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Spoke 4: multifunctional and resilient agriculture and forestry systems for the mitigation of climate change risks



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4 – Sistemi agricoli e forestali multifunzionali e resilienti per la mitigazione dei rischi associati al cambiamento climatico

WP

4.1

Tecnologie di ultima generazione per la selezione di piante con caratteristiche di resilienza

Goal

4.2

Sistemi di agricoltura e silvicoltura rispettosi del clima: dai prodotti sostenibili alla bioeconomia

4.3

Modellistica e gestione integrata dei principali rischi associati al cambiamento climatico

Sviluppare soluzioni integrate per identificare risorse agroalimentari e specie forestali resilienti e più produttive al fine di mitigare l'impatto del cambiamento climatico

Migliorare la resilienza climatica dei sistemi agricoli e forestali e sviluppare strategie integrate a base biologica per massimizzare gli effetti di mitigazione

Sviluppare una piattaforma di gestione integrata del rischio e modelli per la produzione di biomassa e la degradazione del suolo in presenza di cambiamento climatico



Principali obiettivi di ricerca – Spoke 4

- **A livello di coltura:** implementare e sfruttare piattaforme di fenotipizzazione e di genotipizzazione di ultima generazione per selezionare varietà superiori, resistenti o tolleranti agli stress ambientali (cambiamenti climatici), su base fenomica e genomica, così da garantire maggiori rese unitarie, secondo il principio “more with less”;
- **A livello di campo:** ricercare e validare soluzioni volte a migliorare la sostenibilità delle produzioni, aumentando l’efficienza nell’uso degli input da parte delle varietà coltivate, secondo il principio “do no significant harm”, senza arrecare danni all’ambiente, concentrandosi sulla gestione sito-specifica dell’acqua e dei fertilizzanti;
- **Sviluppare una rete di aziende agrarie pilota e dimostrative (“living labs”) da utilizzare come incubatori di innovazione** per la valorizzazione della risorsa idrica in agricoltura, la conservazione del suolo e la mitigazione delle emissioni di gas clima alteranti. Particolare attenzione viene dedicata anche al miglioramento dell’agrobiodiversità e della qualità, ai servizi ecosistemici correlati alle attività agricole e forestali.



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 - ▶ **T4.2.4** – Mauro Masiero & Andrea Squartini UNIPD
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 - ▶ **T4.3.1** – Francesco Pirotti UNIPD / Giuseppe Serra UNIUD
 - ▶ **T4.3.2** – Francesco Morari UNIPD / Angelo Basile CNR
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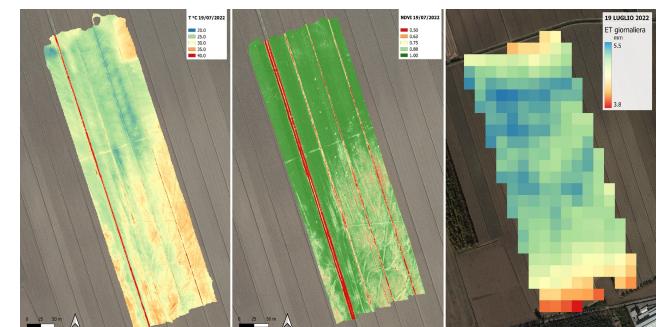
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Spoke 4 – organigramma: 52 Research Units (+200 ricercatori)

	Spoke 4 - Multifunctional and resilient agriculture and forestry systems for the mitigation of climate change risks										
WPs	WP 4.1 - Next-generation technologies for resilient traits of crop varieties and tree species (WP Leader: UNITO Ezio Porta - Francesca Secci / UNITUS Rodolfo Picchio / CNR Mauro Centritto)			WP 4.2 - Smart climate agriculture and forestry: from sustainable products to the bioeconomy (WP Leader: UNIPD Maurizio Borin - Paolo Tarolli / UNIUD Alessandro Peressotti - Elsa Marraccini)			WP 4.3 - Integrated climate change risk modelling and management (WP Leader: UNIBZ Francesco Comiti / UNIPD Samuele Trestini - Francesco Morari)				
Tasks	Task 4.1.1 - Next-generation genotyping and breeding technologies for the molecular prediction of multiple resilient traits in crop plants (T Leader: UNIUD Emanuele De Paoli / UNIPD Alessandro Vannozzi)	Task 4.1.2 - Smart phenotyping platforms for the on-farm selection of resilient varieties and rootstocks (T Leader: UNIBZ Stefano Cesco / UNIPD Paolo Sambo)	Task 4.1.3 - Identification of forest species and propagation techniques guaranteeing high resilience to climate risks (T Leader: UNITUS Riccardo Valentini / UNIPD Daniele Castagneri)	Task 4.1.4 - Technical solutions for high-quality wood and wood-supply chain (T Leader: UNIPD Stefano Grigolato / UNIBZ Renato Vidoni)	Task 4.2.1 - Farm network setup (Living Lab): a network of farms representative of the different agricultural systems to apply innovative technologies for the sustainable management of crops, animals and forests (T Leader: UNIPD Maurizio Borin / UNIPD Massimo Tagliafani)	Task 4.2.2 - Advanced monitoring and management practices for saving soil and water, optimizing carbon balance, and maximizing the efficiency of used resources and mitigating impacts (T Leader: UNIPD Andrea Pitacco / UNIBZ Renato Vidoni)	Task 4.2.3 - Big data analysis and decision support systems for the climate adaptation of agriculture and forestry (T Leader: UNIPD Luigi Sartori / UNIBZ Fabrizio Mazzetto)	Task 4.2.4 - Assessment of ecosystem services and bio-based industry solutions and identification of potential pathways for their valorization (T Leader: UNIPD Mauro Maisera / UNIPD Andrea Squaritti)	Task 4.3.1 - Development of an integrated information platform on risks in the agricultural and forestry systems (T Leader: UNIPD Francesco Pirotti / UNIUD Giuseppe Serra)	Task 4.3.2 - Ensemble of tailored models for predicting climate and forest productivity and land vulnerability under different climate scenarios (T Leader: UNIPD Francesco Morari / CNR Angelo Basile)	Task 4.3.3 - Risk management strategies on primary sector policies in the context of climate change (T Leader: UNIPD Samuele Trestini / UNITO Davide Ascoli)
UNIPD	Advanced genotyping technologies for the molecular prediction of multiple resilient traits in crop plants (T Leader: UNIBZ Stefano Cesco / UNIPD Alessandro Vannozzi)	Smart phenotyping platforms for the on-farm selection of resilient varieties and rootstocks (T Leader: UNIBZ Stefano Cesco / UNIPD Paolo Sambo)	Identifying tree response mechanisms to climate risks to ensure forest carbon sequestration under future climate conditions (T Leader: UNIPD Daniele Castagneri)	Eco-efficient improvement of the high-quality wood and wood-products supply chain (T Leader: UNIPD Stefano Grigolato / UNIBZ Renato Vidoni)	Living Lab: a network of farms representative of the different agricultural systems to apply innovative technologies for the sustainable management of crops, animals and forests (T Leader: UNIPD Maurizio Borin / UNIPD Massimo Tagliafani)	Advanced monitoring techniques and soil management practices for saving soil and water, optimizing carbon balance, and maximizing the efficiency of used resources and mitigating impacts (T Leader: UNIPD Andrea Pitacco / UNIBZ Renato Vidoni)	Big data analysis and decision support systems for the climate adaptation of agriculture and forestry (T Leader: UNIPD Luigi Sartori / UNIBZ Fabrizio Mazzetto)	Biophysical and economic assessment of agriculture and forest-based ecosystem services within the framework of a bio-based economy (T Leader: UNIPD Mauro Maisera / UNIPD Andrea Squaritti)	Creation of a knowledge base hub in a relational environment for risk-related information (T Leader: UNIPD Francesco Pirotti / UNIUD Giuseppe Serra)	New generation of multi-model ensembles for estimating the future productivity of agricultural systems under different climate scenarios (T Leader: UNIPD Francesco Pirotti / UNIUD Giuseppe Serra)	New risk management solutions for agriculture in climate change scenarios (T Leader: UNIPD Samuele Trestini / UNIPD Francesco Pirotti / UNIUD Giuseppe Serra)
UNIUD	Exploration of genomic information and genetic resources in viticulture for the understanding of plant resistance to diseases and environmental challenges (T Leader: UNIPD Ezio Porta)	Implementation of a phenotyping platform for the evaluation and exploitation of crop plant resilience (T Leader: UNIPD Ezio Porta)									
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Principali soluzioni tecnologiche – Spoke 4

