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IR₂MA 

Large Scale Irrigation Management Tools for Sustainable
Water Management in Rural Areas and Protection of
Receiving Aquatic Ecosystems.

OVERALL PROJECT PROGRESS

Reporting activities and results of CIHEAM-IAMB

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OUTLINE

Overview of project and work plan

Reporting activities and results

Planned activities

Conclusions & Outlook

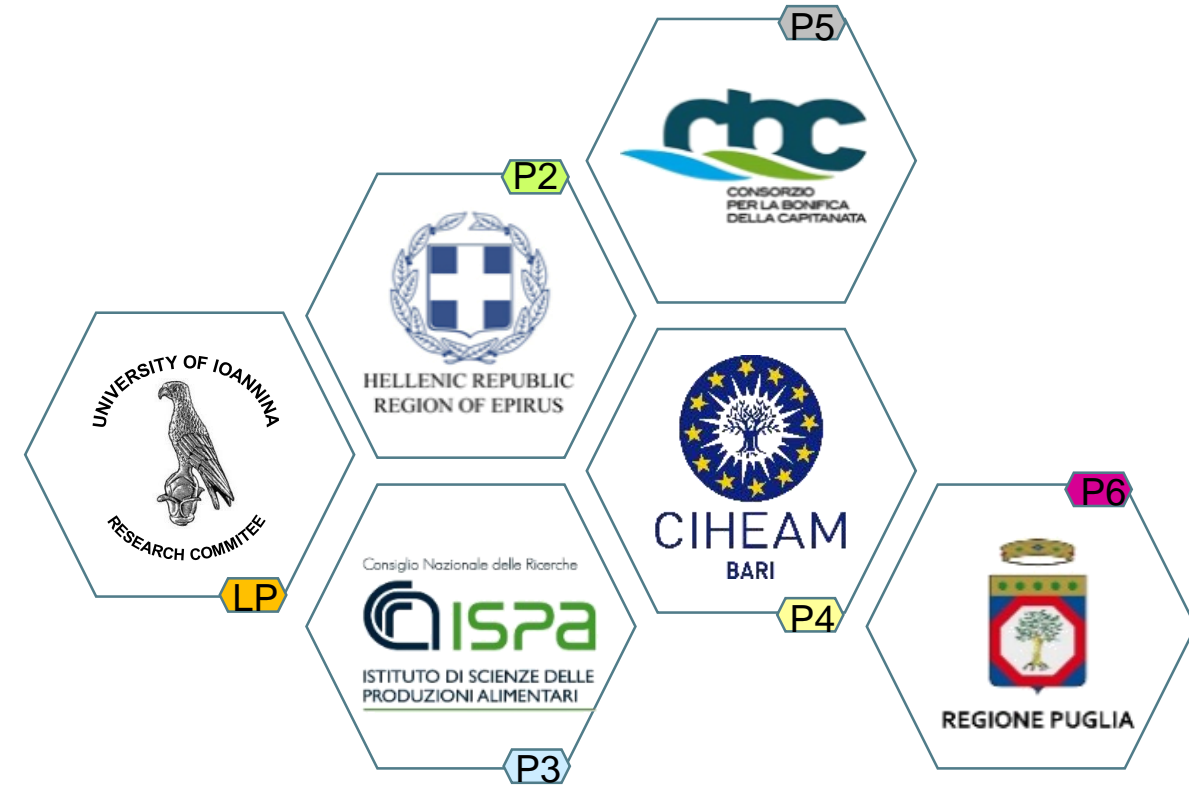
IR₂MA project at a glance

IR₂MA

03
Improvement of skills through lifelong learning for the enhancement of institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders regarding water issues.

02
To develop and promote practical recommendations regarding the use of recycled water from various sources for irrigation

01
Capitalization of scientific knowledge, expertise and good practices regarding irrigation-drainage



6 partners

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Climate change,
Water
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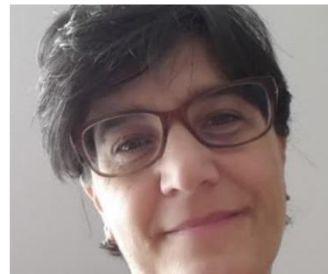
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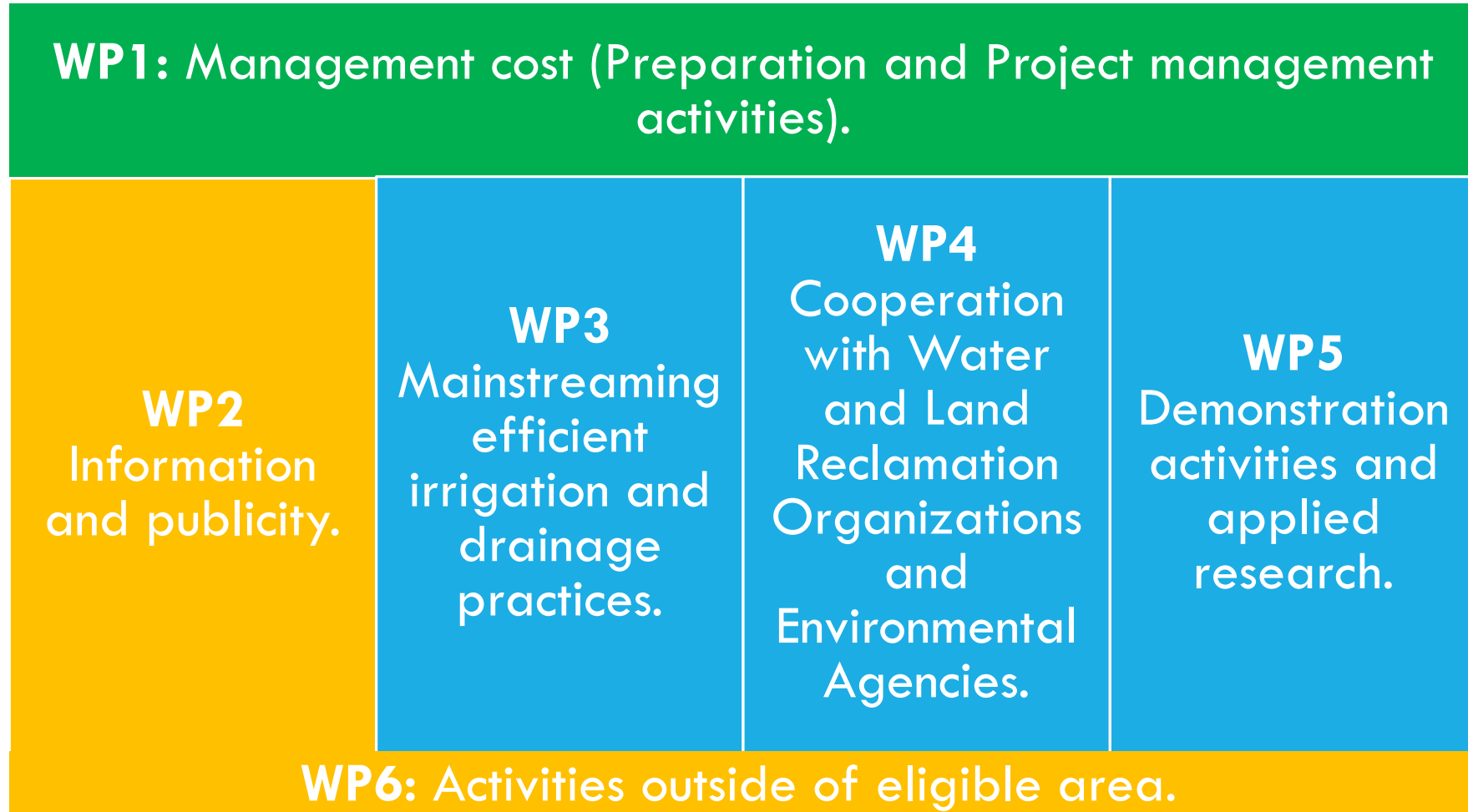
Communication &
Social media

Milica Colovic



Remote sensing

DELIVERABLES & WORK PACKAGES



WP1: PROJECT MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

- 1) Procurement Plan and milestones for 2019 established.
- 2) The first two project meetings of Italian partners have taken place.
- 3) GANNT chart elaborated.

