

## WHEN SPACE MEETS AGRICULTURE

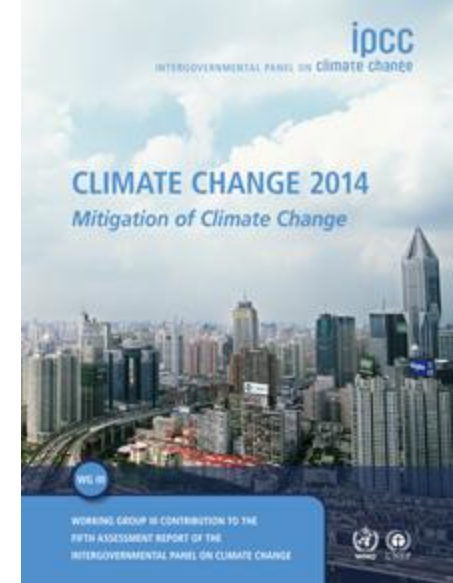
Fostering interregional collaborations, investments and definition of user requirements



**Sustainable irrigation management strategy in  
semi-arid climate conditions in South Italy**

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# Report Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Change (ipcc)

September 2013 – Stockholm Approved Berlin,

Germany (7-11 April 2014)

**There are not significant effects on mitigation of Climate Change**

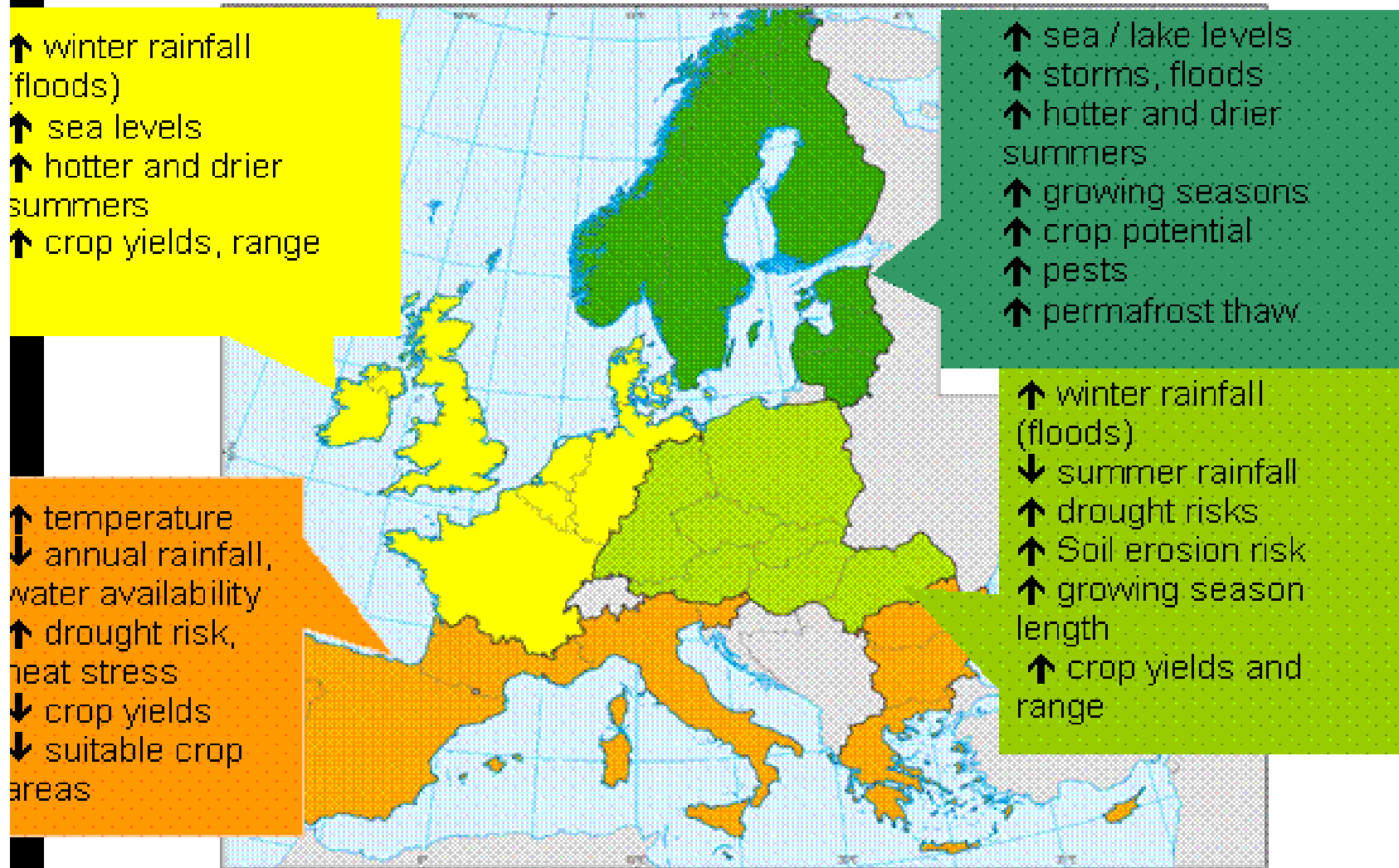
- GLOBAL TEMPERATURES ARE LIKELY TO RISE **BY 0.3 TO 5 °C BY** THE END OF THE CENTURY.

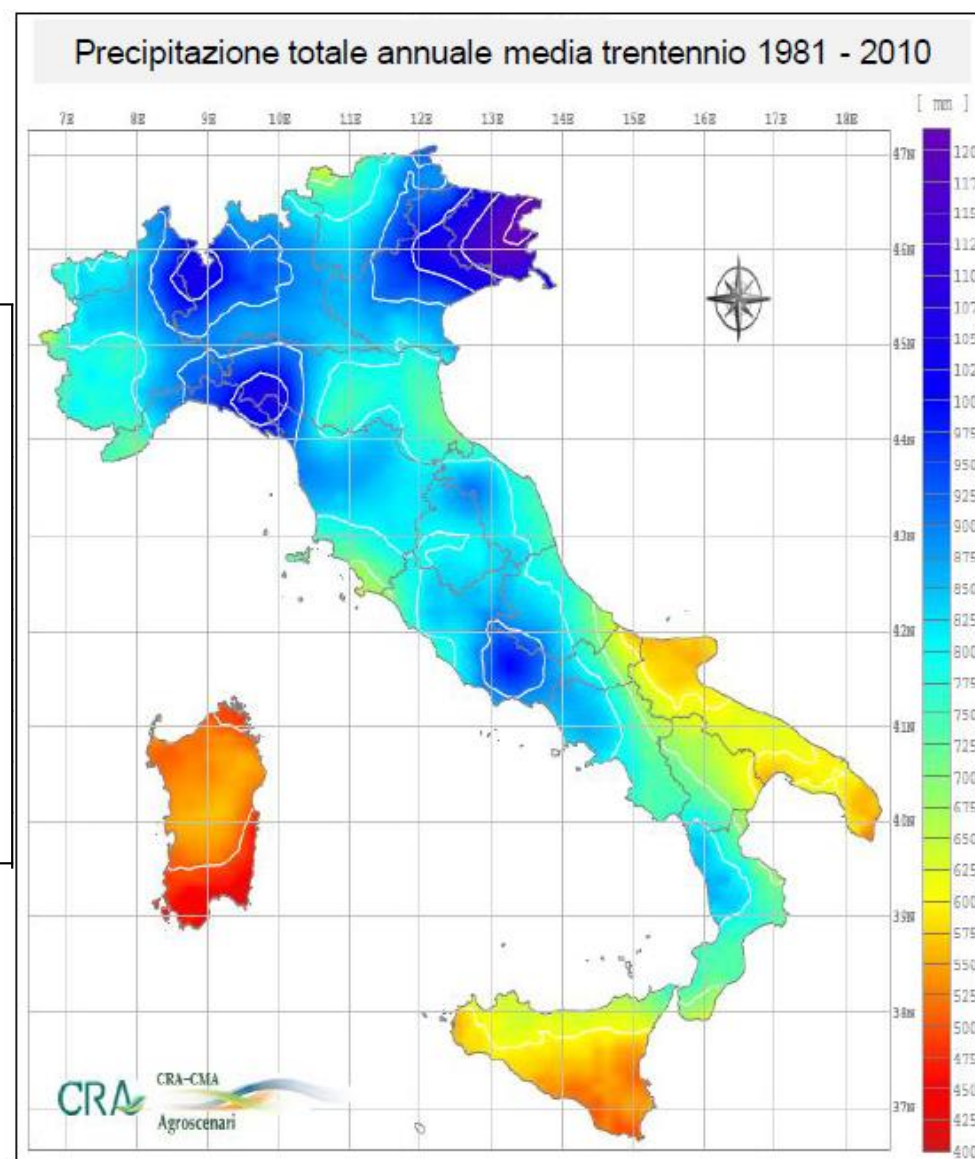
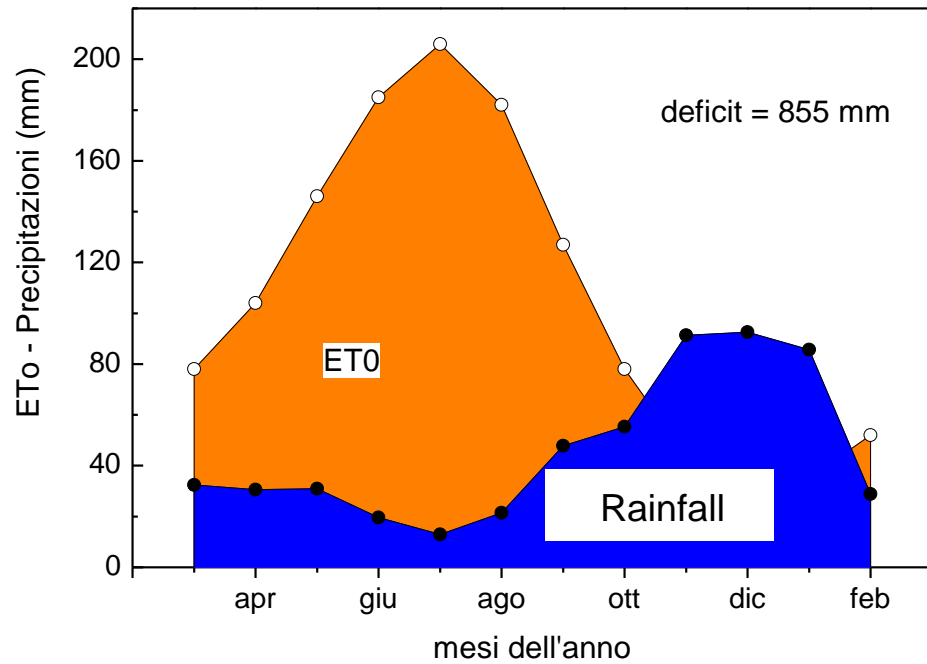


