



# Progetti europei sull'agroselvicoltura in Italia

(AFINET, SidaTim, SustainFarm, AGFORWARD)

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# Sommario della presentazione

- Agroforestry in Europa
- Alberi e Sistemi AgroForestali:
  - I. servizi eco-sistemici
  - II. PAC
  - III. produzioni legnose
  - IV. bilancio economico
- Conclusioni

# I progetti di ricerca europei



## FP7 Agforward (2014-17)



## Facce-SidaTim (2016-19)



- Progetti partecipativi (StakeHolders Groups)
- SAF innovativi e tradizionali
- Agricoltura sostenibile per:
  - I. produz. agro-alimentari,
  - II. legno,
  - III. ambiente,
  - IV. mantenimento ruralità
- Ricerca - divulgazione
- Nuovi strumenti di comunicazione (social media, siti web multilingue, short video)

## H2020 AFINET (2017-19)(2017-19)



## Facce-SustainFarm (2016-18)

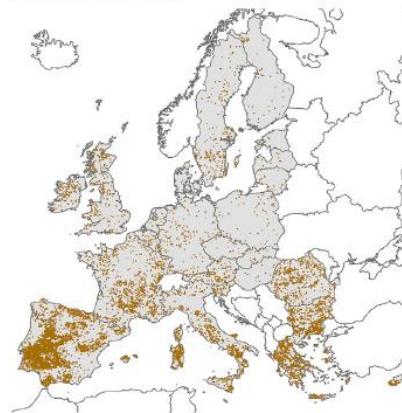


# L'agroforestry in Europa ed in Italia

A) arable agroforestry



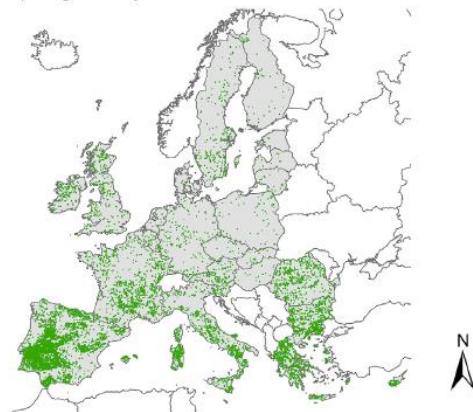
B) livestock agroforestry



C) high value tree agroforestry



D) all agroforestry



0 500 1,000 Kilometers

## Mappatura in base a LUCAS 2015

- EU27 15.4 Mil. ha (8.8% SAU)
- Italia 1.400.000 ha (11% SAU)

*Den Herder et al., Agr. Ecosy & Envir, 2017*

*In press:*  
*Which future for agroforestry in Italy.*  
*Paris et al. (17 co-autori)*  
*Agroforestry Systems*



# L'agroforestry in Europa

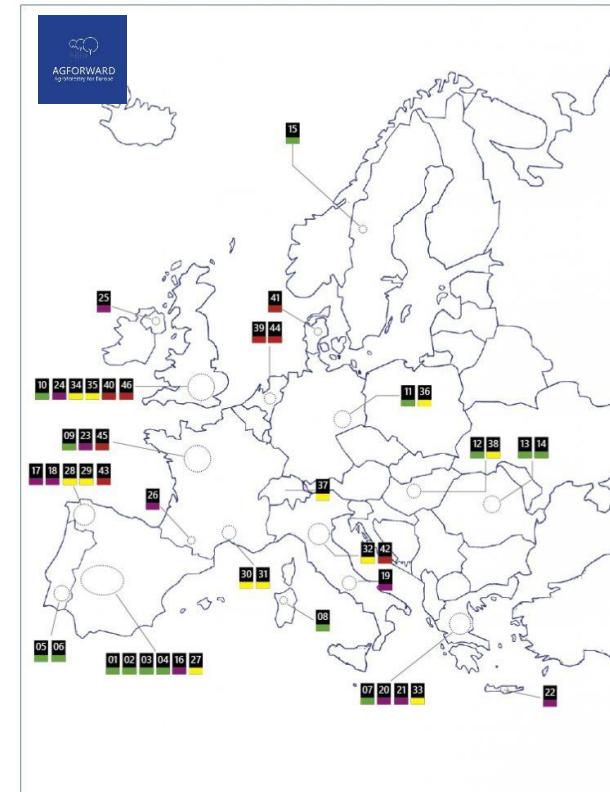
- Agroforestry (AF) for arable farms  
11 Stakeholder Groups (SHG)
- AF for livestock farms  
9 SHG
- High Nature and Cultural values  
10 SHG
- High value tree systems  
10 SHG

## Special Issue Agforward- Agroforestry Systems

(Vol 92, Issue 4, Aug 2018)