- **Nuove metodologie e piattaforme di fenotipizzazione e di genotipizzazione e sviluppo di banche dati utili a selezionare varietà di specie agroalimentari** capaci di garantire rese unitarie superiori, impiegando meno input ma con più alta efficienza di utilizzo (con specifico riferimento ad acqua, energia, agrochimici, concimi);
- **Nuove soluzioni tecnologiche e pratiche culturali di precisione volte a migliorare la resilienza al cambiamento climatico dei sistemi di produzione in ambito agricolo e forestale**, basate su proximal e remote sensing (telerilevamento e modellistica), e anche su robotica, validate attraverso **living labs**.



WP4.1: Next-generation technologies for resilient traits of crop varieties and tree species

WP leader: Ezio Portis & Francesca Secchi UNITO / Rodolfo Picchio UNITUS / Mauro Centritto CNR

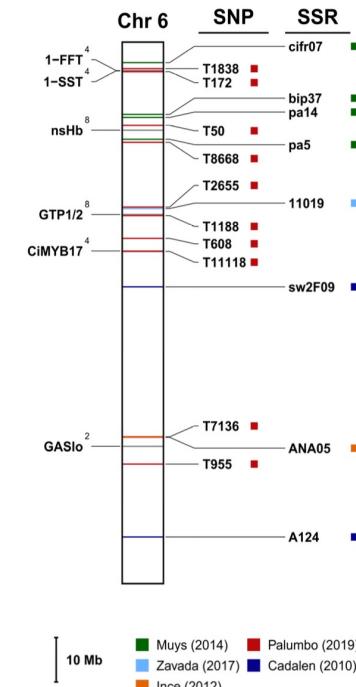
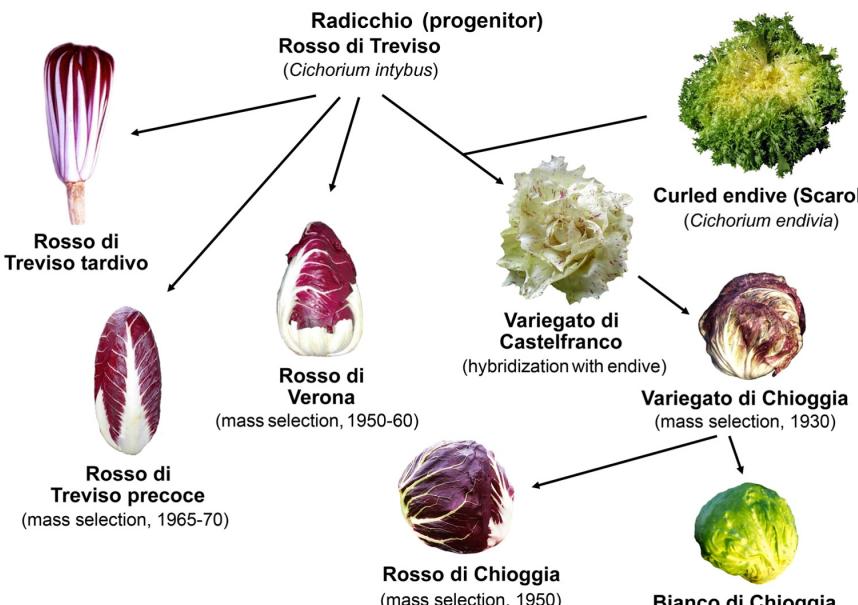


T4.1.1 Next-generation genotyping and -omics technologies for the molecular prediction of multiple resilient traits in crop plants

Task leaders: Emanuele De Paoli UNIUD / Alessandro Vannozzi UNIPD

Sviluppo di banche dati metagenomiche per il miglioramento genetico assistito predizione del valore aggiunto a livello agronomico e nutraceutico di varietà con fenotipi resilienti