Parties to the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) reached a landmark agreement on December 12 in Paris

Reaffirm the goal of limiting global temperature increase well below 2 degrees Celsius, while urging efforts to limit the increase to 1.5 degrees

# Climate change in Europa





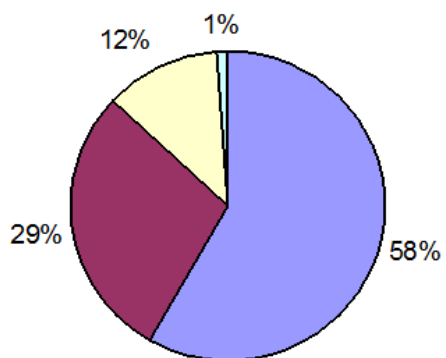
*Esposito S. et al. 2014 Atti convegno Progetto Agrosceuari*

# Basilicata – ITALY

*agriculture*



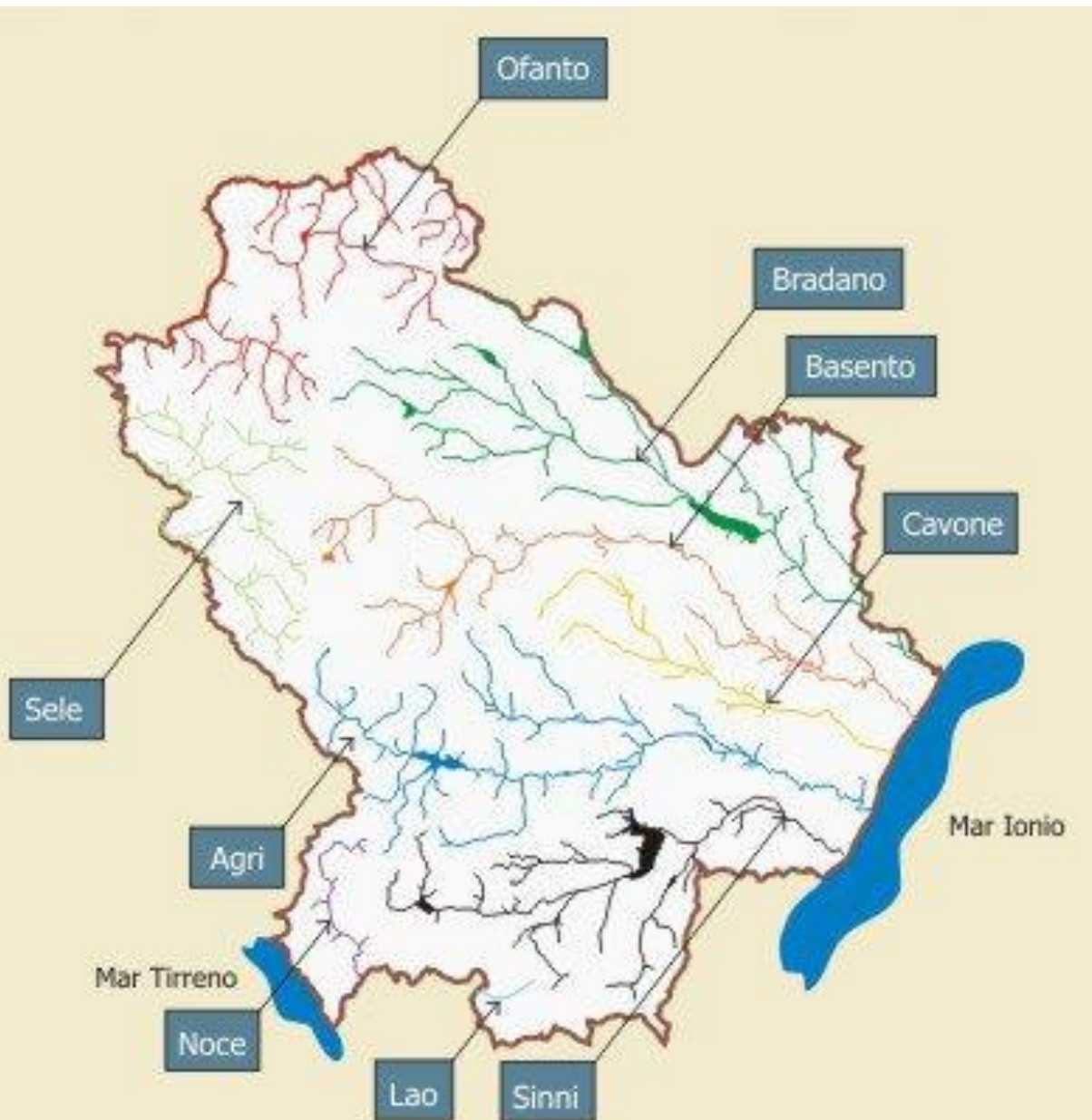
Land use of the whole territory



- Agricultural land
- Forests
- Natural areas
- Artificial areas



# BASILICATA: hydrographical system



**5 main rivers**

# BASILICATA Region: WATER

Maximum capacity of dams:

950 Mm<sup>3</sup>



**Acerenza**



**Genzano**



**Basentello**



**Camastra**



**Pertusillo**



**Montecotugno**



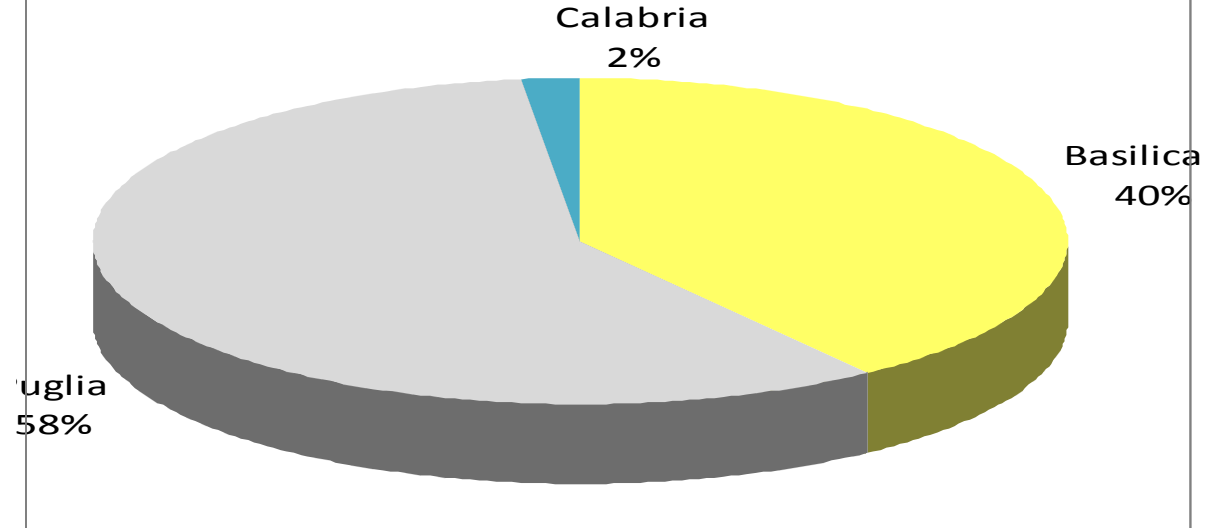
**San Giuliano**

# BASILICATA Region

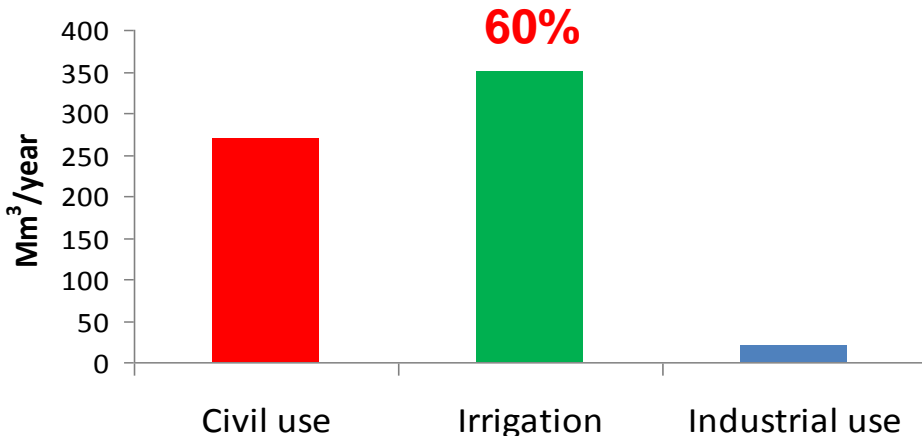
Sharing of water resources with adjacent regions



**640 Mm<sup>3</sup>/year**



Distribution of water use between sectors



**Irrigated fruit crops in Basilicata: 72 %**



# Climate-Smart Agriculture (sustainable) is needed

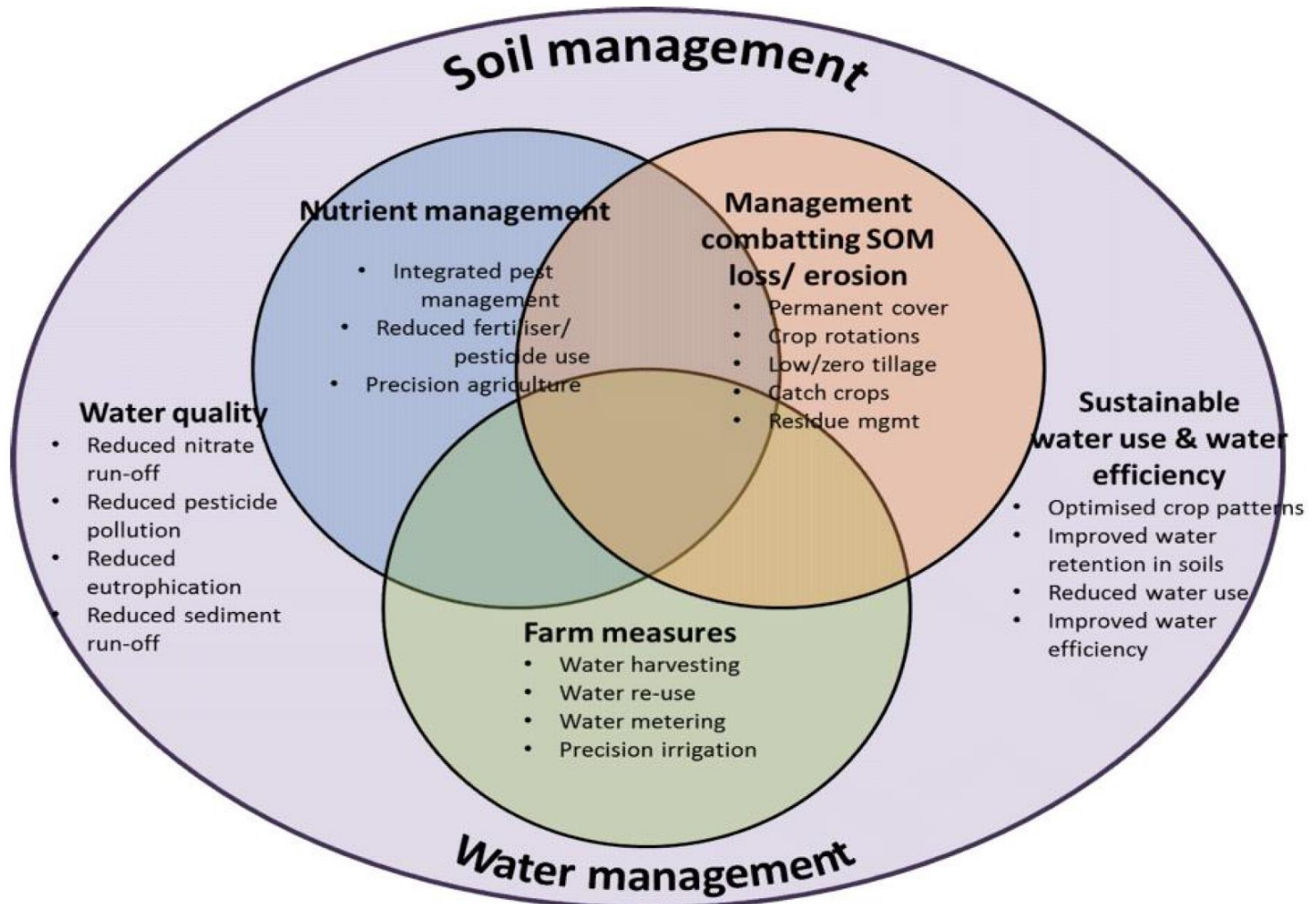


**CSA is agriculture that**

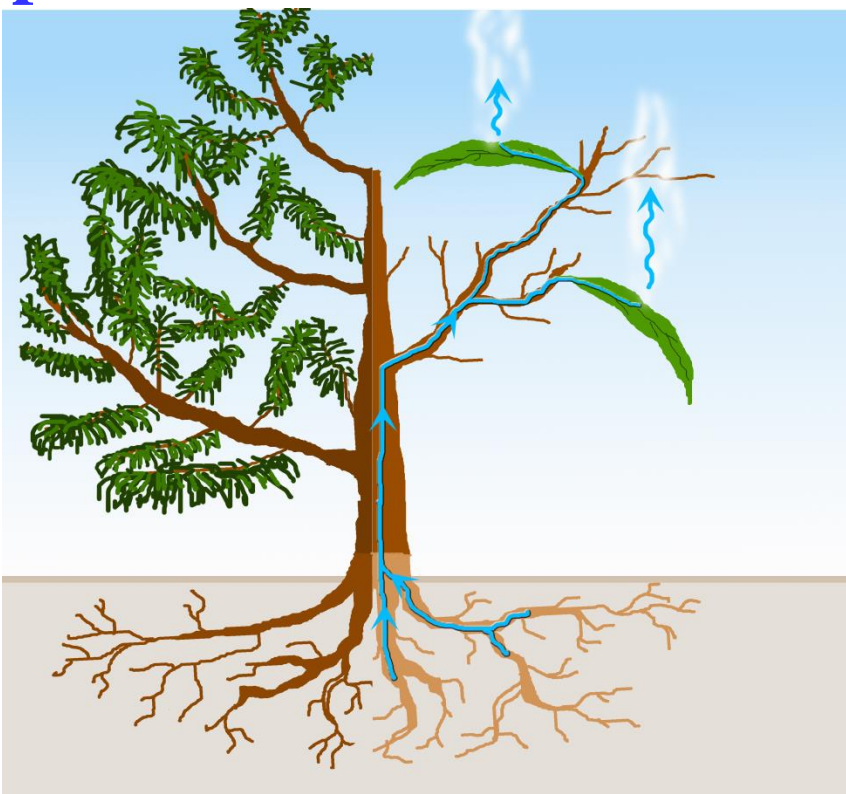
- **increases yields** (poverty reduction & food security),
- **makes yields more resilient** in the face of worsening weather conditions (adaptation), and
- **transforms the farm into a solution to the climate change problem (mitigation).**