>20 pubblicazioni in Open Access

**46 Innovation leaflets (schede divulgative in Inglese)  
Traduzione in AFINET**



# Agforward – SHG Italia



Camilli et al., 2018. Agroforest Syst



Biodiversità, Nuove opportunità di  
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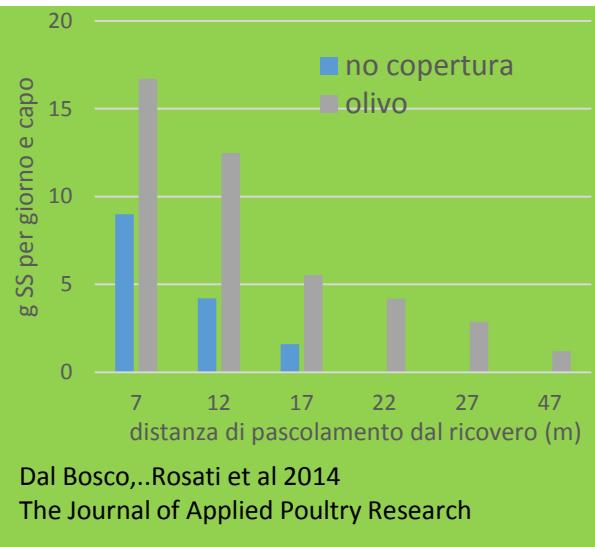


Danni da fauna selvatica, Costi di  
gestione, Meccanizzazione

Category	Issue	Weighted mean score			P
		Farmers	Policy-makers	Researchers	
<b>Positive perceptions</b>					
Environment	Biodiversity and wildlife habitat	1.7	2.53	2.83	< 0.05
Socio-economy	Business opportunity	2.04	1	1	< 0.01
<b>Negative perceptions</b>					
Production	Losses by predation	1.45	1.11	1	< 0.05
Management	Management costs	2.33	1.76	1.14	< 0.05
	Mechanisation	1.12	1	128	< 0.05

# Wp3. High value tree systems, in Umbria: focus su uliveti consociati a asparagi selvatici e allevamento di polli;

Con l'oliveto, l'impatto energetico ed ambientale (**Life Cycle Analysis-LCA**) dell'allevamento brado di polli/galline si riduce significativamente (- 12/18%)  
Paoletti, Rosati et al. 2016 Journal of Cleaner Production



## Possibile riduzione del rischio dell'influenza aviaria?

Olanda. Bestman et al., 2017. Agroforestry Systems

**01 Agroforestry SYSTEMS**

**Wild asparagus in olive orchards**

Get more income from your orchard  
[www.agforward.eu](http://www.agforward.eu)

**Why plant asparagus?**

High yielding olive trees need plenty of light and need to be spaced apart. Hence both traditional and super-high-density orchards intercept no more than 50-55% of the sunlight. The rest will fall on the ground and encourage weeds. Why, then, not plant another crop you can sell under the trees, to use that light?

The understory crop must be adapted to shade. One possible crop is wild asparagus (*Asparagus officinalis*), which is a culinary speciality in the Mediterranean. The spears can be harvested and sold in local markets. Growing under the trees, the asparagus does not affect the olive yield, while producing an additional crop.

Wild asparagus plants can be transplanted along rows of olive trees leaving the inter-row free to allow the use of machinery for olive pruning and harvesting. If planting only in the tree rows, the wild asparagus plants are typically planted at about 33 cm spacing along the row. This provides about 4000 to 5000 asparagus plants per hectare. Alternatively if the olives are manually harvested, the asparagus can also be planted in the inter-row area. In this case the wild asparagus can be planted at 33 cm spacing within 1 m rows. This results in about 30000 plants per hectare.

Wild asparagus seeds (left) and fruits (right).

**Where and how to plant?**

Producing a second crop of wild asparagus under olive trees increases the productivity per unit of land, whilst requiring few additional inputs.

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**Yields of asparagus**

A mature plant of wild asparagus will produce 50-100 g of harvestable spears each spring (March to May depending on local climate). With 5000 plants per hectare (transplanting only along tree rows), the yield can be 250-500 kg per hectare, starting from the second or third year after planting. With 30000 plants per hectare (transplanting in rows 1 m apart also in the olive inter-row space) the yield can be 1500-3000 kg per hectare.

**Disease, pests and weeds**

As a wild (non-selected) species, currently wild asparagus suffers from few pests and diseases. Hence it can be grown as an organic crop. However the asparagus beetle can cause some damage, but rarely needs treatment. Weeds can be controlled by carefully managing grazing animals, such as poultry or sheep.

**Labour, harvesting and marketing**

Wild asparagus cultivation is unlikely to interfere with olive pruning and harvesting, if the olive harvest is carried out by hand or using vibrating combs. The use of harvest «umbrella frames» is particularly suitable since the net is held above the asparagus vegetation.