Traits/Topic	Gene or Marker Locus
	NMS-related (NMS1, NMS2)
Reproductive barriers ¹	ms1 (<i>MYB103-like</i>)
	S-related (S1-S4), MIK2
	GASlo, GASSh
	GAO
	CYP71AV8
Sesquiterpene lactone biosynthesis (STL) ²	GASSh2, GAS1, GAO, COS
Hydroxycinnamates (HCAs) ³	HCT1, HCT2, HQT1, HQT2, HQT3
	1-FEH I
	1-FEH IIa, 1-FEH IIb
Inulin metabolism ⁴	1-FEH IIa2
	1-FEH IIb2, CiMYB17, SUT1, SUT2, SUT3,1-SST, 1-FFT
	nia gene
	PPX1
Stress response ⁵	CAld5H (<i>bip41</i>)
	DHN1, DHN2
	CiNHX1
	DREB1A, DREB1B
Blue-lilac color ⁶	F3'H, F3'5'H
Flowering time ⁷	FL1 gene
Red discoloration ⁸	PAL1, PAL2



Draga et al. (2023) Genome-wide datasets of chicories (*Cichorium intybus* L.) for marker-assisted crop breeding applications: A systematic review and meta-analysis. Intl. Journal of Molecular Sciences <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijms.2497903>

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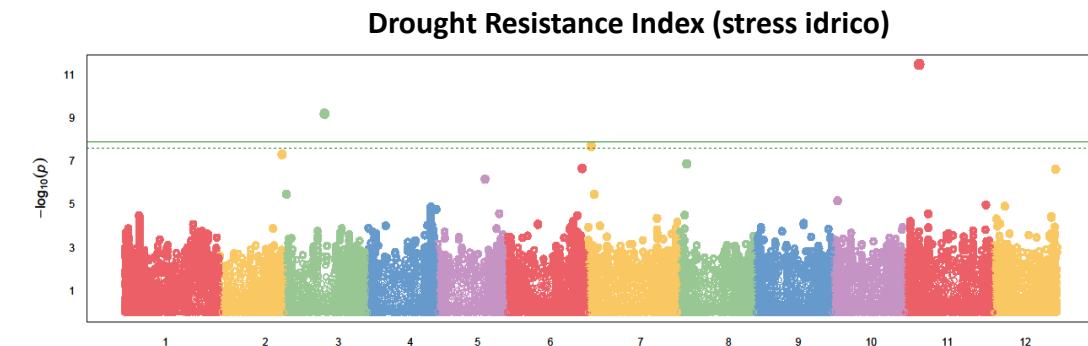
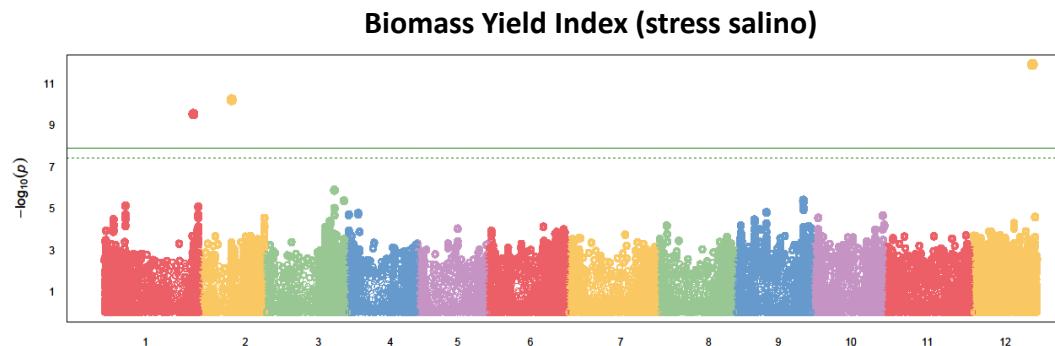


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Identificazione di marcatori genomici in grado di predire il valore aggiunto di caratteri di resilienza in peperone (stress termico) e melanzana (stress salino e idrico)

Unit leader: Ezio Portis UNITO



approccio GWAS in melanzana

Gaccione et al. (2023) A compendium for novel marker-based breeding strategies in eggplant. Plants <https://doi.org/10.3390/plants12051016>

Gramazio et al. (2023) Conventional and new genetic resources for an eggplant breeding revolution. Journal of Experimental Botany <https://doi.org/10.1093/jxb/erad260>

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T4.1.2 Smart phenotyping platforms for the on-farm selection of resilient varieties and rootstocks

Task leaders: Stefano Cesco UNIBZ / Giancarlo Renella & Paolo Sambo UNIPD

Selezione di varietà resistenti e suscettibili a stress abiotici all'interno di collezioni fenotipizzate di Solanacee e loro validazione

Unit leader: Ezio Portis UNITO

Ricerche in corso su varietà resistenti e suscettibili ad ognuno degli stress di interesse

sono in corso prove pilota, per selezionare la varietà in assoluto più resistente e più suscettibile tra quelle di melanzana prese in considerazione

per la fenotipizzazione delle piante, insieme al rilievo dei principali livelli fisiologici, è utilizzata la nuova **piattaforma di Plant Phenotyping** presente presso il DISAFA-UNITO



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Task leaders: Emanuele De Paoli UNIUD / Alessandro Vannozzi UNIPD

Analisi del Fusarium Head Blight (FHB) in frumento: caratterizzazione fenotipica e predizione molecolare della resistenza alla fusariosi della spiga

Unit leader: SIS-BF



Inoculazione
artificiale con
Fusarium



Fenotipizzazione
delle spighe
in campo



Fenotipizzazione
della granella
post-raccolta



Campionamento
e screening
molecolare



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Task leaders: Emanuele De Paoli UNIUD / Alessandro Vannozzi UNIPD

Incrocio semi-diallelico tra 7 varietà di vite per lo sviluppo di 21 popolazioni caratterizzate a livello genomico e fenotipico