Kick-off May 14 and 15, 2018 (GR)



Project management and implementation of IR₂MA

Meeting 31st May 2018 (IT)



Agreed on a common agenda regarding research and experimental work.

Meeting 25th September 2018 (IT)



Update on current and upcoming research activities

"Large Scale Irrigation Management Tools for Sustainable Water Management in Rural Areas and Protection of Receiving Aquatic Ecosystems"

IR₂MA Project Gantt Chart

GANNT chart of IAMB activities

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WP2: INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY

Tool action	Audience		
	Policy makers and public authorities	Scientific community	End-user, stakeholders and general public.
Website	x	x	x
Project Leaflet, flyers and brochures	x	x	
Events organisation & participation	x	x	
Social media			x
Publications (sci. Articles)		x	
Presentation materials	x		x

WP2: INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY : PROJECT LEAFLETS (D 2.4.1)

IR2MA – Large Scale Irrigation Management Tools for Sustainable Water Management in Rural Areas and Protection of Receiving Aquatic Ecosystems

CONSORTIUM

This project is **coordinated by** the Technological Educational Institute of Epirus (TEIEP) and involves the following **partners**:

- **Region of Epirus (ROE);**
- **Institute of Sciences of Food Production (ISPA – CNR);**
- **Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari (CIHEAM-BARI);**
- **Consortium of Reclamation of Capitanata "Bonifica Della Capitanata" (CBC);**
- **Region of Puglia (ROP).**

PROJECT AT A GLANCE

WATER-ENERGY-FOOD-ECOSYSTEM NEXUS

IR2MA – Large Scale Irrigation Management Tools for Sustainable Water Management in Rural Areas and Protection of Receiving Aquatic Ecosystems – is launched in April 2018 within the framework of the Cooperation Programme Interreg V/A Greece-Italy 2014-2020. The project lasts 24 months and involves 6 partners (regional authorities, research centres, universities and water management organizations) from regions of Epirus (Greece) and Apulia (Italy).

The IR2MA multi-stakeholder network supports a coordination platform of expertise exchange to increase shared knowledge and disseminate best practices and tools regarding irrigation-drainage management and their effects on the receiving aquatic ecosystems across the Mediterranean area. Hence, the project will develop, test and promote management options / solutions for efficient water, fertilizer and energy use at different scales (canopy-farm-irrigation district) and sustainable ecosystem functioning. The

LARGE SCALE IRRIGATION MANAGEMENT TOOLS FOR SUSTAINABLE WATER MANAGEMENT IN RURAL AREAS AND PROTECTION OF RECEIVING AQUATIC ECOSYSTEMS



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The outputs of this project will lead to valuable feedback and applicable recommendations for the application of innovative approaches based on cross-border collaboration and common interest to improve resource efficiency and integrated environmental protection of both water and waste sectors with regard to socio-economic development, health and welfare of society.



WATER-ENERGY-FOOD-ECOSYSTEM NEXUS

The use of recycled water for irrigation of crops.



IRRIGATION MANAGEMENT SCENARIOS

Performance evaluation of irrigation networks.



SMART DECISION SUPPORT TOOLS

On-farm optimization of water and nutrient use.



DEMONSTRATION SITES

Cloud-based technologies, Guidebooks.



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WP2: INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY: EVENTS PARTICIPATION (D 2.4.3)



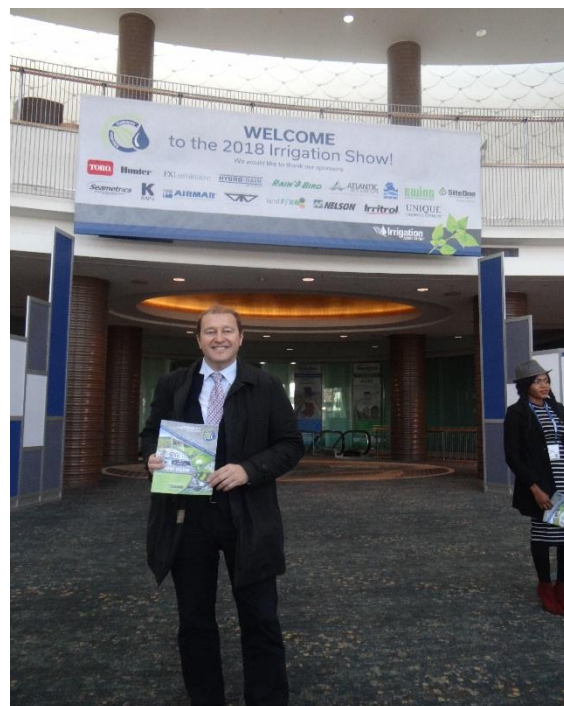
Target: Policy makers and public authorities, Scientific community, End-user, stakeholders and general public.