Wild asparagus is a hardy crop, but it requires high levels of hand-labour particularly to harvest the asparagus spears and to control weeds. Hence although integrating olive trees and asparagus will increase the yield per unit of land, it will also increase the need for labour.

Asparagus spears can fetch high prices in local markets. However marketing fresh and perishable produce is a difficult task that needs to be carefully evaluated.



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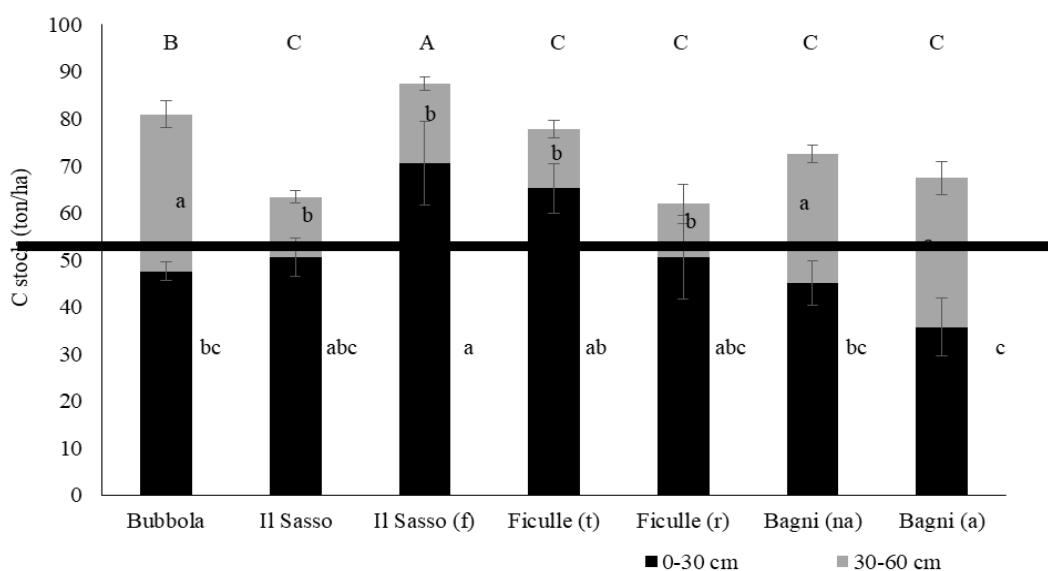
Oliv.-Spoleto  
(Pg)  
A. Rosati  
D. Mantovani

# AFINET – L’olivo come sistema agroforestale e serbatoio di C, Umbria



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- **f:** bosco
- **r:** recupero oliveto abbandonato
- **t:** gestione tradizionale
- **a:** ammendato con letame
- **na:** no ammendato