(World Bank , 2012)

# Potential win-wins for Sustainable soil and Water Outcomes



# Optimization water use in Agroecosystem



$$\text{WUE} = \frac{\text{Biomass (Kg)}}{\text{Transpired Water (m}^3\text{)}}$$

$$\text{WP} = \frac{\text{Marketable Yield value}}{\text{Irrigation water}}$$

**WP = Water Productivity**



**Sustainable**

Peach orchard  
cv.Super Crimson/GF667  
500 tree/ha

**conventional**

**Soil management**



Untilled soil  
spontaneous grass



**Compost (15 t ha<sup>-1</sup>)**

**Mineral N if necessary**

**Fertilization**

**Mineral  
fertilizers**



**Pruning material**

**Guided drip irrigation**  
**Crop evapotranspiration and**  
**Soil Water Balance**



**Cipping pruning residues into  
the soil**



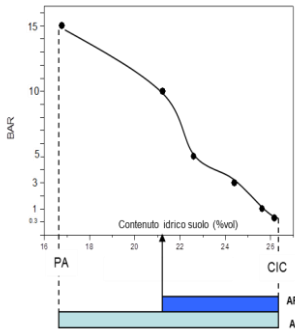
# Water balance implementation



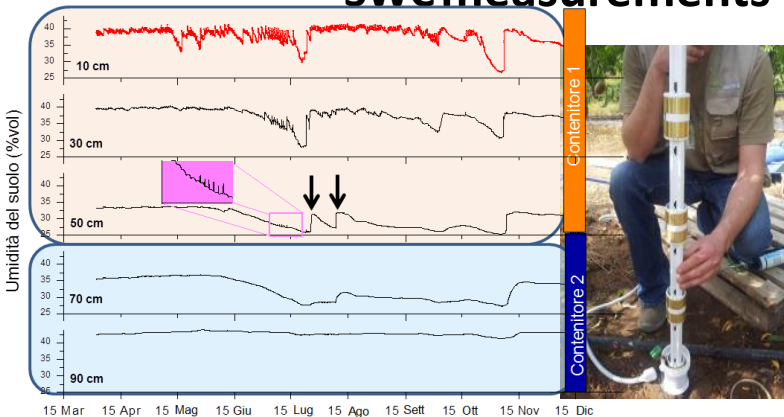
## Weather Parameters ( $ET_0$ )



## Soil data

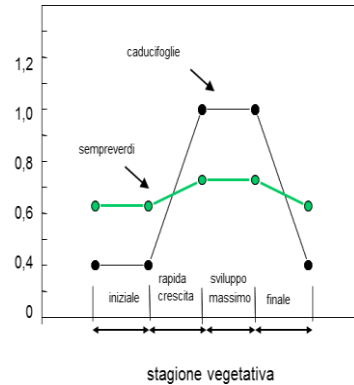


## SWC measurements



## Soil water balance

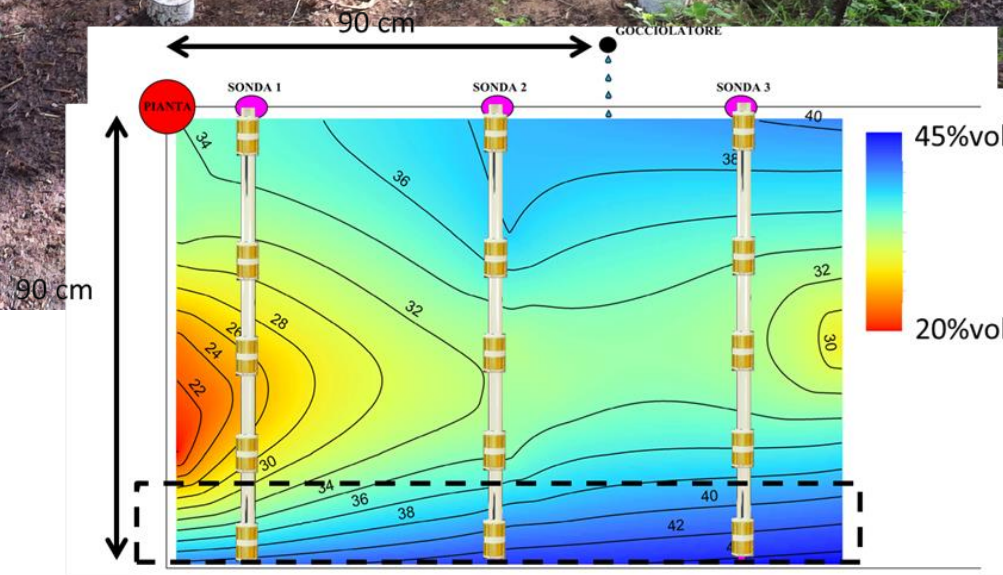
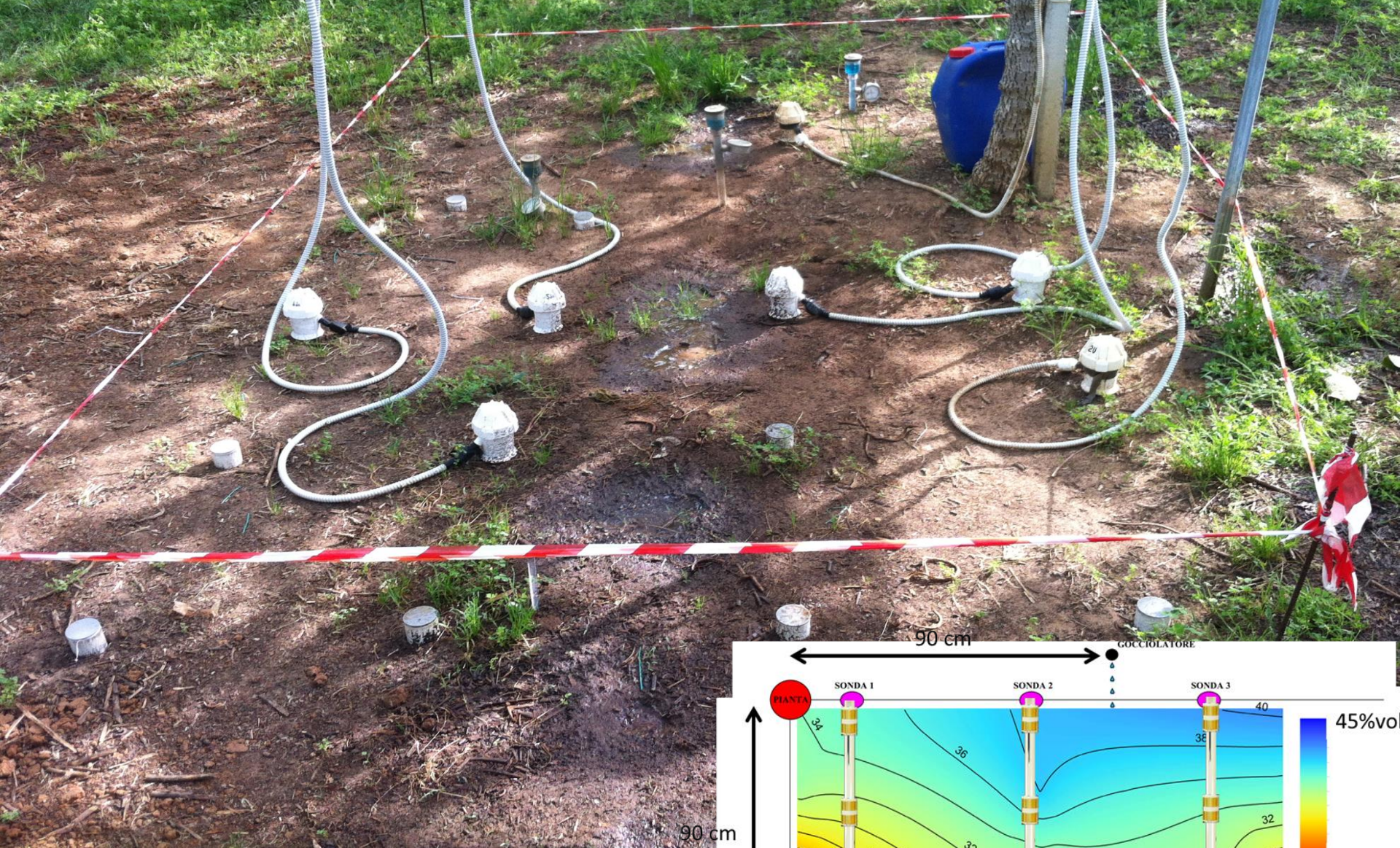
## Crop data