Sept. 18-20 |
MEDFORUM 2018



MEDITERRANEAN FORUM FOR PHD STUDENTS AND YOUNG RESEARCHERS

Dec. 3-7, 2018 | Long Beach, California, USA



IRRIGATION SHOW & EDUCATION CONFERENCE

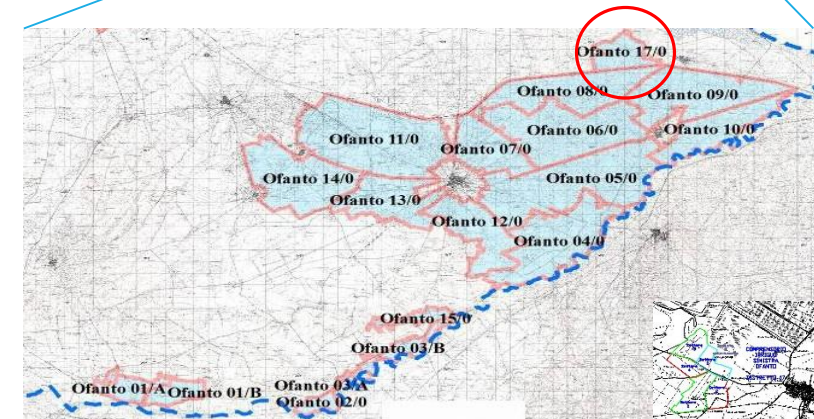
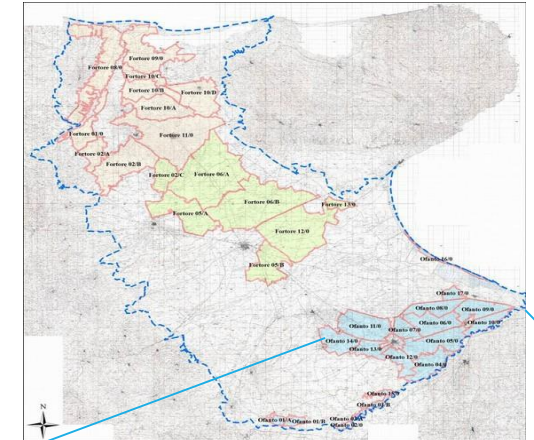
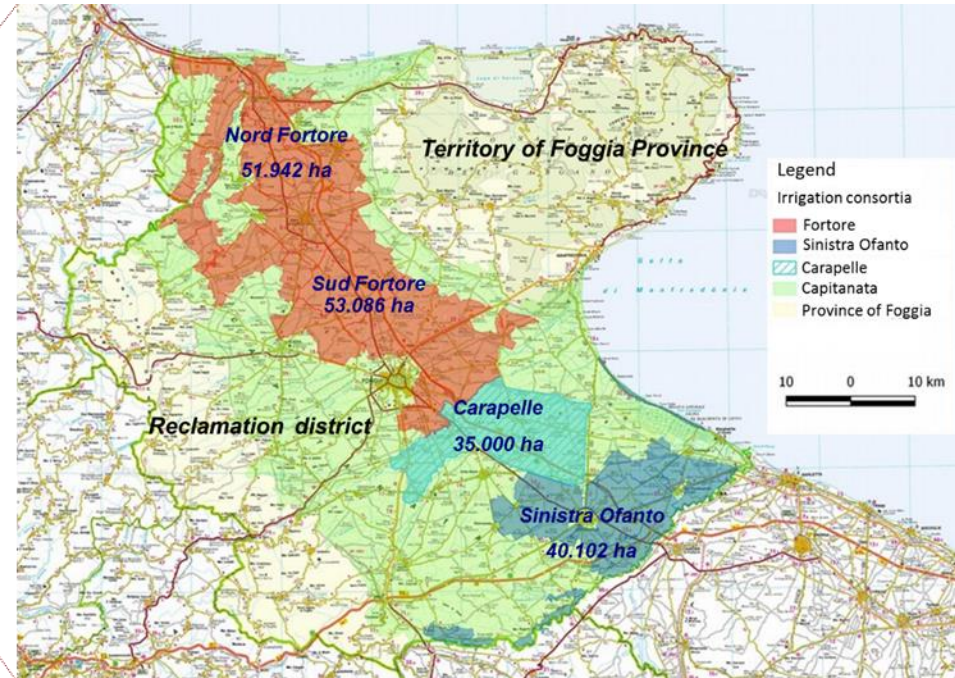
Dec. 6, 2018 | Workshop Vienna, Austria



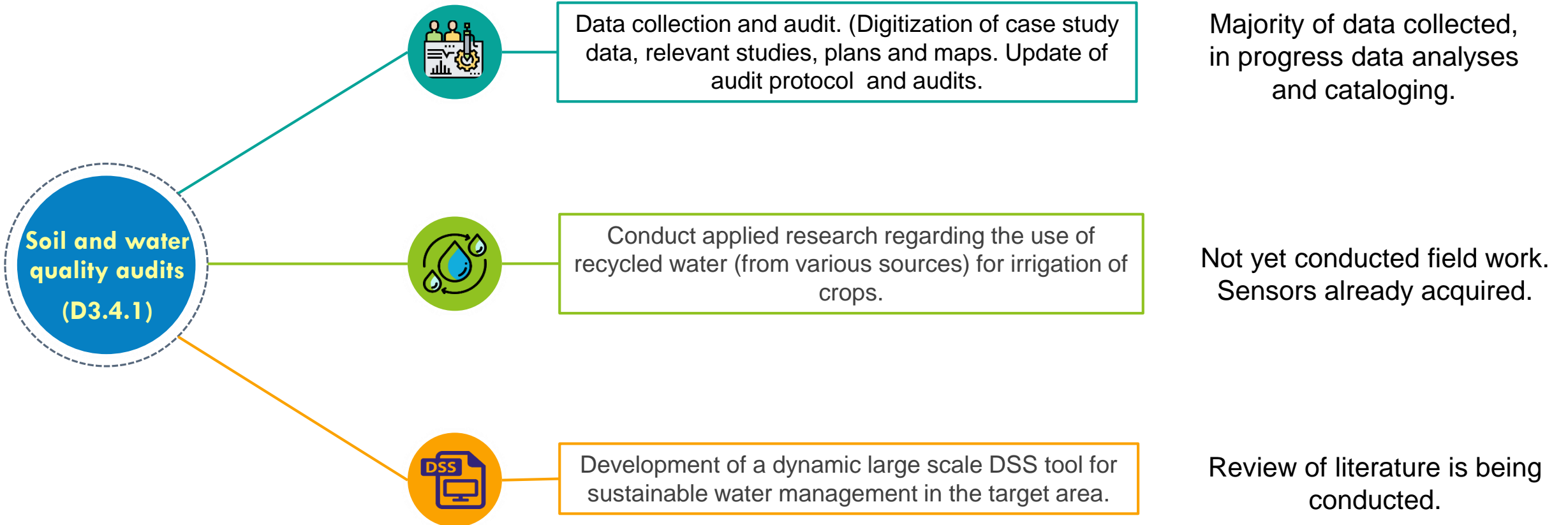
WORKSHOP "EARTH OBSERVATION INFORMATION IN WATER MANAGEMENT"

WP3: MAINSTREAMING EFFICIENT IRRIGATION AND DRAINAGE PRACTICES: STUDY AREA (SINISTRA OFANTO, DISTRICT 17)

