





The ENDURE Network of Excellence

Background – Objectives

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FOOD QUALITY AND SAFETY





Agriculture and sustainable development



- High expectation on agriculture to ensure food security
- Concerns about adverse effects of agriculture on the biosphere
- Crop protection is a major issue



Needs for changes in crop protection in Europe



- Pests (incl. diseases and weeds) can seriously compromise high regular yields and food quality
- For decades, pest management has relied mostly on a steady flow of innovations from agrochemists
- EU and national policies are shifting towards a more restrictive approach of pesticide use
- New and more diversified solutions must be found to protect crops

Conceiving new types of innovation is a challenge for research





A challenge for research

- Basic knowledge on crop-pest systems has considerably increased, but with little impact at the field level as yet
- Some farmers are experimenting practical solutions but often lack scientific support
- Uncertainties (climate change, pest invasions, price volatility, policy changes) make things more complex
- Devising innovative solutions require contributions from diverse research areas

Interest for pooling forces at EU level













Societal expectations for safe food and environmentally friendly agriculture

Area 5.4.6 - Safer and environmentally friendly production methods and technologies and healthier food stuffs.
Topic 1 - Reducing the use of plant protection products.

EC Contribution 11,2 M € Crop protection: fragmented scientific knowledge and R&D community



European Network for DURable Exploitation of crop protection strategies

End-users (farmers & advisers)

+ industry, policy-makers, society at large...



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The ENDURE consortium

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Research

• INRA - FR

• JKI - DE

• RRES - UK

• CIRAD - FR

• CNR - IT

AGROS - CH

• WUR (PRI-PPO-LEI) - NL

• IHAR - PL

Education & R

• SSSUP - IT

• SZIE - HU

• UdL - SP

• AU - DK

Extension

• DAAS - DK

• ACTA - FR

Management

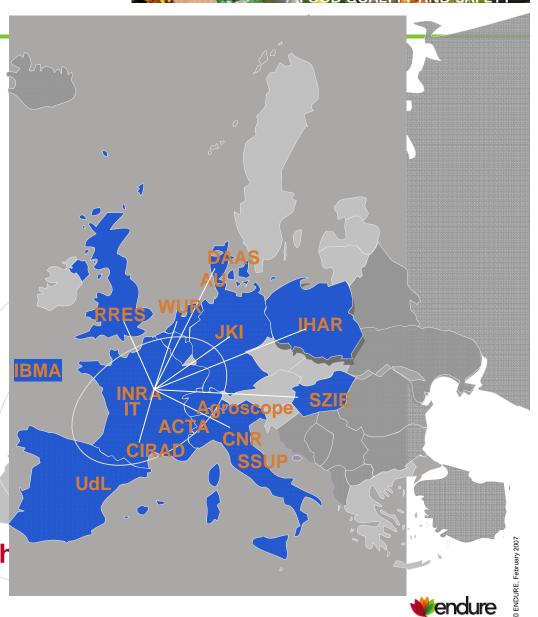
• IT - FR

Industry

• IBMA - Int.

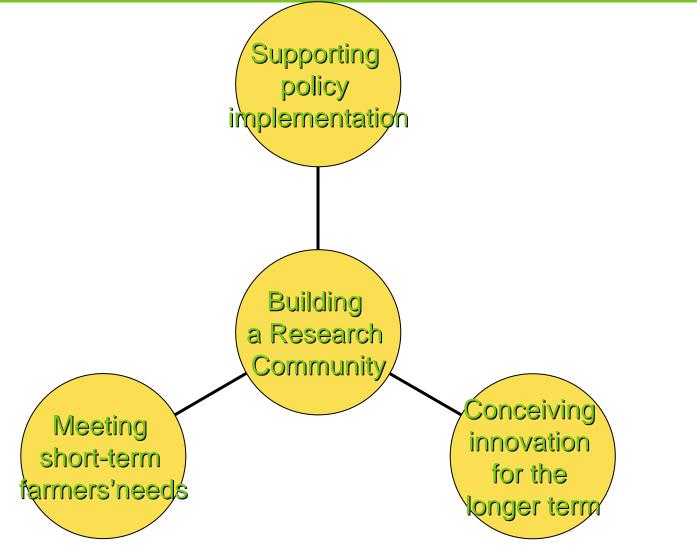
In collaboration with

INCO countries





Four goals





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Meeting short-term farmers'needs



- Comparing situations in EU countries
- Identifying available solutions
- Assessing ongoing experimentations
- Compared analysis
 - -Performance
 - -transferability
 - -potential for combination
 - -Shortcomings, K gaps, needs for research
- Disseminating results to advisers
 - Leaflets, Information Center

Exploiting the EU-wide dimension of ENDURE

Case studies:

- √Wheat diseases
- ✓Potato blights
- ✓Integrated weed management
- √Pomefruit pests and diseases
- √Tomato whiteflies and transmitted viruses
- √Field vegetables
- √Banana
- √ Grapevine



Conceiving innovation for the longer term



- emerging technologies, new tools and knowledge
 - Progress in some innovative technologies
 - Precision spraying
 - Pest detection/identification methods
 - DSS improvements
 - Strategies for durable use of resistance genes
 - Conception of genotypes
 - deployement of varieties
 - Factors of success for the use of the beneficials
 - New tools for monitoring weeds
 - Tools for multicriteria assessment
 - environmental
 - economical



Promoting an holistic approach



- From tactic responses to strategic choices
 - Cultivars, crops, cropping methods
 - Multi-year level
 - Farm, landscape levels
 - Integrating emerging technologies
- Requires an holistic multidisciplinary approach
 - Including the whole chain
 - from input providers to consumers
 - And the role of the advisory system
- Supported by « System case studies »
 - Orchards
 - rotational cropping systems in arable crops
 - Protected Mediterranean agriculture



sharing information

With extension and advisory services

Information center, training

With other stakeholders

- Website
- External advisory board

With policy makers

- Providing science-based support to the EU Thematic strategy on the sustainable use of pesticides
- Analysis of the drivers of change and factors of success in IPM implementation

With the scientific community

Conference, summer school...



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