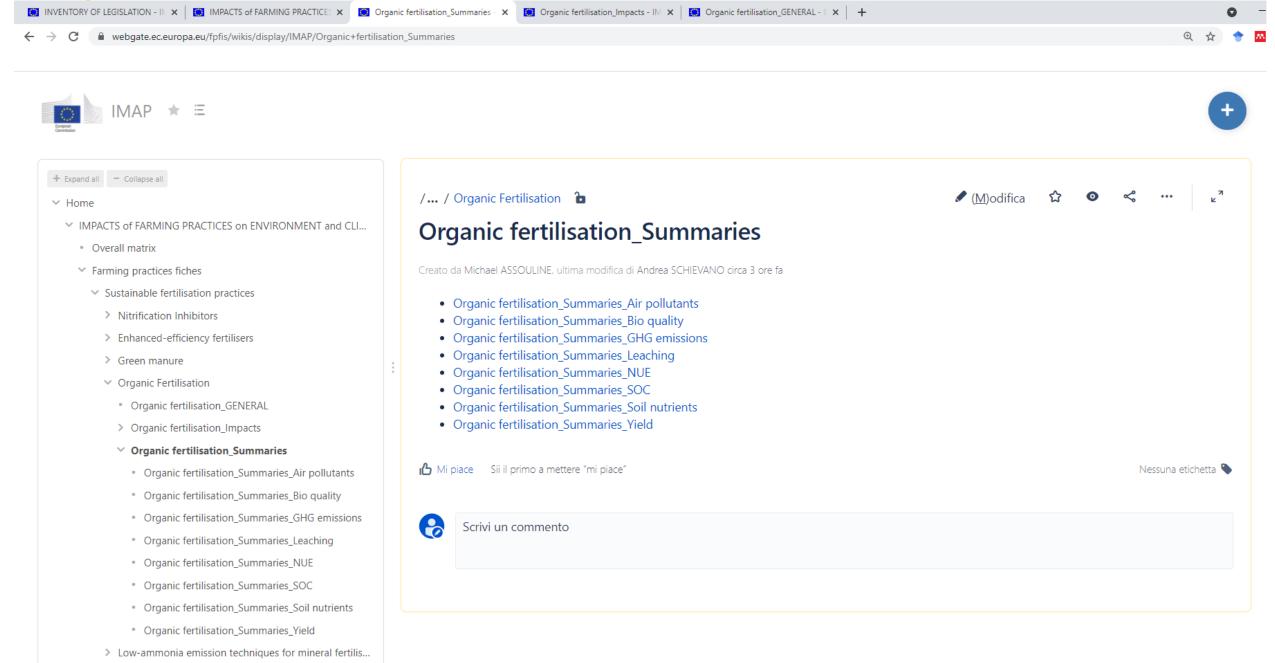
### 1.WEIGHT OF THE EVIDENCE

 CONSISTENCY OF THE IMPACT: Organic fertilisation (alone or in combination with mineral fertilisation) has a positive effect on soil organic carbon (i.e., increase of soil organic carbon) according to most of the reviewed synthesis papers, irrespective of whether the comparator is mineral fertilisation or no fertilisation (see Table 1).

When <u>compared to mineral fertilisation</u>, the 7 synthesis papers reviewed reported a positive effect. When <u>compared to no fertilisation</u>, 6 out of 7 synthesis papers reviewed reported a positive effect, while 1 reported no effect.

Among the 10 reviewed synthesis papers, 9 include data collected in Europe. The other synthesis paper reports studies conducted at the global scale but does not specify where (see **Table 2**).

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### Organic fertilisation

### Impact: Air pollutants emissions

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Wei, ZB; Ying, H; Guo, XW; Zhuang, MH; Cui, ZL; Zhang, FS 2020 Substitution of Mineral Fertilizer with Organic Fertilizer in Maize Systems: A Meta-Analysis of Reduced Nitrogen and Carbon Emissions AGRONOMY, 10, 1149. 10.3390/agronomy10081149

### Background and objective

Organic fertilizer is an effective substitute for mineral fertilizer that improves crop yield and is environmentally friendly. However, the effects of substitution often vary due to complicated interactions among the organic fertilizer substitution rate, total nutrient supply, and type of cropping system used. To quantitatively assess the effects of substituting organic fertilizers for mineral fertilizers on maize production, N and C emissions, and the soil organic carbon sequestration rate (SOCSR). We also evaluated the global warming potential (GWP) and net global warming potential (NGWP), considering the indirect effects of NH3 emissions and runoff/leaching. The responses of these variables to organic fertilizer substitution were evaluated according to the fertilization rate (low, optimal, or high), substitution rates, and treatment duration. The underlying causes of the different responses of these variables to substitution of chemical with organic fertilizer are discussed. Here, results on NH3 emissions are reported.

### Search strategy and selection criteria

Studies published before March 2020 were searched for in the Microsoft Academic, Google Scholar, Baidu Scholar, and China National Knowledge Infrastructure databases. Search terms related to maize production, organic fertilizer substitution, manure application, and N and C emissions were combined. 1) Studies focused on maize production with substitution of mineral fertilizer with organic fertilizer, including animal manure (47%), compost (37%), commercial organic fertilizer (e.g., industrially processed, standardized poultry or livestock manure; 9%), digestate (5%), slurry (2%); 2) The amounts of applied organic material and the N content were clearly specified; 3) The mineral fertilizer treatment and "substitution treatments" (partial or full substitution of chemical with organic fertilizer) had identical total N rates, and



## Inventory of legislation



## Objective of the inventory of legislation

- common repository and easy access for information related to environmental legislation relevant for CAP plans and indicators
- aggregation of already published information, including at MS regional level depending on the relevant choices for each legislation (e.g. fertilization limits)
- As several subjects undertake many initiatives on indicators (new dashboards and knowledge centers), we are working mostly on the side of legislation to avoid duplicates
- Use in the CAP plan drafting/assessment process:
  - support SWOT needs assessment
  - o clearer baseline for environmental interventions
- This section of the wiki is maybe more relevant at EU level , but we believe MS can also find it useful





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This section contains information on EU legislation concerning the environment and climate to whose objectives Member States' Cap Strategic Plans should contribute pursuant to Articles 96, 97 And 103 of COM(2018) 392 final.

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### The National Emission Ceilings Directive (NECD)

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### General description

The **National Emission Ceilings Directive -NECD-** (2016/2284/EU) regulates the concentration of pollutants in the air to move towards achieving levels of air quality that do not give rise to significant negative impacts on and risks to human health and the environment. Replacing earlier legislation (Directive 2001/81/EC), the NECD sets 2020 and 2030 emission reduction commitments for the periods 2020 – 2029 as well as 2030 and beyond for five main air pollutants. It also ensures that the emission ceilings for 2010 set in the earlier directive remain applicable for Member States until the end of 2019. Emission ceilings to be achieved until the end of 2019 are defined in absolute terms (in Gg of pollutant). From 2020 onwards the emission ceilings are defined as a reduction relative (in %) to the countries' emission levels in 2005.

The NECD sets national emission reduction commitments (NERCs) for Member States and the EU for five important air pollutants:

- nitrogen oxides (NOx),
- non-methane volatile organic compounds (NMVOCs),
- sulphur dioxide (SO2),
- ammonia (NH3) and



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