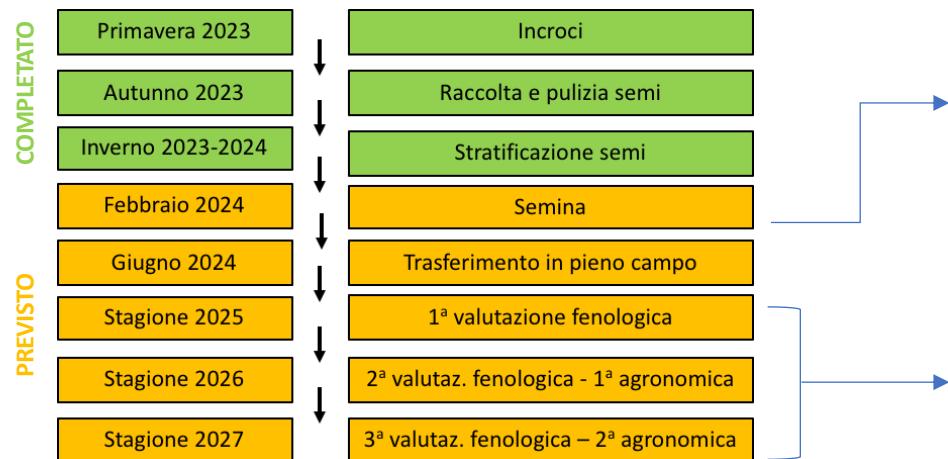
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- Pinot Grigio
- Raboso Piave
- Grenache
- Sangiovese
- Montepulciano
- Moscato d'Alessandria
- Glera

segregazione e ricombinazione di caratteri responsabili della resilienza al cambiamento climatico:

- Fenologici (es. precocità germogliamento e maturazione)
- Agronomici (es. resistenza alle scottature, stress idrico)
- Qualitativi (es. basso contenuto in zuccheri, alta acidità)



Genotipizzazione
ad alta densità
(ddRAD-seq)



Fenotipizzazione
ad alta processività
(Task 4.1.2)



Modello predittivo
per lo sviluppo
varietale mediante
**Genomic
Selection**



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WP4.1 - Interactions with other Spokes (1, 3, 7, 9)

Activities of this WP 4.1 will be carried out in close cooperation with other spokes and, in particular, with the **Spoke 1** in order i) to adopt markers, tools and protocols within their **WP 1.1** for the **Research activities linking phenotype and genotype** through the discovery of marker loci and genes/alleles for traits of agronomic interest, with particular relevance in terms of plant resilience, and ii) to exploit high throughput automated phenotyping platforms useful to compare phenotypic diversity of plant genetic resources through phenomic and multi-omics approaches (**WP 1.2 - Plant, animal and microbial genetic resources: mining for resilience**). For specific crop plants, our newly developed DNA genotyping protocols will find utility not only for assessing resilience traits of cultivated varieties but also for testing quality traits and for molecular traceability of food products and derivatives by DNA fingerprinting or genotyping, in collaboration with the **Spoke 9 (WP 9.1 - Integrating new data and metadata on origin and sustainability, i.e. Task 9.1.1)**. Technical interactions are also expected with the **Spoke 3** within their WP 3.2 – Innovative strategies to protect natural resources and reduce agriculture environmental impact to apply smart-technologies for soil quality assessment and protection in forest stands; **Spoke 7** within their **WP 7.1 - Integrated models to develop marginal areas** in order i) to assess post-harvest effects on forest stands in terms of soil erosion and biomass loss through remote sensing-based analysis; ii) to implement silvicultural strategies of management useful to improve protective efficacy of forests, and iii) to develop multi-source/multi-scale remote sensing applications to assess and monitor forest harvesting operations; **Spoke 9** within their **WP 9.1 - Integrating new data and metadata on origin and sustainability** to define methods and protocols for greenhouse gasses (GHG) emissions monitoring in forest harvesting operations and to evaluate the environmental impact of high-wood and wood-fuel processing even defining water and ecological footprints.

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T4.1.3 Identification of forest species and provenances guaranteeing high resilience to climate risks

Task leaders: Riccardo Valentini UNITUS / Daniele Castagneri UNIPD

Attività di ricerca su specie forestali (Conifere) e funghi lignicoli (*Heterobasidion spp.*) principale causa di marciumi radicali

- Set up and starting of the laboratory trials needed to model the association between *in vitro* growth rates and growing temperatures of the selected *Heterobasidion spp.* strains (**funghi lignicoli**)
- Retrieval of relevant information, numeric and GIS-based data about the current climatic conditions and the future climatic trends characterizing the **geographic distribution areas of the host tree species of *Heterobasidion spp.* in Europe**, followed by preliminary statistics and GIS analyses
- Drafting of experiments on the **adaptive capacity of mountain conifers** (including Norway spruce, silver fir, European larch, Scots pine, Swiss stone pine) to climate and environmental changes using dendrochronology, wood anatomy, and plant physiology in western (Val d'Aosta Valley, Val di Susa), central (Val di Fiemme, Val d'Isarco, Altopiano di Asiago) and eastern (Valle del Boite, Foresta di Tarvisio) Italian Alps
- First analysis on **growth rates and response to climate changes** in mixed Norway spruce/silver fir and Norway spruce/European larch forests (5 sites)
- Set up of a research site **network for the monitoring of individual trees** through Internet of Things sensors in Norway spruce pure and mixed forests at different elevation in western (Val di Susa), central (Val di Fiemme) and eastern (Valle del Boite) Italian Alps



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T4.1.4 Technical solutions for high-quality wood and wood-supply chain

Task leaders: Stefano Grigolato UNIPD / Renato Vidoni UNIBZ

Implementation of the smart-based technical solutions for low impact forest harvesting

Implementation of forest residue distribution quantification through UAV survey (UNIPD); Development and integration of decision support systems for forest operations planning at management plan scale (UNITUS); Implemented and validated monitoring actions to assess the environmental sustainability through "precision forest harvesting" (UNITUS). Programming highly mechanized experimental sites for productivity and impact assessment (UNIPD-UNITUS)

digitized wood-supply chains

Implementation of work element analysis and efficiency of forestry machines via telemetry (UNIPD); Critical investigation on hybrid and electric ropeway systems (UNIBZ); Development and implementation of analytical models to study the performance, efficiency and fuel consumption of ropeway system (UNIBZ); Development of mathematical models for estimating and limiting the force of the carrying rope inside a logging carriage (UNIBZ); Monitoring of carrying rope behavior with tension control systems and RTK system (UNIPD); Programming of field trials for the evaluation of analytical models developed to study the performance, efficiency and fuel consumption of cable forestry equipment (UNIBZ); Integrated survey on experimental construction sites in Apennine and Alpine areas for the implementation of possible smart-based technical solutions for digitized wood supply chains (UNIPD-UNITUS-CNRIBE)