SUSTAINFARM

# 3<sup>rd</sup> RAIN meeting: innovation list validation

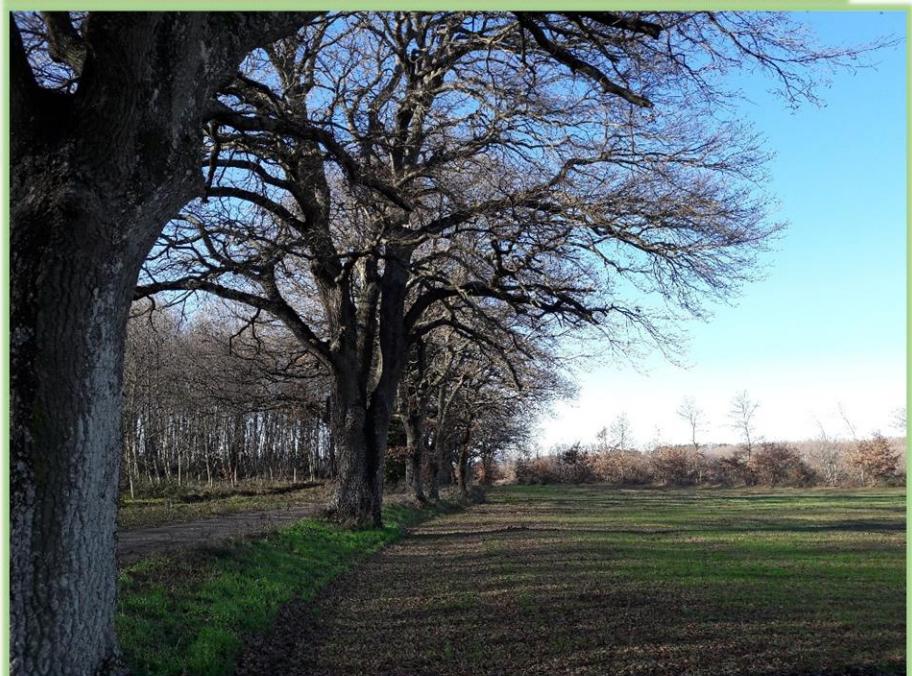


Claudia Consalvo, CNR-IRET

Main theme	Innovation cluster	Innovation topic	Innovation title	Innovation type
Technical	Woody perennials management innovation cluster	Pruning	Pruning techniques in extensive olive grooves grazed by sheep	Best practice
Technical	Woody perennials management innovation cluster	Design	Identify best management practices to be adopted in the olive orchards	New practice
Economical		Alternative uses of woody component	The benefits of olive leaves in sheep feeding	New practice
Economical		Marketing	Residues in the olive processing: new bio-products and innovative value chains	New product
Policy and administration		Continuous learning	The bio district: a new proposal for a strong cooperation to serve environment	New ways of organising things
Communication challenge		Consumers education	Learning sustainability: agroforestry systems for biodiversity and ecosystem services	New service

# Tree hedgerows in a study area of C. Italy

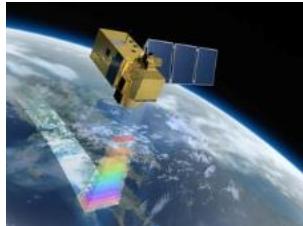
Mostly adult oaks trees with a high aesthetic value



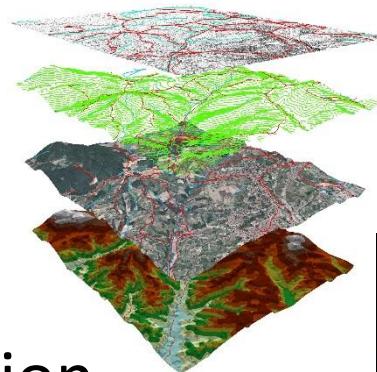
Few information is available about the current extent of agroforestry systems because tree detection in agricultural areas is time consuming