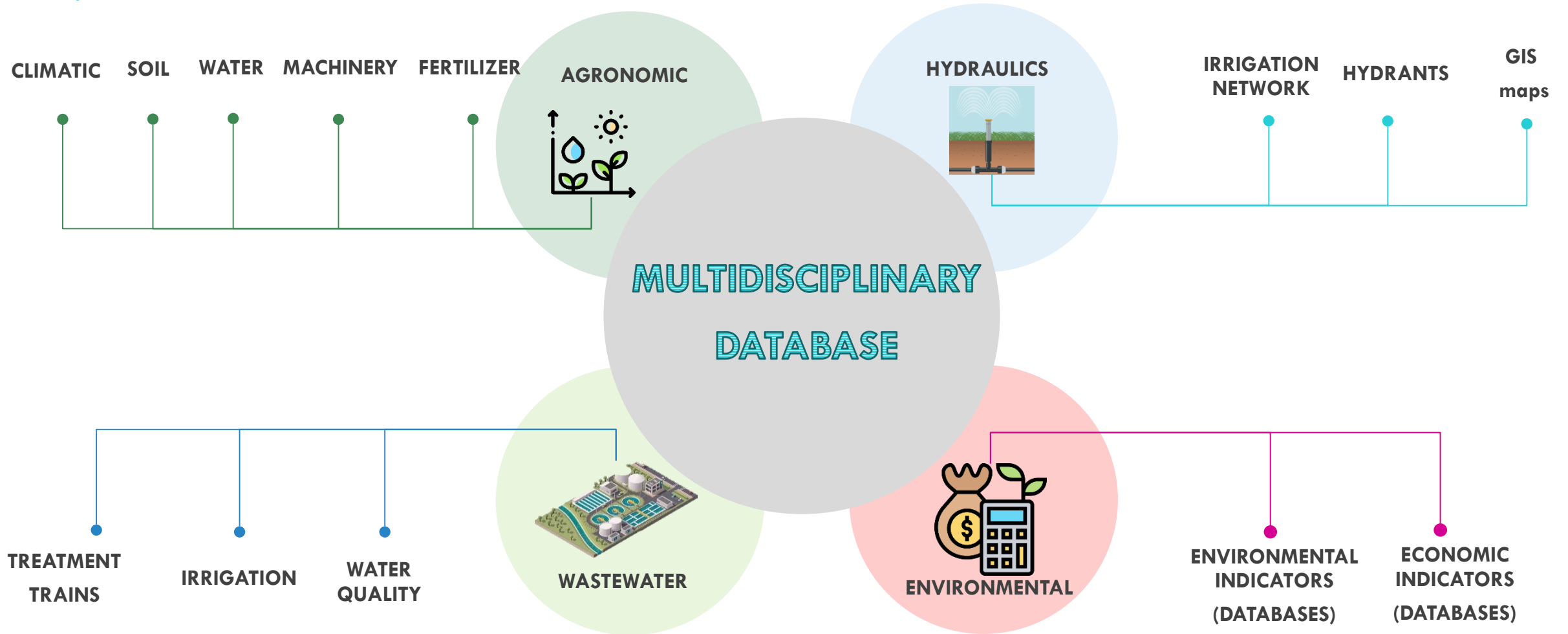
The Capitanata Reclamation Consortia



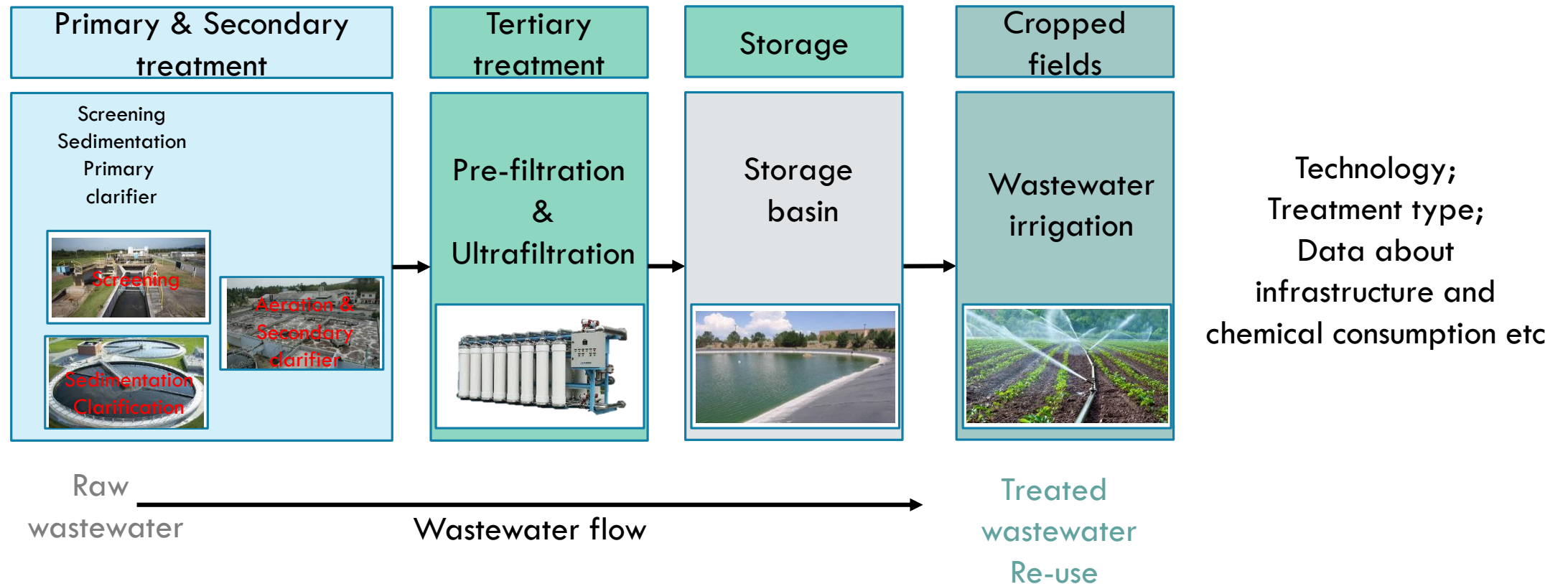
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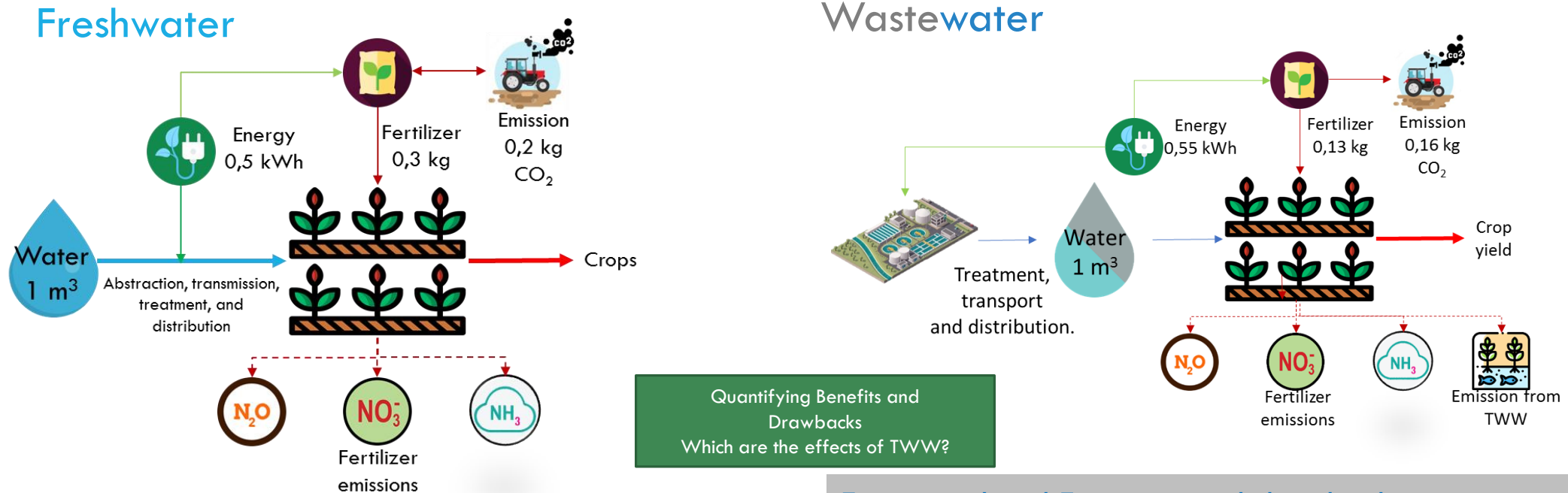
WP3: MAINSTREAMING EFFICIENT IRRIGATION AND DRAINAGE PRACTICES: SOIL AND WATER QUANTITY AND QUALITY AUDITS DATA COLLECTION