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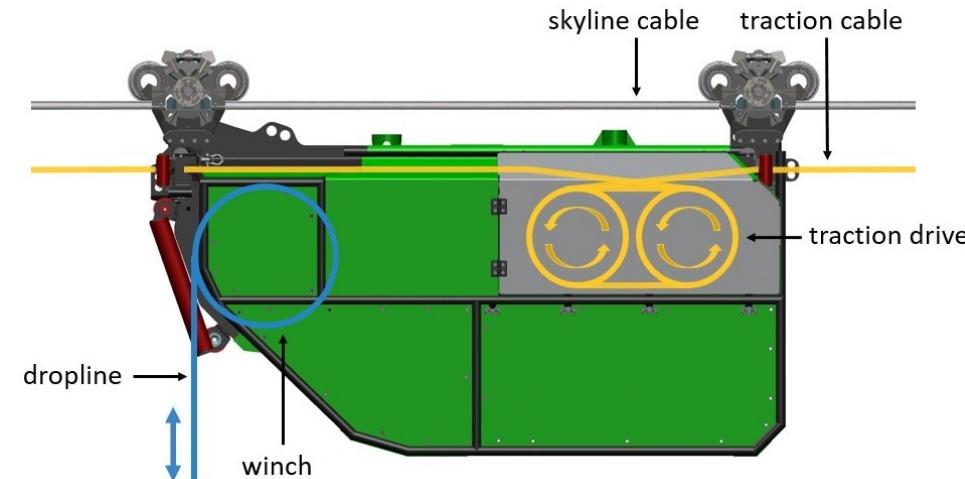
T4.1.4 Technical solutions for high-quality wood and wood-supply chain

Task leaders: Stefano Grigolato UNIPD / Renato Vidoni UNIBZ

Flagship solution: hybridization and electrification of cable logging equipment

Aim: study, conceptualize and proof the advantages of hybrid/electrified solutions in forest operations

Unit leader: Rodolfo Picchio UNITUS



Obiettivo: transizione verso attrezzature di disboscamento più efficienti, rispettose dell'ambiente, sicure e di facile utilizzo per migliorare la resilienza delle operazioni forestali e ridurne l'impatto sul clima

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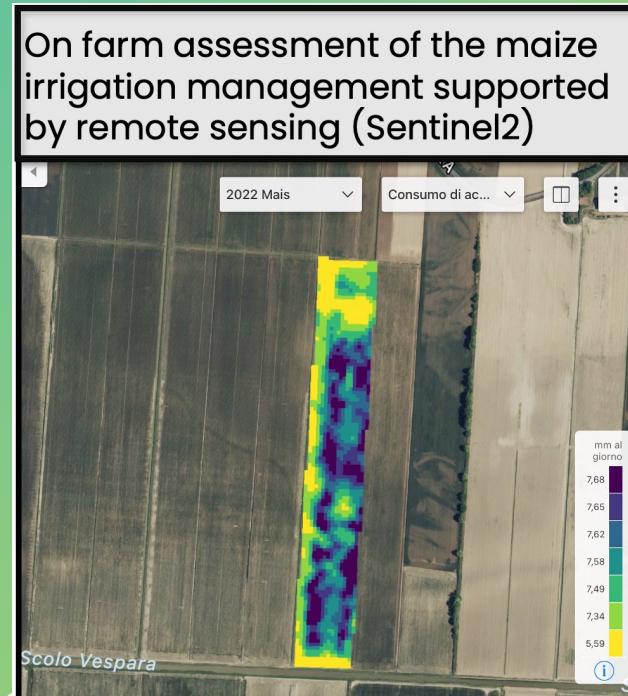
Task leaders: Maurizio Borin & Enrico Sturaro UNIPD

Sviluppo 'On Farm' di un sistema di irrigazione supportato dal telerilevamento

Unit leader: Maurizio Borin UNIPD

→ sistema finalizzato a ridurre i volumi irrigui attraverso il miglioramento dell'efficienza irrigua

- validare e ottimizzare una piattaforma informatica già disponibile per la gestione dell'irrigazione
- confrontare diversi sistemi di irrigazione così da selezionare il migliore in pieno campo (mais e soia)



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Ricerca di ibridi di mais tolleranti alla siccità

Ibridi di mais (tolleranti vs. convenzionali) sono stati confrontati per testare la resa in granella e l'efficienza nell'uso dell'acqua con e senza irrigazione

→ valutare
l'idoneità dei nuovi
genotipi resistenti
alla siccità per
selezionare i migliori
da utilizzare come
parte integrante
della strategia di
adattamento ai
cambiamenti
climatici nel nord
Italia



Unit leader: Maurizio Borin UNIPD

Genotype (F1 varieties)	FAO class	Drought resistant
P0217	400	Yes
P0362	400	No
P0900	500	No
P0937	500	No
P9889	300	Yes
PR37N01	300	No

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Spoke 4: Living labs

Task leaders: Maurizio Borin & Enrico Sturaro UNIPD

Work package number	4.2	Lead beneficiary	UNIPD
Work package title	Smart-climate and resilient agriculture and forestry: from sustainable products to the bioeconomy		
Start month	1	End month	36

- sviluppare una rete di aziende agrarie pilota e dimostrative da utilizzare come modello per applicare le innovazioni che verranno sviluppate durante il progetto, con lo scopo di conservare il suolo e l'acqua, ridurre le emissioni di carbonio, con focus su agrobiodiversità e servizi ecosistemici fondamentali per la produttività agricola**
- implementare pratiche agricole e forestali adattative, basate su variabili ambientali raccolte con monitoraggio a scala aziendale e regionale, per massimizzare la resilienza ai disturbi biotici e ai cambiamenti climatici
- sviluppare e sfruttare i servizi ecosistemici forestali, agricoli e zootechnici, e trovare soluzioni bio-industriali