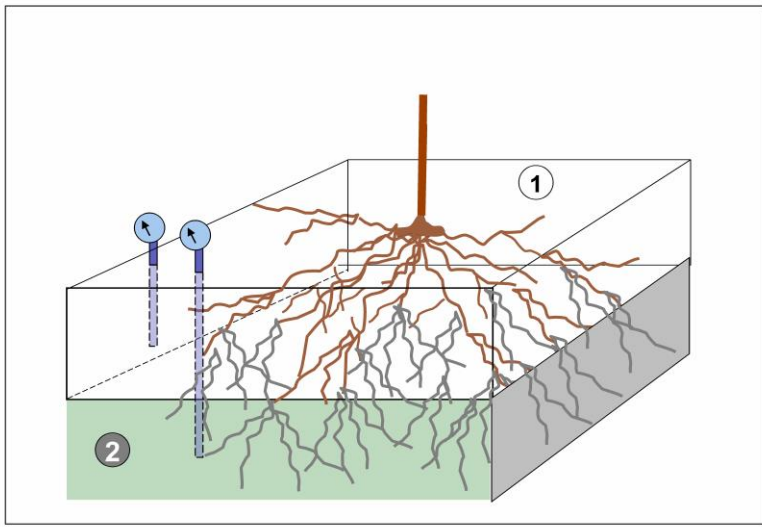


## Water balance Optimased

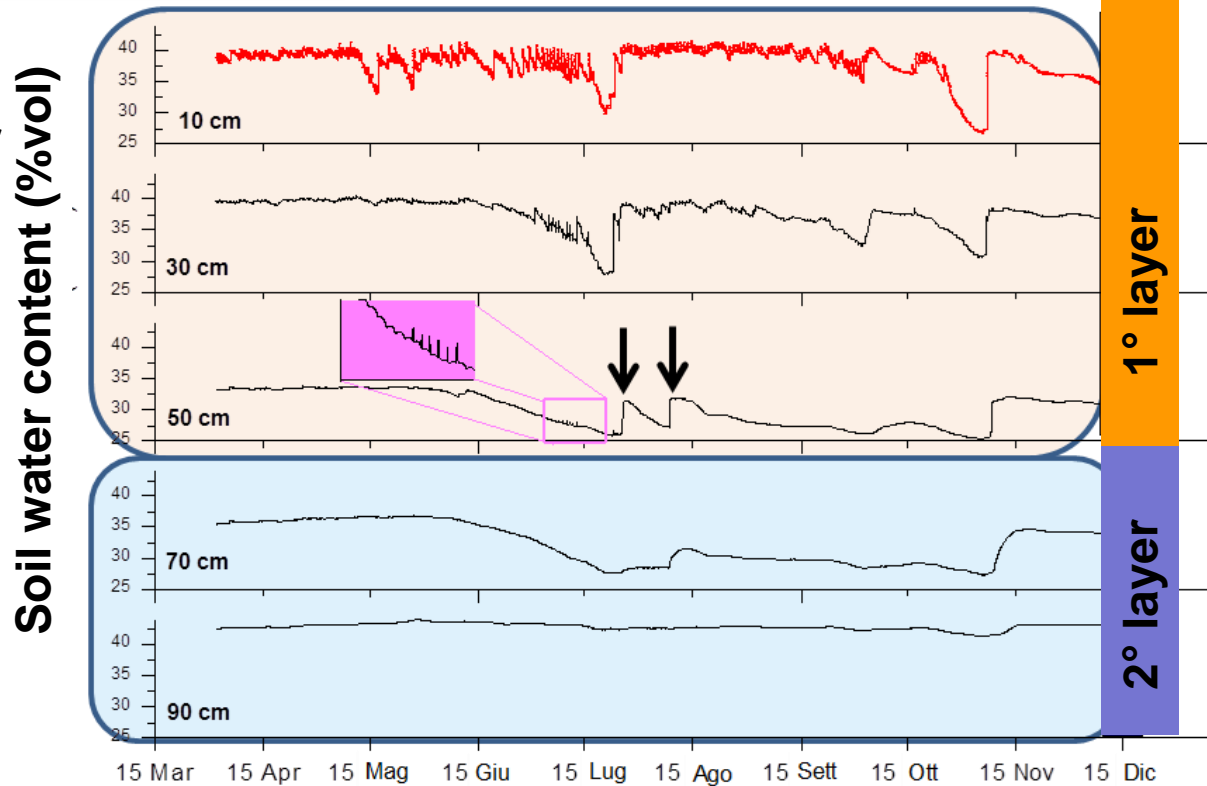




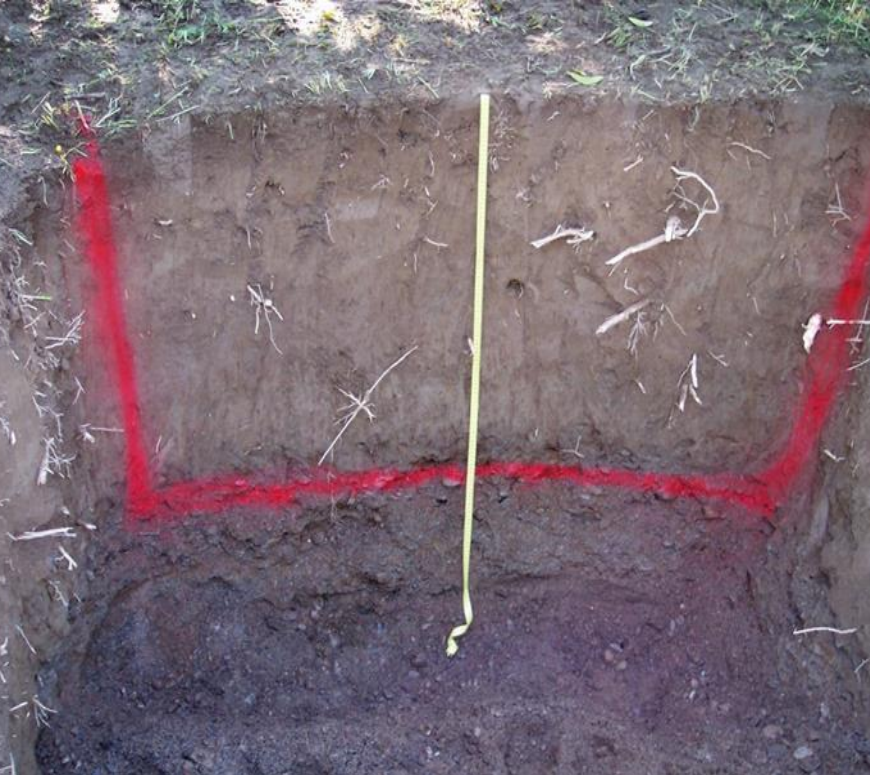




the continuous monitoring of soil water content along the soil profile give us information to correct the irrigation scheduling