WP3: MAINSTREAMING EFFICIENT IRRIGATION AND DRAINAGE PRACTICES: SOIL AND WATER QUANTITY AND QUALITY AUDITS, UPSTREAM



WP3: MAINSTREAMING EFFICIENT IRRIGATION AND DRAINAGE PRACTICES: DATA MODELING USING A HOLISTIC PERSPECTIVE, UPSTREAM-DOWNSTREAM



Economical and Environmental benefits

1. Abstraction of fresh water.
2. Fertilizers due to content in wastewater.
3. Fuel used in farm operations
4. Benefits from reduced abstraction from rivers or aquifers.
5. Increase of yield

Economical and Environmental drawbacks

- Infrastructure to treat water
- Energy & chemical consumption in wastewater treatment
- Agronomic, environmental and economic effects, chemicals and pathogenic microorganisms in TWW

WP4: COOPERATION WITH WATER AND LAND RECLAMATION ORGANIZATIONS AND ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCIES

1. Participatory systems performance.
2. Guidebook (Results presentation).

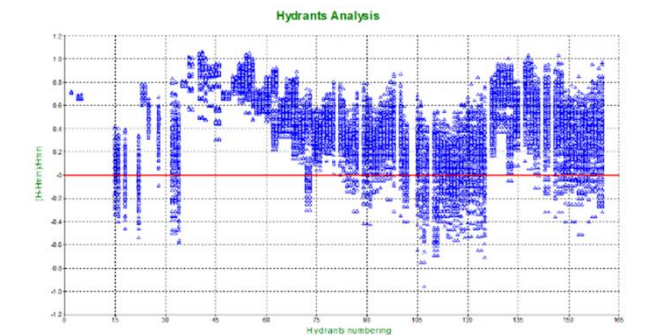
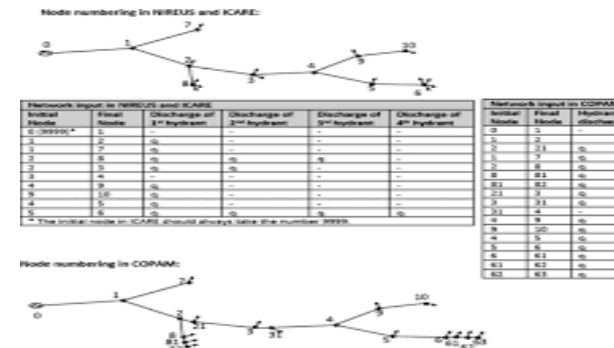
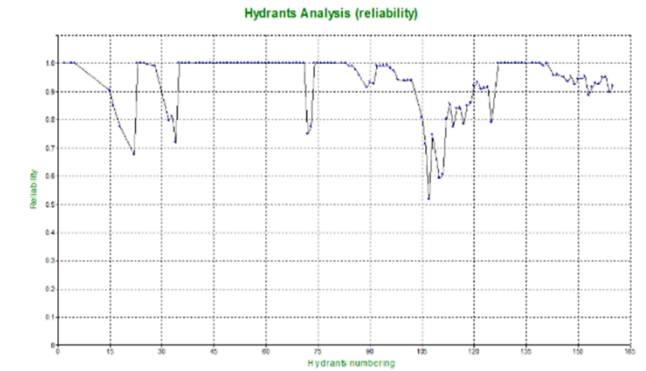
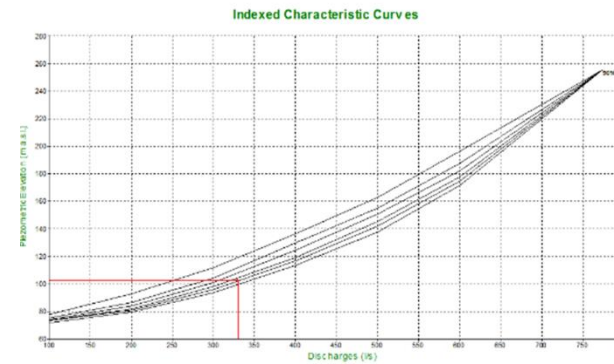
WP4: COOPERATION WITH WATER AND LAND RECLAMATION ORGANIZATIONS AND ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCIES: PARTICIPATORY SYSTEMS PERFORMANCE

1. Participatory systems performance.

Objective: The Hydraulic Performance Analysis of On-Demand Pressurized Irrigation Systems using the AKLA model.

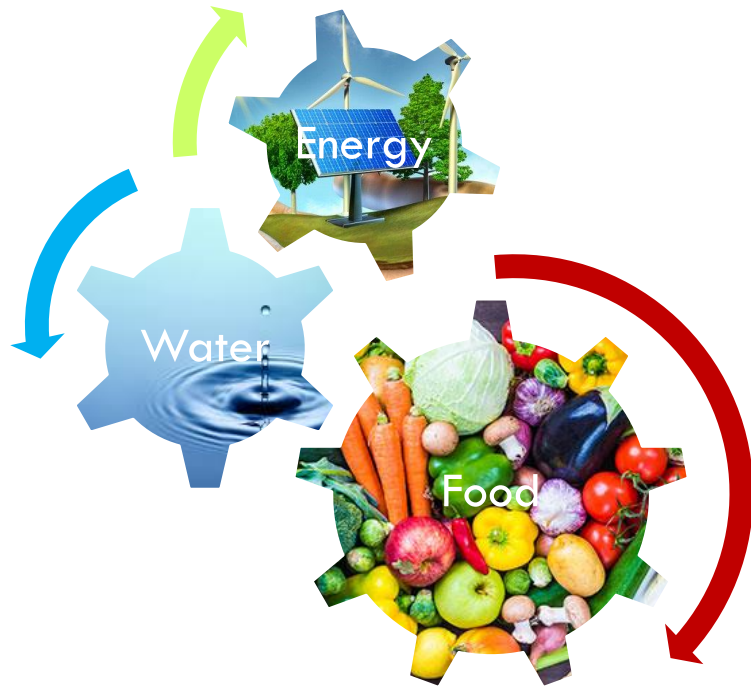


GIS Model is produced/ Data is being introduced to AKLA model



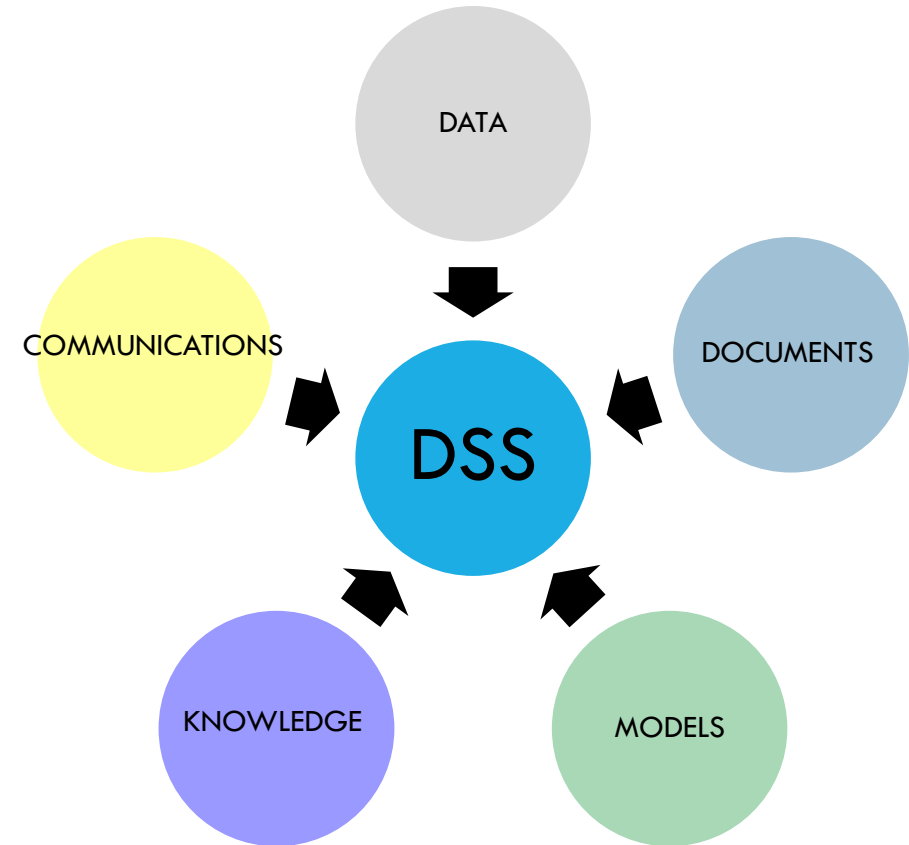
WP5: DEMONSTRATION ACTIVITIES AND APPLIED RESEARCH