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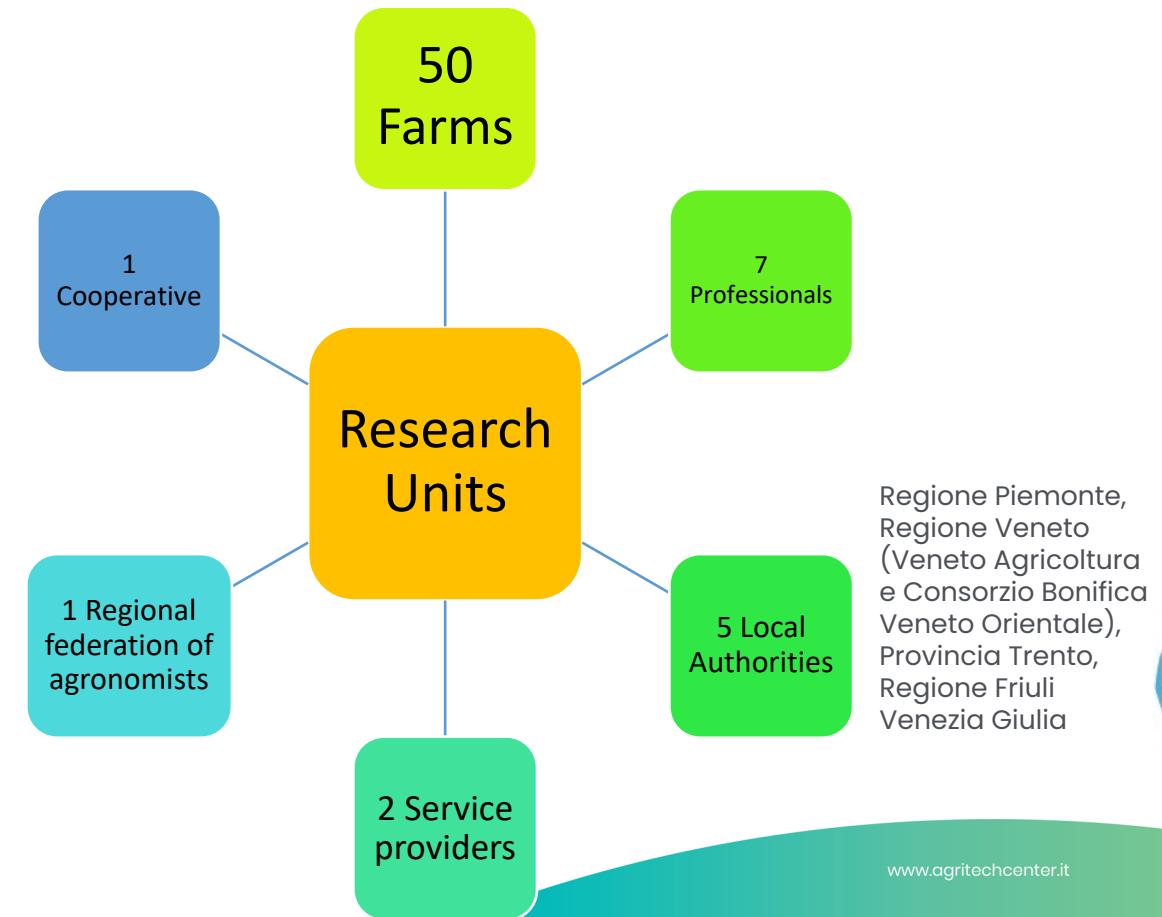


T4.2.1 Farm network setup (Living Labs): a network of farms representative of the different agricultural systems to apply innovative technologies for the sustainable management of crops, animals, and forests

Unit leader: Maurizio Borin UNIPD



Living labs set-up
at 31st October 2023



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WP4.2 - Interactions with other Spokes (2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9)

Technologies for precision management of production systems will be synergistic with those implemented in **Spoke 3 (WP 3.1 - Smart solutions for precise and sustainable management of agricultural systems)** focused on smart solutions for precise and sustainable management of agricultural systems. The activity in progress at the **Spoke 3 (WP 3.2 - Innovative strategies to protect natural resources and reduce agriculture environmental impact)**, conceived for sustainable and optimized water and soil management in agricultural systems, will be shared with this WP 4.2 to compose an integrated framework under the umbrella of a resilient climate and multifunctional agriculture. Some selected outputs from **Spoke 6**, more focused on **enhancing values of waste materials in agriculture, will inform the holistic agricultural-forest ecosystem valorization (Task 4.2.4)**. The new measures to manage the land in marginal areas from the **Spoke 7 (WP 7.1 - Integrated models to develop marginal areas, i.e. Task 7.1.1)** will be also validated in this WP 4.2. Cost-benefit analyses and technology assessment in **Spoke 3 (WP 3.3 - Evaluation and demonstration for stakeholder engagement and innovation exploitation, Tasks 3.3.1 and 3.3.2, respectively)** could also benefit from the outcomes from the monetary and non-monetary evaluation of ecosystem services carried out in this WP 4.2. Interactions are also expected with **Spoke 2** within the **WP 2.1 (Agroecology and landscape management to reinforce ecosystem services)** to share information and data generated in relevant environments, characterized by different management strategies and landscape composition, and with WP 2.3 (Smart technologies towards a sustainable “zero pollution” in agriculture) as their geoSpatial CyberInfrastructure for DSS to reduce the use of agrochemicals will be developed by considering all smart technologies and strategies generated by our WP 4.2 and **Spoke 3 (WP 3.1 - Smart solutions for precise and sustainable management of agricultural systems)** in relevant production scenarios. The definition of indicators and measures on agricultural productions and agrifood chains sustainability of **Spoke 9 (WP 9.3 - Integrating information on food systems for citizens, institutions, and policy makers)** will benefit from interactions with our Spoke, with specific reference to the issue of climate adaptation.