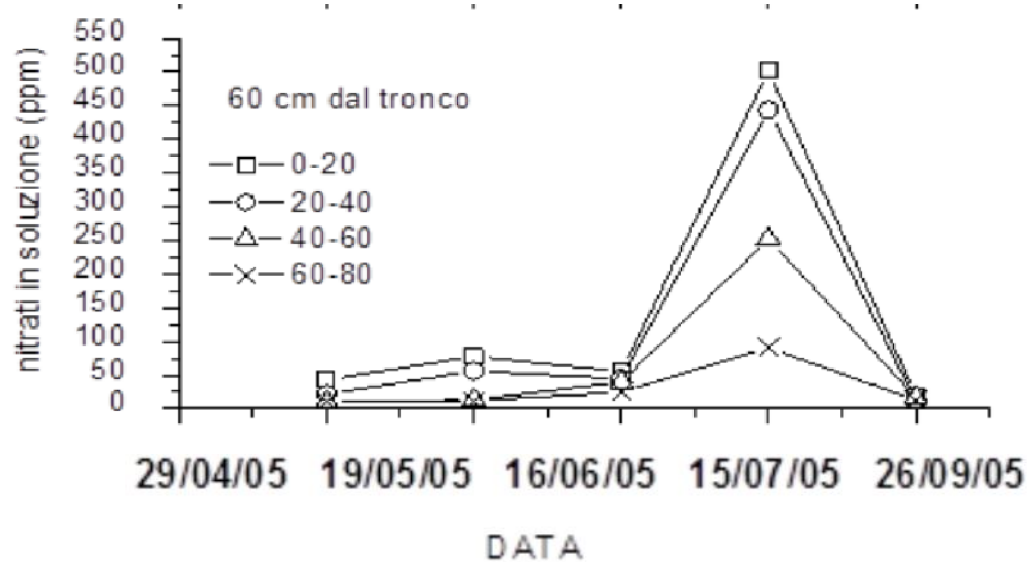




**Wetted soil by irrigation 90 cm**



**Water Table 120 cm**



# Optimization and Application of Regulated deficit irrigation



From bud break

To Harvest 100% ETC



march/July.

Post - harvest

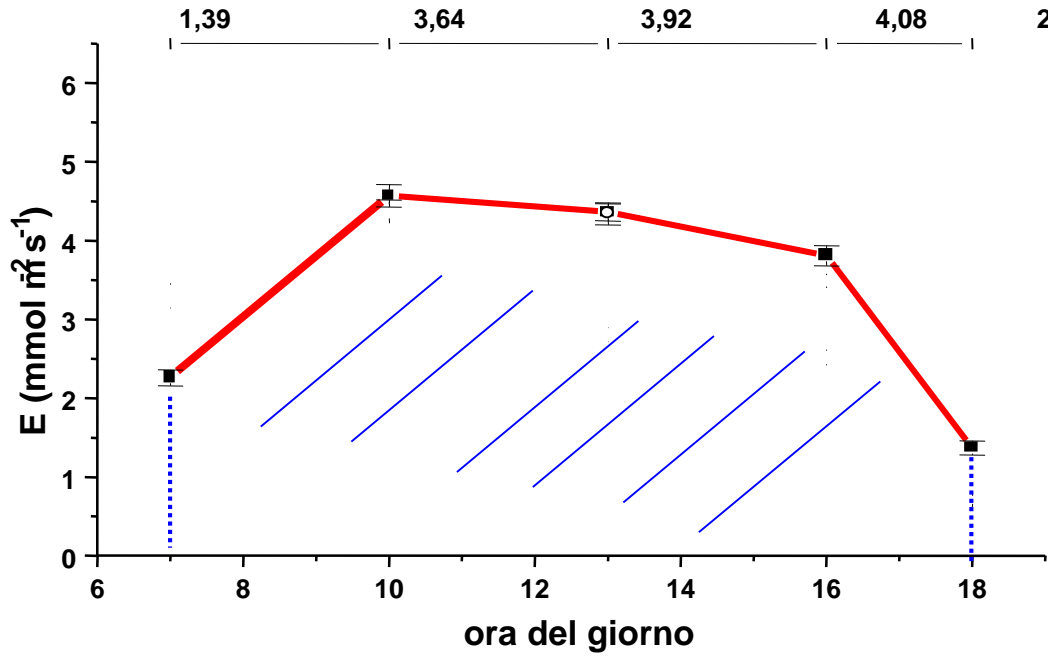


Deficit application  
50% ETC

At the end of september

B. DICHIO, C. XILOYANNIS, A. SOFO, G. MONTANARO (2007). Effects of post-harvest regulated deficit irrigation on carbohydrate and nitrogen partitioning, yield quality and vegetative growth of peach trees. PLANT AND SOIL (ISSN:0032-079X). 127- 137. 290;

# How much water can be saved with summer pruning?

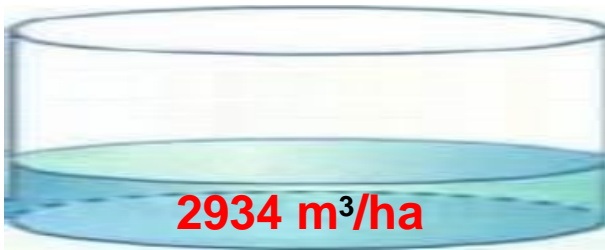


**2,3 litri H<sub>2</sub>O x m<sup>2</sup> of leaves**  
**Daily w. transpired 66 lt/tree**

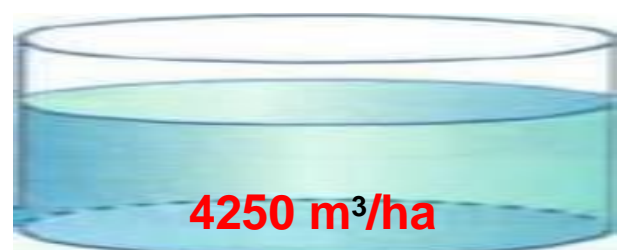
**Summer pruning 10 m<sup>2</sup> p<sup>-1</sup>**

**24 L d<sup>-1</sup>p<sup>-1</sup>**  $\xrightarrow{60-80 \text{ g}}$

about **750 m<sup>3</sup>/ha**  
 About **1000 m<sup>3</sup>/ha**



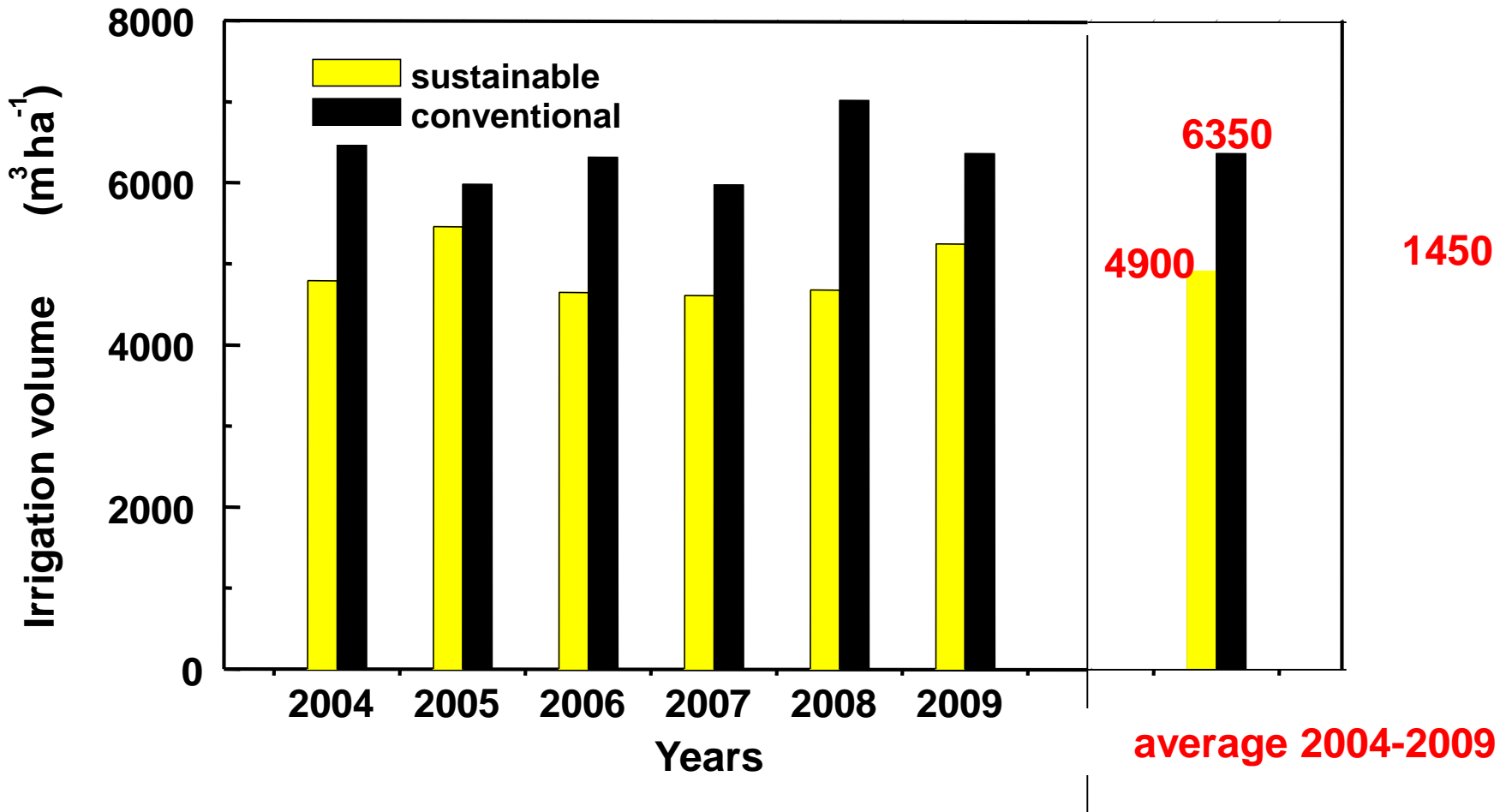
Mechanical tillage reduces water infiltration causing runoff and erosion processes