# Methods of study

Remote sensing



GIS analysis



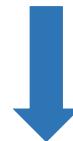
Field surveys



Photo interpretation

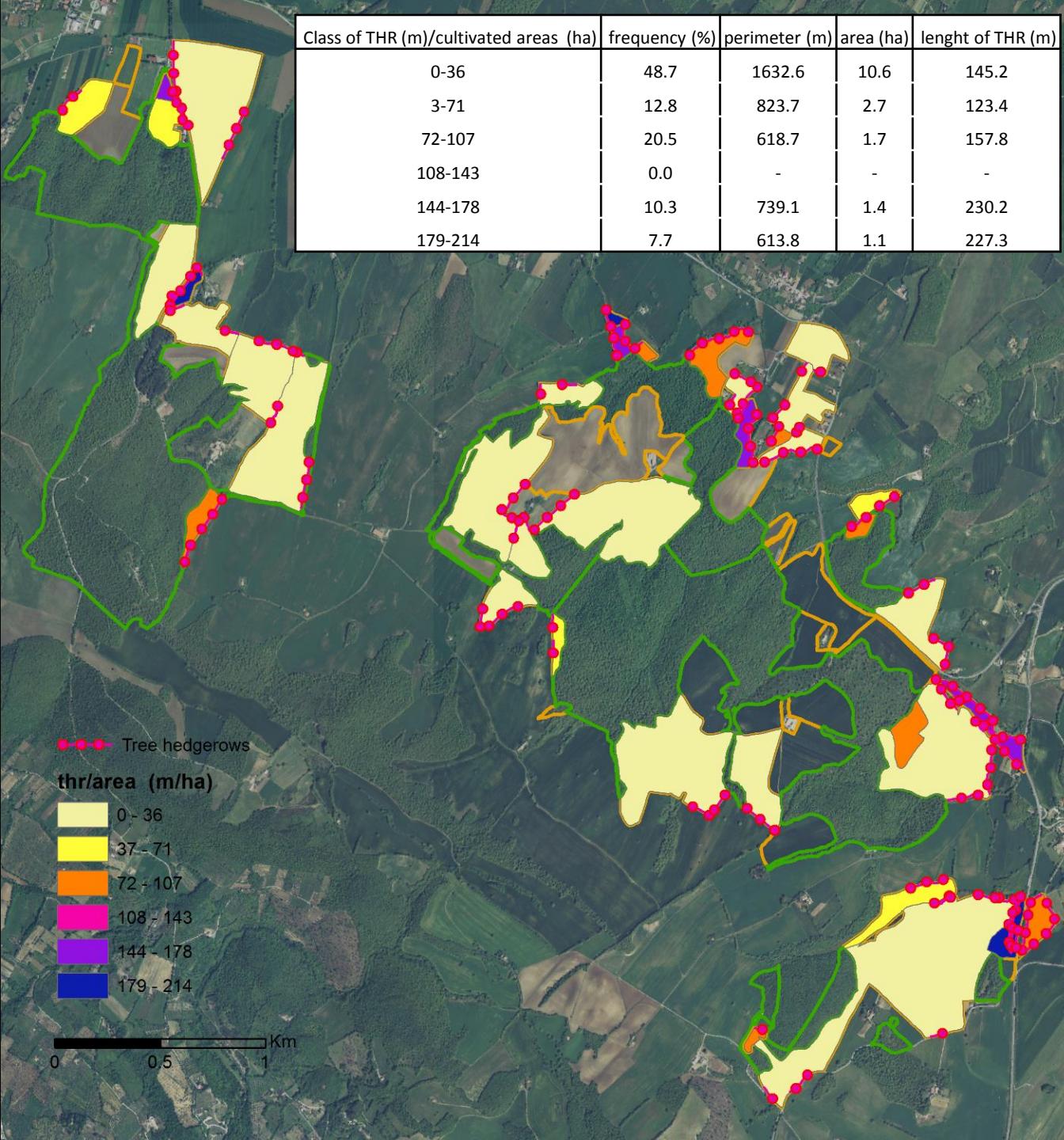


Hemispherical photography



- spatial complexity of the landscape patterns
- spatial interaction between crops and tree
- assessing, mapping and quantifying the socio-economic values of the agroforestry systems services

# THRs summary statistics



- THRs lenght = **6241 m**
- Perimeter of field with THRs = **44885 m**
- THR lenght/area = **67 m/ha**

THRs length is **14%** of the total fields' perimeter

- Area covered by THRs = **7 ha**
- Total area of fields with THRs = **237 ha**

THRs cover **3%** of the total fields' area

# HOW DO AGROFORESTRY TREES AFFECT THE SUPPLY OF REGULATING ECOSYSTEM SERVICES?

Crous-Duran J<sup>1</sup> et al., 2018. Proceedings EURAF Cong, Nijmegen, The Netherlands

Modelli di Simulazione YieldSAFE e FarmSAFE

---- Arable/Pure pastures ..... AF1 — AF2 - - - AF3 — AF4 ..... Forestry/Pure SRC

AF1-4: 50-200 trees  $\text{ha}^{-1}$ )