1. Water-energy food (WEF) nexus



Input data collected and analyzed using a **life cycle assessment** tool with multiple impact categories.

1. Recycled water DSS development and DSS evaluation



DEMONSTRATION ACTIVITIES



Experimental field (IAMB)



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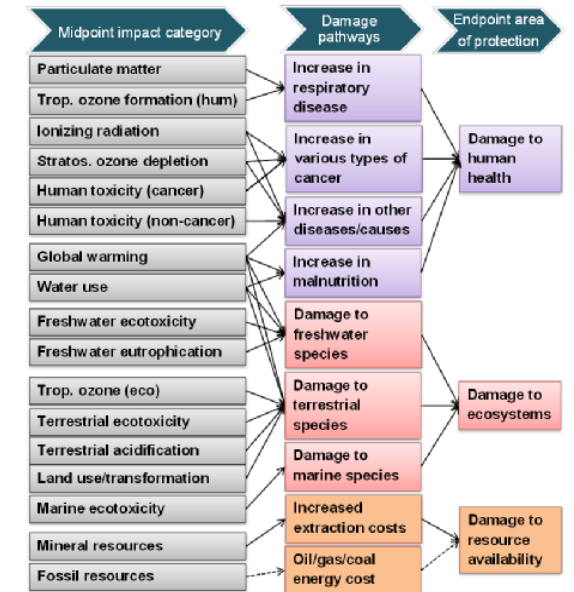
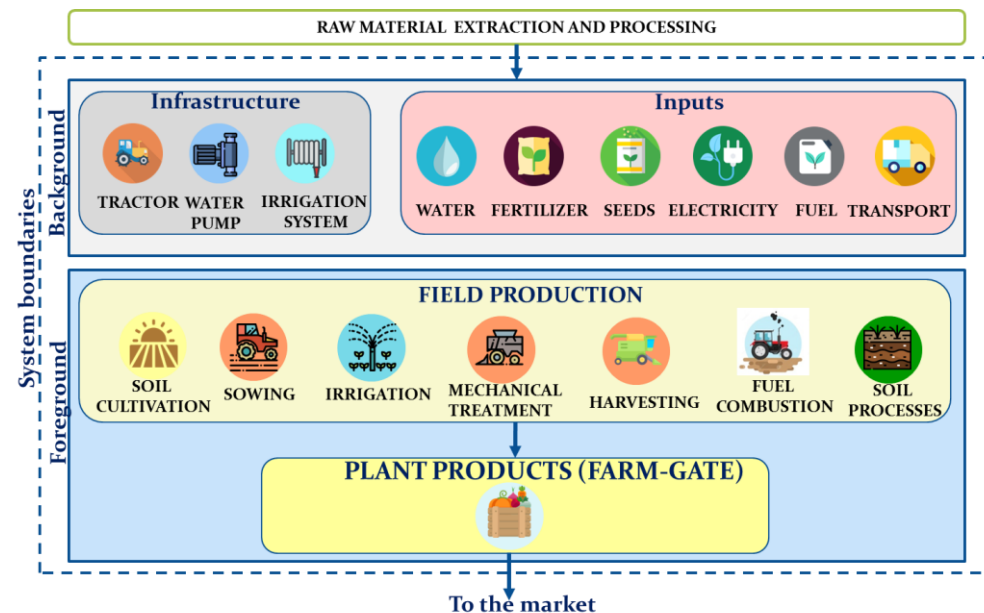
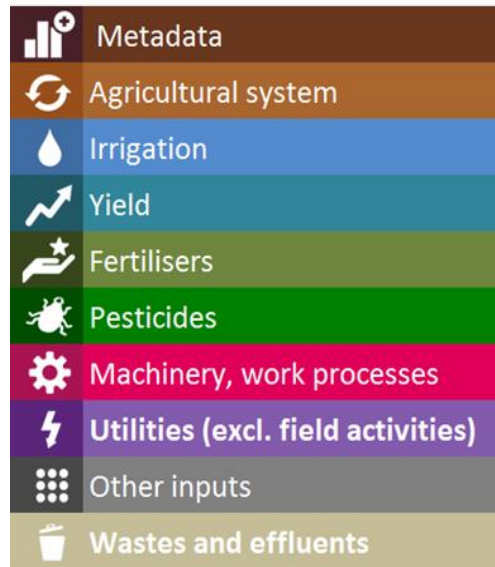
Soil sensors acquired, tested and are being calibrated On-field

WP5: DEMONSTRATION ACTIVITIES AND APPLIED RESEARCH: MODELING WEF NEXUS USING LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT (LCA)

Data input 

Modeling 

Results 



Input data collected for each crop

Data analyzed using a **LCA** tool with multiple impact categories (Global warming, water consumption, human health, ecosystem quality etc.)