Sustainable management practices increase infiltration rate and water storage in soil

$>1.300 \text{ m}^3/\text{ha}$

# Irrigation volume ( $\text{m}^3 \text{ha}^{-1}$ )



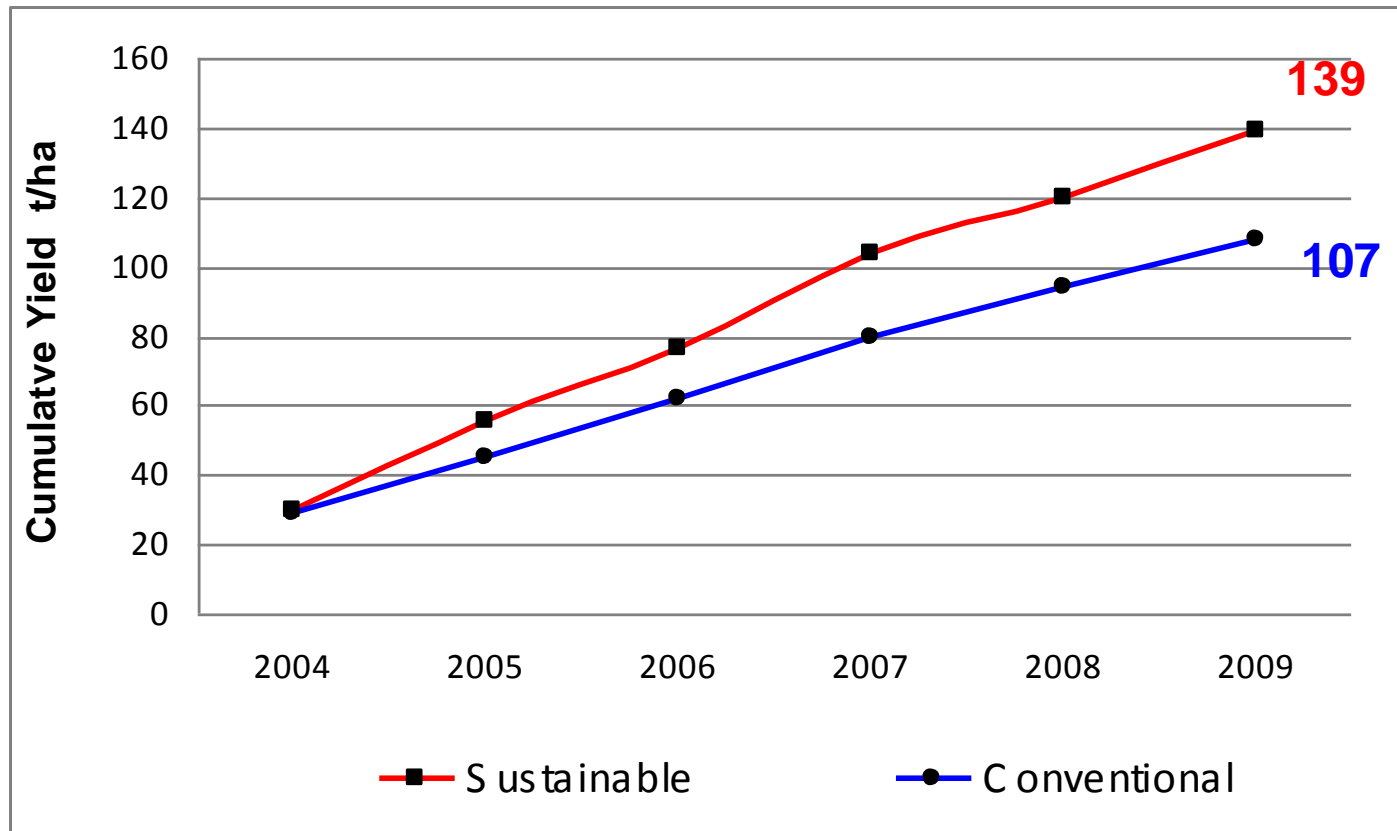


$$\text{W.P.} = \frac{\text{Marketable Yield value (€)}}{\text{Irrigation water (m}^3\text{)}}$$

Water footprint (L) /Kg of fruit

**Sustainable**      **220**  
**Conventional**    **380**

**Sustainable**    **€ 2,11**  
**Conventional**   **€ 1,34**



# New Technologies in agriculture

Profiler GSSI EMP-400  
5000 values  $EC_a$  for site (1 hectar)

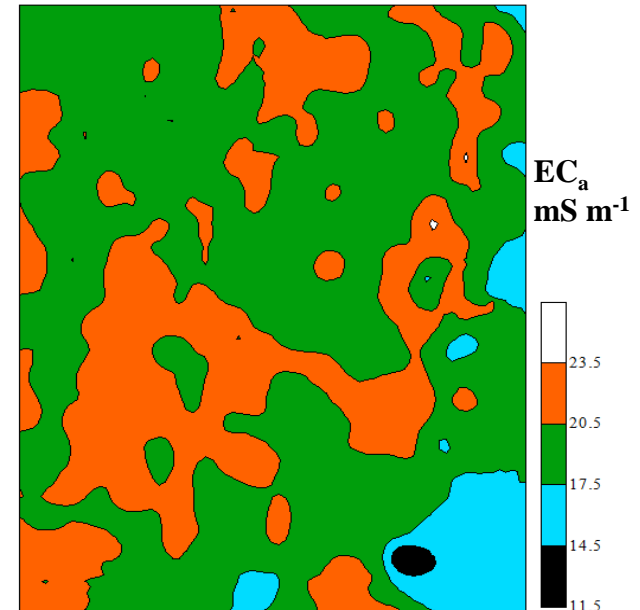
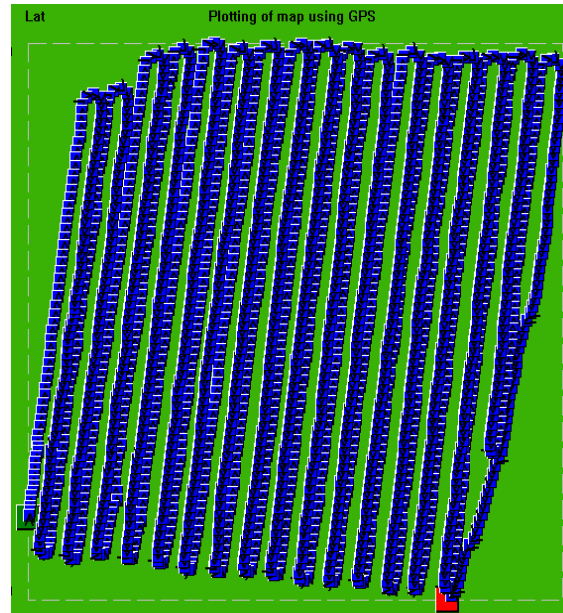


Elaboration & validation data (-8%)