WP4.3: Integrated climate change risk modelling and management

WP leader: Francesco Comiti UNIBZ / Samuele Trestini & Francesco Morari UNIPD



T4.3.1 Development of an integrated information platform on risks in the agricultural and forestry systems

Task leaders: Francesco Pirotti UNIPD / Giuseppe Serra UNIUD

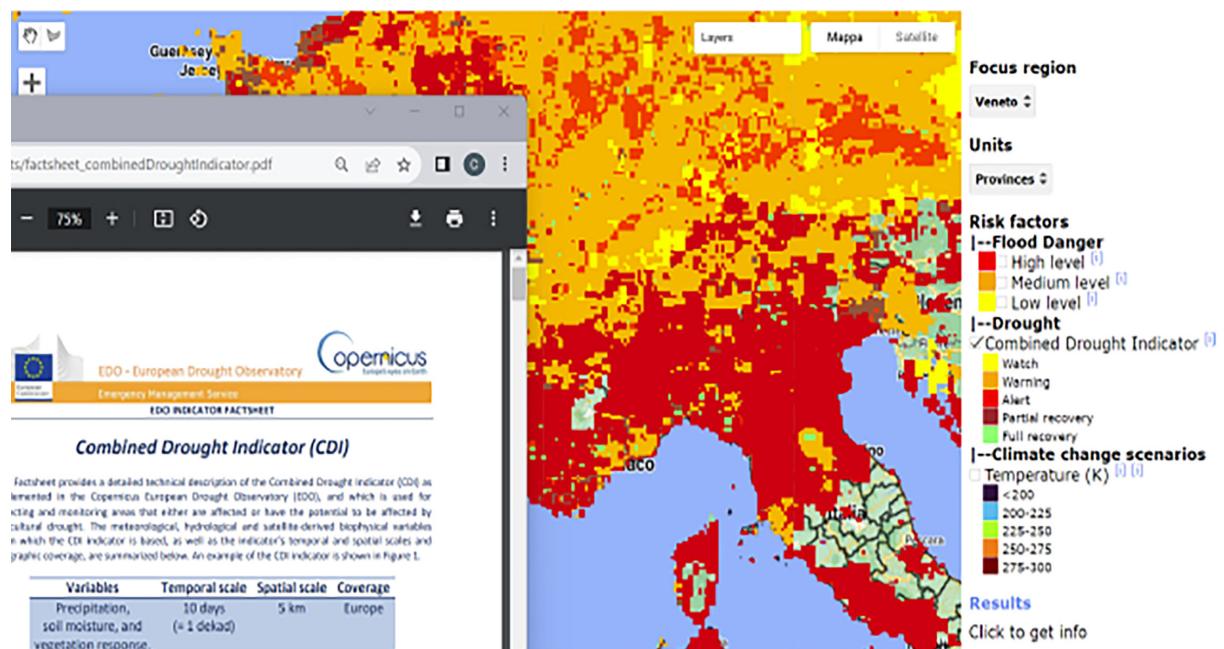
Sviluppo di una piattaforma di osservazione del rischio ambientale

Google Earth Engine e ambienti di programmazione multipli per la sorgente di elaborazione - estrazione - trasformazione - caricamento dei dati (es. siccità, rischio inondazione, scenari climatici) su diversa scala da provinciale a particolare Unit leader: Francesco Pirotti UNIPD

→ ricercare relazioni tra fattori di rischio e le attività agricole e forestali attraverso l'integrazione di fonti diverse di dati

→ creare una piattaforma di osservazione che metta a disposizione strumenti per accedere a questi dati così da venire usati come input in modelli diversi

Usando una piattaforma online come interfaccia utente, si intendono sviluppare soluzioni software per questa integrazione: il risultato atteso è un portale dove i ricercatori potranno scaricare **dati di rischio** ben definiti dal punto di vista geografico e temporale, e strutturati con diversi criteri utili ad un loro successivo utilizzo in ambito di modelli predittivi



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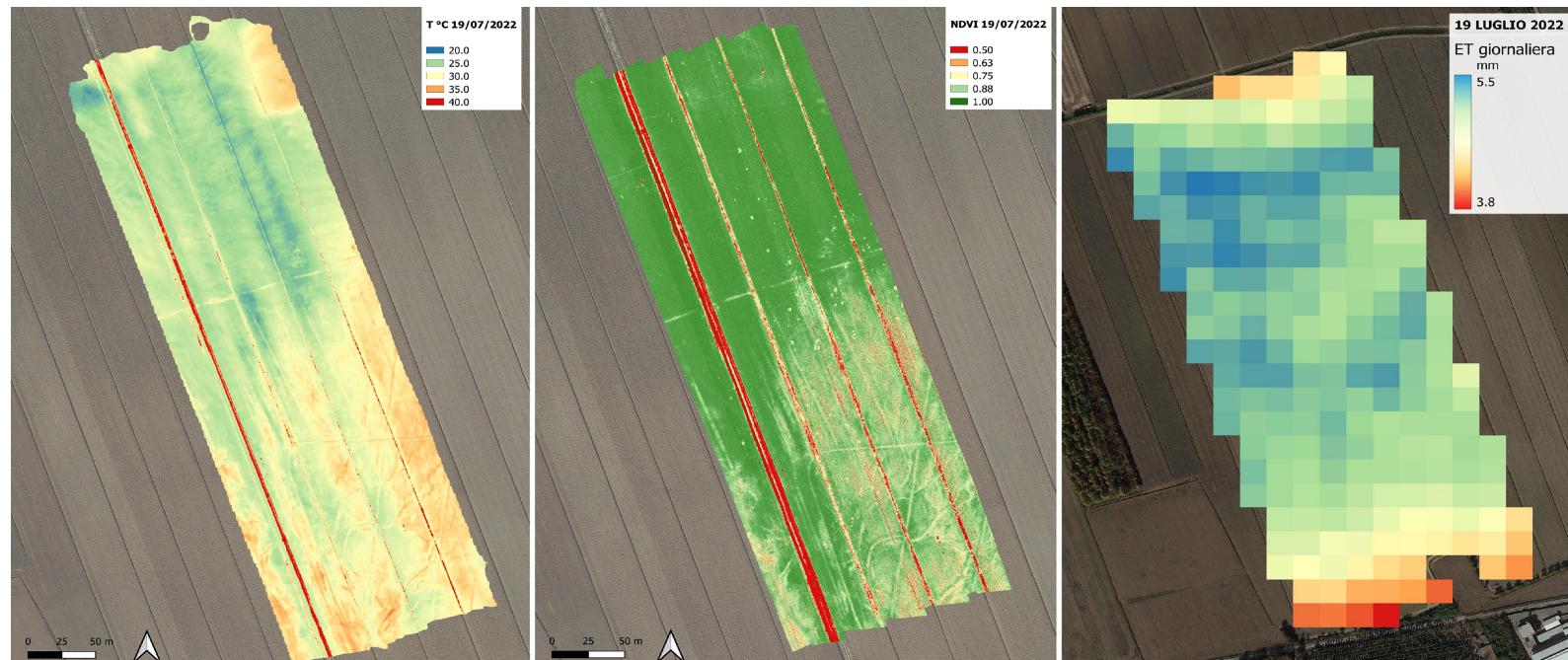
T4.3.2 Ensemble of tailored models for predicting crop and forest productivity and land vulnerability under different climate scenarios