WP5: DEMONSTRATION ACTIVITIES AND APPLIED RESEARCH: SOME PRELEMINARY RESULTS

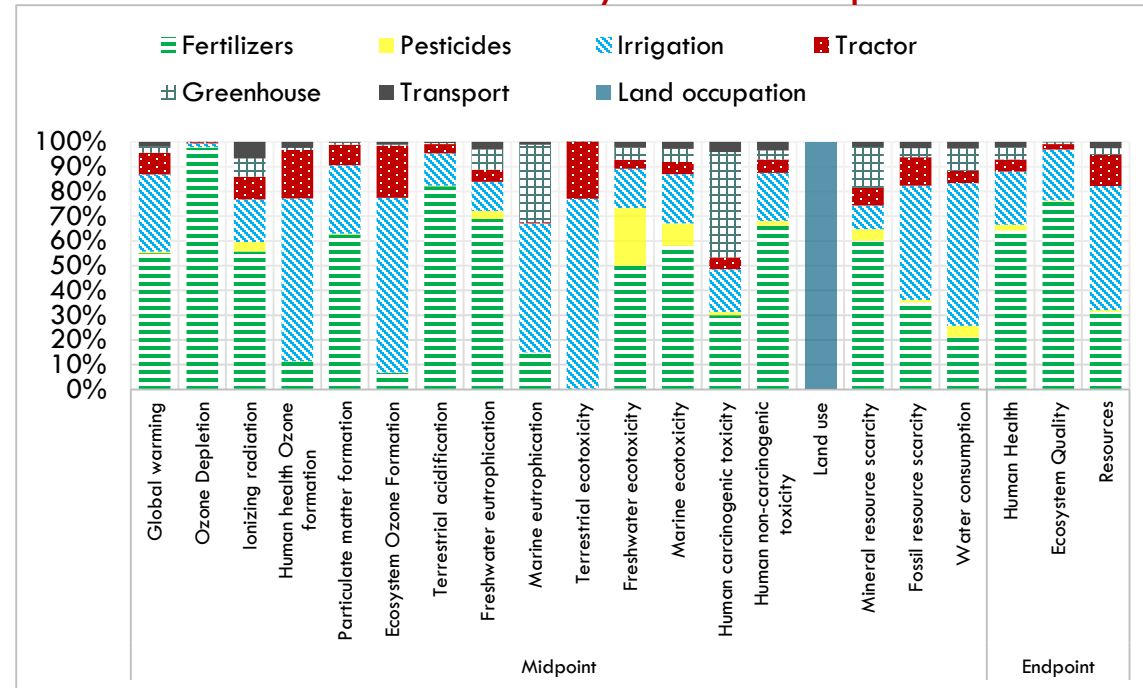
GREENHOUSE TOMATO PRODUCTION

Characterization factor	Unit	LCIA System 1 ha	LCIA Foreground 1 ha	LCIA Background 1 ha
Midpoint impact categories				
Global warming	kg CO ₂ -eq	3038.2	1864.5	1173.7
Stratospheric ozone depletion	kg CFC11-eq	0.0292	0.0286	0.0006
Ionizing radiation	kBq Co-60-eq	145.73	-	145.73
Human health ozone formation	kg NOx-eq	17.74	14.68	3.06
Fine particulate matter formation	kg PM2.5-eq	10.39	8.51	1.89
Ecosystem Ozone Formation	kg NOx-eq	38.86	35.67	3.19
Terrestrial acidification	kg SO ₂ -eq	52.72	45.87	6.84
Freshwater eutrophication	kg P-eq	0.46	0.05	0.41
Marine eutrophication	kg N-eq	138.2	11.8	126.4
Terrestrial ecotoxicity	kg 1,4-DCB-eq	902.17	901.05	1.12
Freshwater ecotoxicity	kg 1,4-DCB-eq	47.25	10.25	37.00
Marine ecotoxicity	kg 1,4-DCB-eq	59.61	5.03	54.59
Human carcinogenic toxicity	kg 1,4-DCB-eq	79.43	0.22	79.21
Human non-carcinogenic toxicity	kg 1,4-DCB-eq	37875	175	37700
Land use	m ² a crop-eq	7323.2	7300	23.23
Mineral resource scarcity	kg Cu-eq	13.78	-	13.78
Fossil resource scarcity	kg oil-eq	744.4	-	744.4
Water consumption	m ³ consumed	4937	2500	2437
Endpoint impact categories				
Human Health	DALY	0.0317	0.0152	0.0166
Ecosystem Quality	Species × year	0.00104	0.001	0.000039
Resource Availability	USD2013	298	-	298

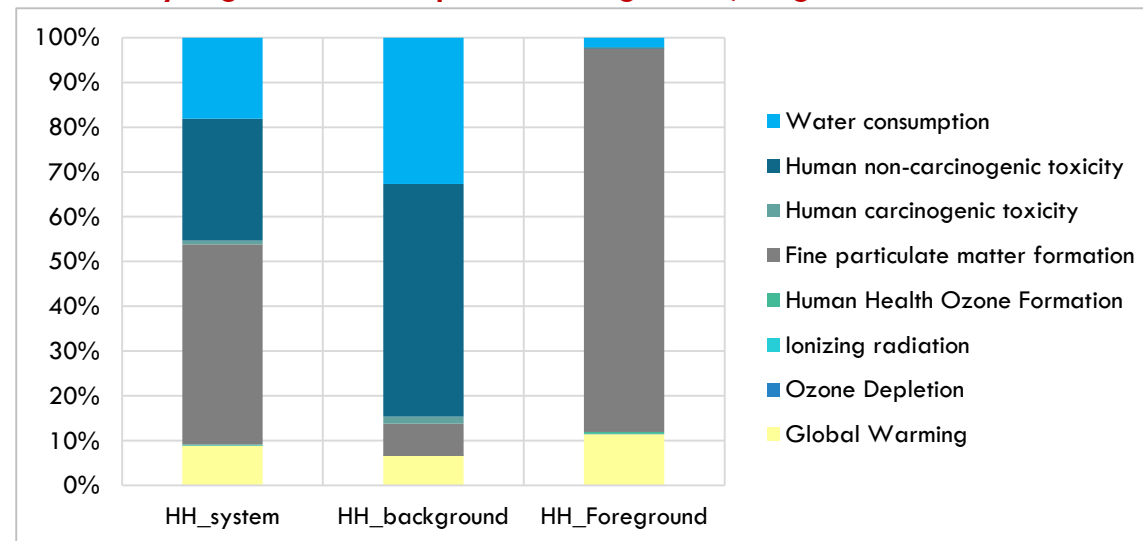


CANAJ et al., 2019, Under review

Contribution analysis for each process



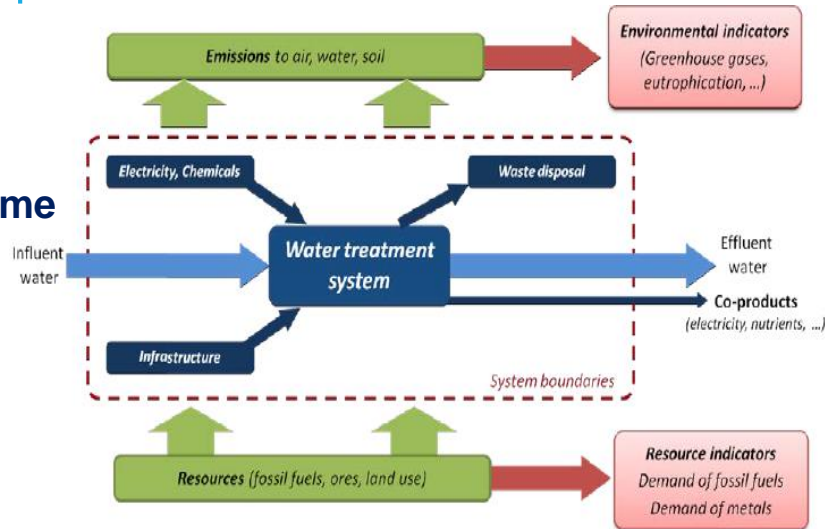
Identifying critical impact categories, e.g. to human health