Montado PT



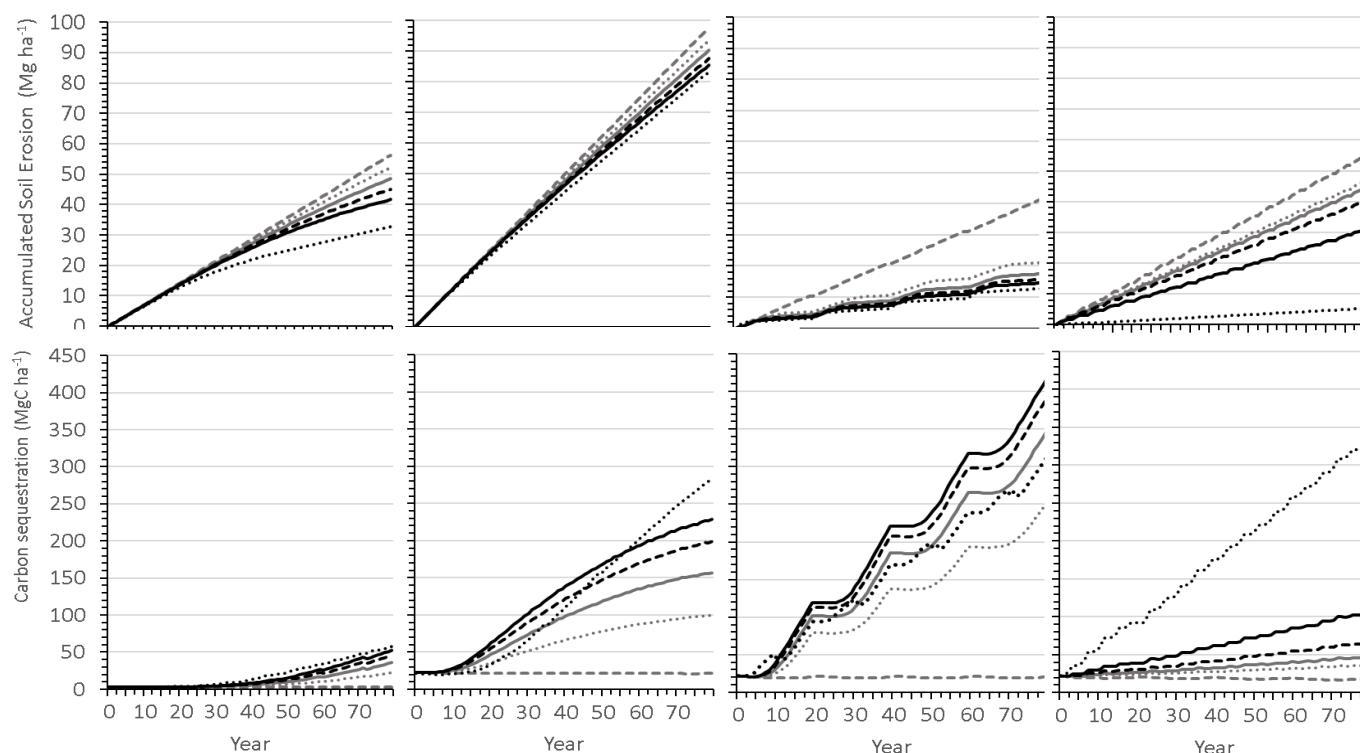
Cherry pastures CH



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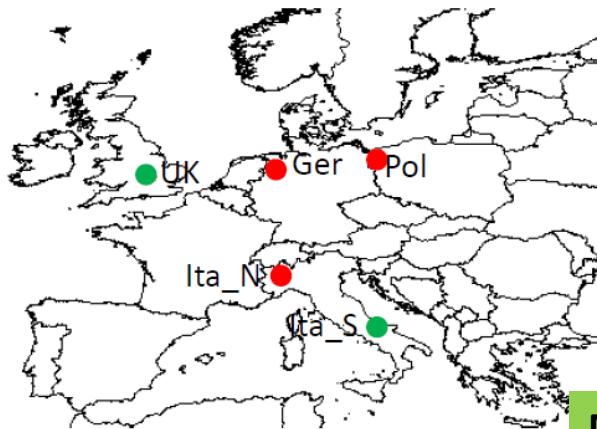


Short Rotation Coppice DE



# SidaTim Experimental network

*Sida hermaphrodita, Silphium perfoliatum*



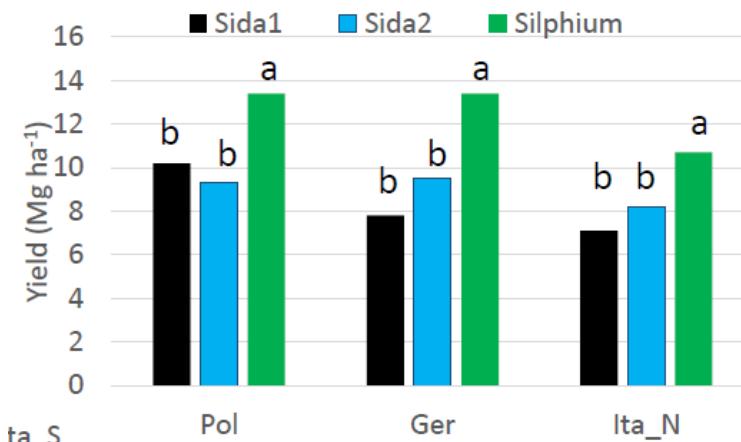
- Spring 2016
- Spring 2017



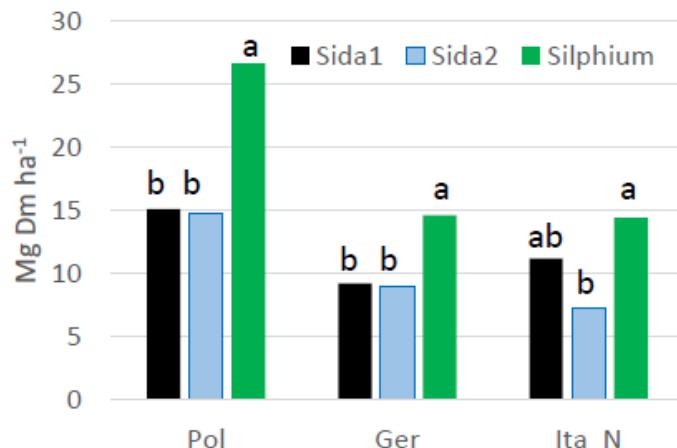
## Main advantages:

- Perennial herbs (not requiring annual plantation establishment=> low cost and high energy ratio);
- Sida for biogas: 2 annual harvests of green biomass (July and October);
- Sida for combustion: Dry biomass at winter harvesting (app. 17% of moisture content);
- Can be managed with standard farm machineries.