Task leaders: Francesco Morari UNIPD / Angelo Basile CNR

Gestione sito-specifica dell'acqua e dei fertilizzanti attraverso tecniche di agricoltura di precisione, basate su proximal e remote sensing (telerilevamento e modellistica), e robotica

Unit leader: Francesco Morari UNIPD

Grazie all'uso di satelliti e droni, con camere iper-spettrali, è possibile determinare a livello territoriale il grado di evapotraspirazione delle colture, cioè la perdita di acqua delle piante. E di conseguenza mettere in atto azioni mirate, con **interventi irrigui di precisione** dimensionati e realizzati in funzione dell'andamento della siccità e pertanto rispondenti alle reali esigenze di acqua delle piante



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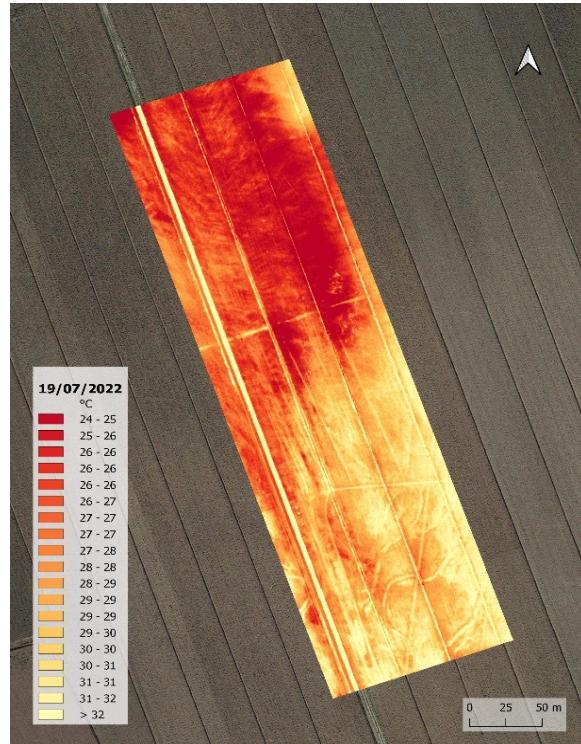
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Ottimizzazione delle pratiche di irrigazione basate su remote sensing

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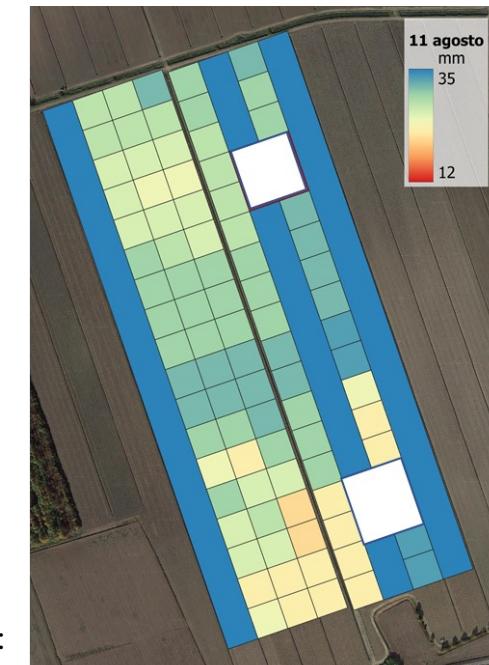
Utilizzo di tecnologie basate su camere termiche al fine di stimare la variabilità dei fabbisogni idrici



Workswell WIRIS Pro:
camera termica
equipaggiata con un
sensore microbolometrico
risoluzione 640×512 px
(intervallo 7.5 - 13.5 µm)



Rainger con sistema di irrigazione a distribuzione variabile:
284 m, 4 campate da 60 m,
risoluzione del VRI di 30 m



Mappa di prescrizione dell'irrigazione
calcolata utilizzando le immagini termiche



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WP4.3 – Interactions with other Spokes (3, 6)

This WP 4.3 will collaborate with other research activities of the CN that produce data and structure data hubs, mainly with the **Spoke 3 (WP 3.1 – Smart solutions for precise and sustainable management of agricultural systems and WP 3.2 Innovative strategies to protect natural resources and reduce agriculture environmental impact)**, with a specific connection with Task 3.1.5 concerning AI and big-data analytics. The policy on risk management developed by this WP 4.3 will complete the policy proposal on innovation adoption of the **Spoke 3 (WP 3.3 – Evaluation and demonstration for stakeholder engagement and innovation exploitation)**, sharing methodology on stakeholder engagement and policy co-creation, as well as the new policy framework of the **Spoke 6 (WP 6.3 – Socio-economic and cultural models to link farm production to consumer expectations)** for the inclusion of solutions considering a supply chain approach.

Ambiti tematici di interazione con altri Spoke

- **caratterizzazione genetica e agronomica del germoplasma coltivato mediante piattaforme di genotipizzazione e fenotipizzazione finalizzata alla selezione di varietà superiori in termini di resilienza per l'adattamento ai cambiamenti climatici e la riduzione dei rischi associati;**
- **implementazione di tecniche di agricoltura di precisione** (in particolare ottimizzazione dell'uso di acqua irrigua, agrofarmaci e concimi attraverso trattamenti di precisione, telerilevamento e modellistica) per la **riduzione dell'impatto ambientale delle produzioni agroalimentari**;
- **utilizzazione di living labs** per testare soluzioni in grado di rendere i **sistemi agricoli più resilienti al cambiamento climatico** attraverso lo **sviluppo di strategie integrate a base biologica per massimizzarne la mitigazione**.





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