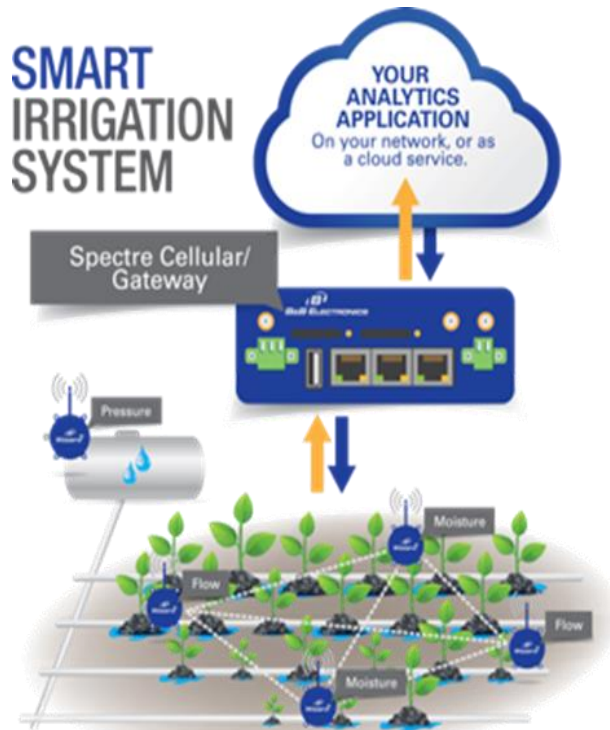
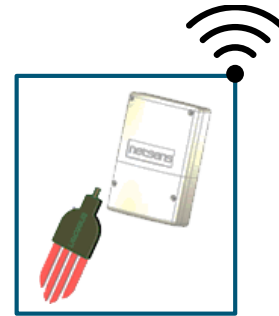
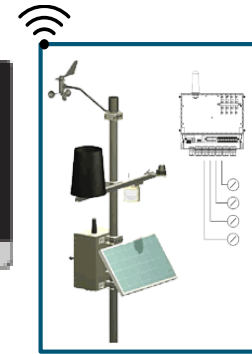


To obtain soil variability maps (soil  $EC_a$ )  
(data interpolation: kriging)

➔ Orchard management support (nursery,  
establishment, irrigation, nutrition, etc)

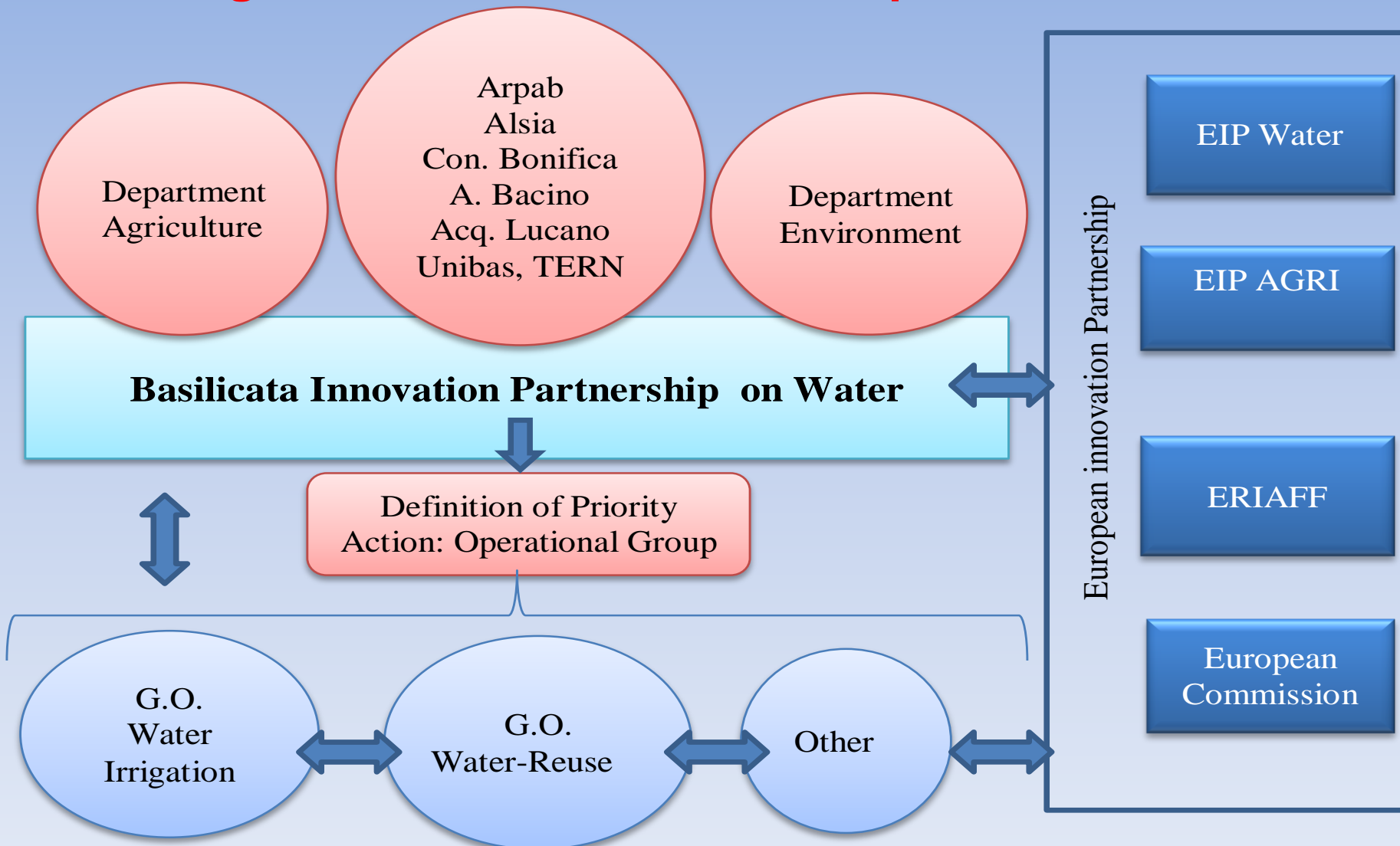


# Validation and implementation of the innovations at field level (testing, scaling up, demonstration, training)





## Regional Innovation Partnership on Water





# ISHS

International Society for Horticultural Science

## MATERA 2019

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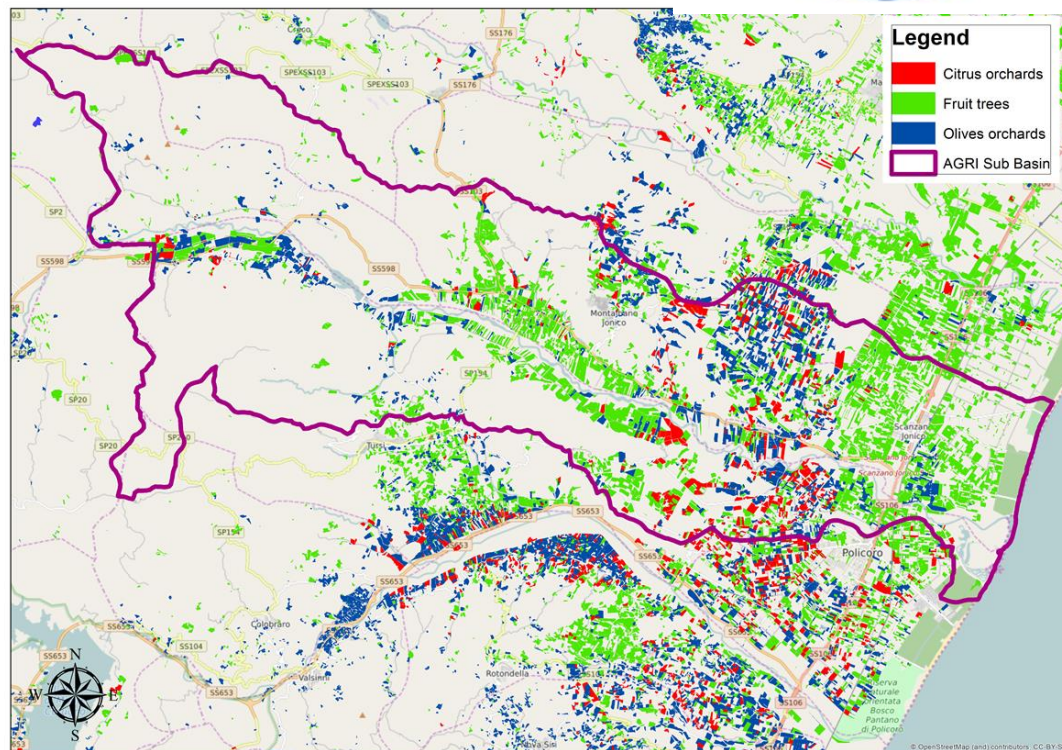


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