Sida, Jan.'18, Casale M. CREA, 2° year  
harvest: root 2 years, shoot 1 year



Biogas, 2nd year, from seedlings



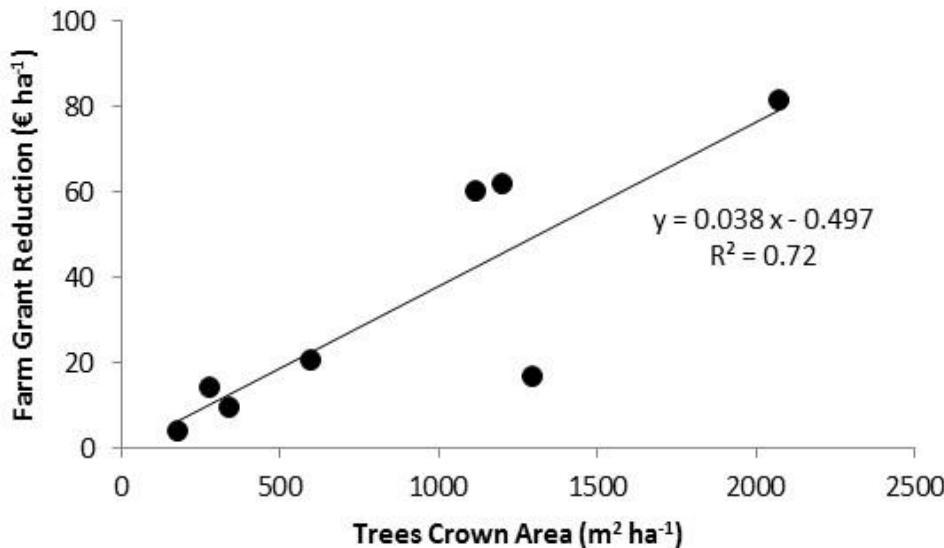
## Biogas, Montenero di B., South Italy

Crop	Harvest for biogas	Days of field cultivation	Dry yield (Mg ha⁻¹)	Irrigation (mm)
<b>Sida 1</b>	20 June	Ca. 80	17.3	no
<b>Sida 2</b>	20 June	Ca. 80	16.9	no
<b>Sorghum</b>	2 August	Ca. 120	23.4	66
<b>Silphium</b>	10 Sept.	Ca. 160	26.3	221

# Agroforestry e PAC/PSR

Riduzione del Premio Unico aziendale ed alberi fuori foresta (TOF)