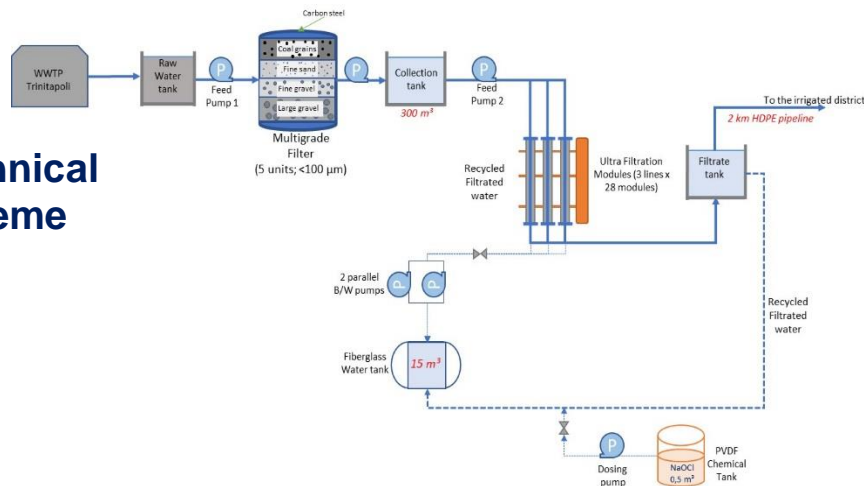
WP5: DEMONSTRATION ACTIVITIES AND APPLIED RESEARCH:

1 m³ supply of treated water via ultrafiltration

LCA scheme

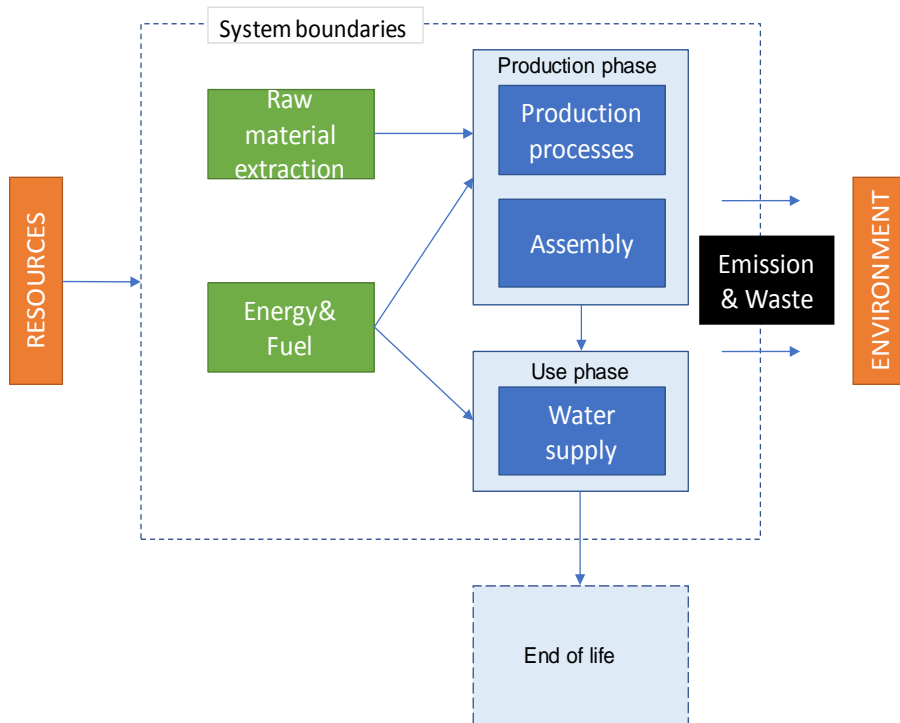


Technical scheme



Characterization factor	Unit	LCIA System
Midpoint		
Global warming	kg CO ₂ -eq	0,130203
Stratospheric ozone depletion	kg CFC11-eq	6,2E-08
Ionizing radiation	kBq Co-60-eq	0,02016
Ozone formation, human health	kg NO _x -eq	0,000265
Fine particulate matter formation	kg PM2.5-eq	0,000135
Ozone formation, Terrestrial ecosystems	kg NO _x -eq	0,000269
Terrestrial acidification	kg SO ₂ -eq	0,000507
Freshwater eutrophication	kg P-eq	3,09E-05
Marine eutrophication	kg N-eq	0,000546
Terrestrial ecotoxicity	kg 1,4-DCB-eq	4,69E-05
Freshwater ecotoxicity	kg 1,4-DCB-eq	0,001047
Marine ecotoxicity	kg 1,4-DCB-eq	0,001576
Human carcinogenic toxicity	kg 1,4-DCB-eq	0,002476
Human non-carcinogenic toxicity	kg 1,4-DCB-eq	1,118316
Land use	m ² a crop-eq	0,000425
Mineral resource scarcity	kg Cu-eq	8,14E-05
Fossil resource scarcity	kg oil-eq	0,038063
Water consumption	m ³ consumed	0,84918
Endpoint		
Damage to Human Health	DALY	2,11E-06
Damage to Ecosystem Quality	Species × year	1,2E-08
Damage to Resource Availability	USD2013	0,012233

WP5: DEMONSTRATION ACTIVITIES AND APPLIED RESEARCH



1 m³ from groundwater Sinistra OFANTO with diesel or electricity

Indicators	Abbreviation	Electric Pumps	Diesel Pumps
Global warming	GWP	152.7213	171.7
Stratospheric ozone depletion	ODP	0.0001	0.00010
Ionizing radiation	IRP	23.6470	6.2
Ozone formation, Human health	HOFP	0.3104	1.9
Fine particulate matter formation	PMPF	0.1581	0.3
Ozone formation, Terrestrial ecosystems	EOFP	0.3155	1.939
Terrestrial acidification	TAP	0.5944	1.050
Freshwater eutrophication	FEP	0.0362	0.011
Marine eutrophication	METP	0.6410	0.048
Terrestrial ecotoxicity	TETP	0.0551	0.499
Freshwater ecotoxicity	FETP	1.2280	1.2
Marine ecotoxicity	METP	1.8482	3.8
Human carcinogenic toxicity	HTPc	2.9045	544.6
Human non-carcinogenic toxicity	HTPnc	1311.7297	0.4
Land use	LOP	0.4981	0.3
Mineral resource scarcity	SOP	0.0954	91.5
Fossil resource scarcity	FFP	44.6463	76.9
Water consumption	WCP	996.0461	0.00053
Human Health	HH	0.0025	2.00E-06
Ecosystems	EQ	0.0000	40.6
Resources	RA	14.3488	3300.5

NEXT STEPS

Planned activities to
March 2020



Project management activities

- Prepare and deliver period reports (progress and financial).
- Continuous reporting through Deliverables and Milestones.

Information & Publicity



The Mediterranean Youth for Water (MedYWat) Network, The Center for Mediterranean Integration (CMI) and World Bank.
Date: First week of May



Where: **CIHEAM IAMB - Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari**
Date: October – December 2019 (tbd)



- 1 article submitted
- 2 - 4 under development



CONFERENCES

- Participation in events

Demonstration and modeling activities



Perform end-users irrigation and drainage audits in Foggia



Finalize DSS assist in the implementation of the DSS



Obtain full set of results about agronomic, environmental and hydraulic performance of D17



Finalize Guidebook

CONCLUSIONS

- Project activities are progressing according to the plan and following the procedures established in consortium agreement.
- Active collaboration with project partners permitted a smooth collection and exchange of data in the study area.
- Some minor deviations have been faced mainly in delivery time of project's deliverables, due to the large volume of data and necessity to check their integrity and consistency.
- Communication and dissemination activities are progressing regularly according to the plan including the participation in several conferences and workshops and preparation of research papers.
- There is a need to identify urgently the experimental field in the study area in order to install soil sensors and to start data collection and elaboration.

Thank You for your Interest and Attention

Any Questions?

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