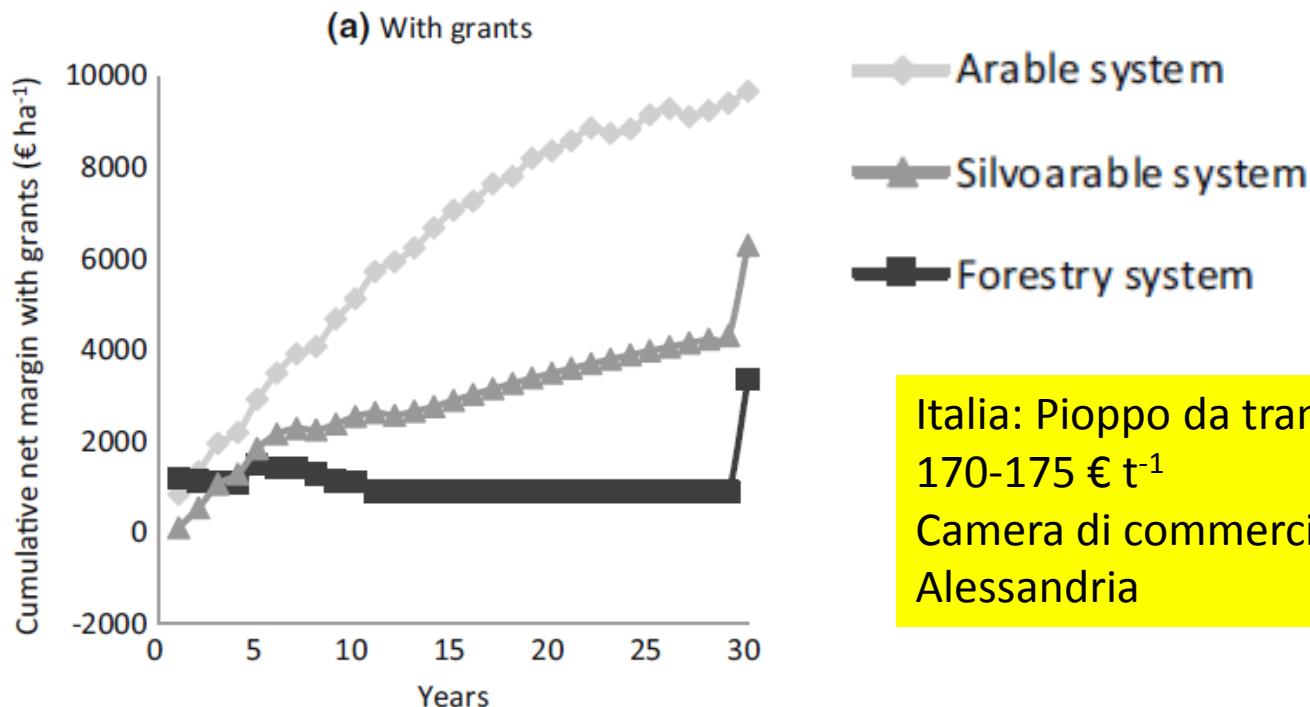
Sistemi tradizionali



# Agroforestry e Redditività

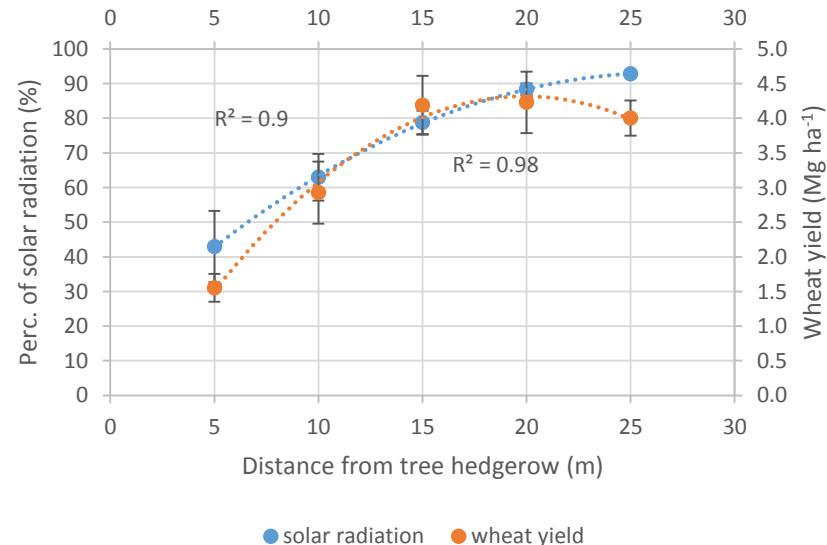
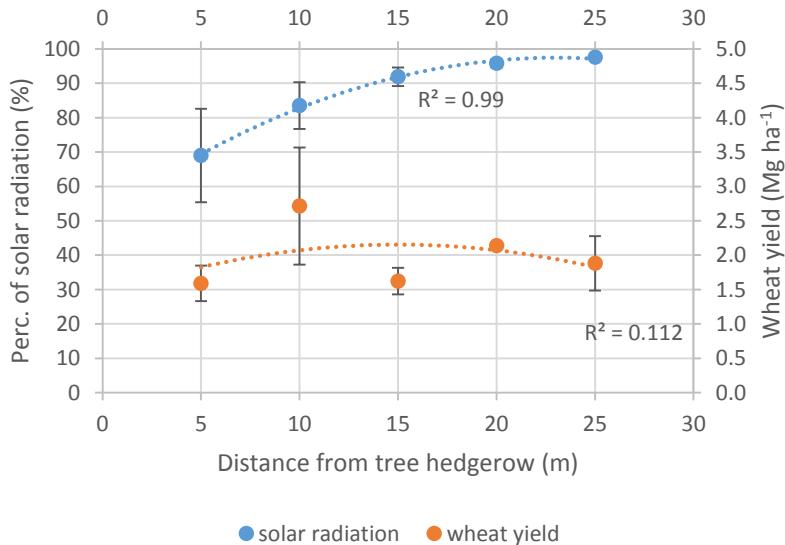
## Riduzione della PLV/produttività colt. erbacee

UK, pioppo 28 € t<sup>-1</sup>: Agforward Project (2014-2017): Cash flow simulation with Yield/FarmSAFE



# Agroforestry e Redditività Produttività colt. erbacee

Italia, filari di querce, Umbria



# Conclusioni

## ***Pac ok sul fronte dei redditi, meno sul fronte innovazione ed emissioni***

*Il rapporto diffuso da Bruxelles è positivo. La Pac raggiunge gli obiettivi di incrementare commerci e redditi agricoli, siamo invece lontani dal target della riduzione delle emissioni di gas serra mentre la crescita di produttività è legata alla maggiore disponibilità di manodopera.*

- Approccio di ricerca positivo: innovazione condivisa tra gli Stakeholder
- SAF da legno: dati in progress sulla redditività (mercato del legno, certificazione)
- Evidenti vantaggi sui servizi eco-sistemici dei SAF
- Novità più rilevante:  
Nuovi strumenti (modelli di simulazione-monitoraggio da remoto) per la quantificazione e la valutazione economica dei servizi eco-sistemici dei TOF
- Aggiornamento PAC/PSR?