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PROBLEMS - OPPORTUNITIES

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1. LOW EFFICIENCY of rainfed farming (lack of water)	High efficiency producing organic cereals, oilseeds and protein crops Consumption of organic products ↑
2. LACK OF COLLABORATION in the organic sector reduces competitiveness	Farmers' association – Producers' organisation
3. KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER SYSTEMS are not effective	Creation of a multi-stakeholder knowledge sharing network

PRODUCTION

COMMERCIALISATION

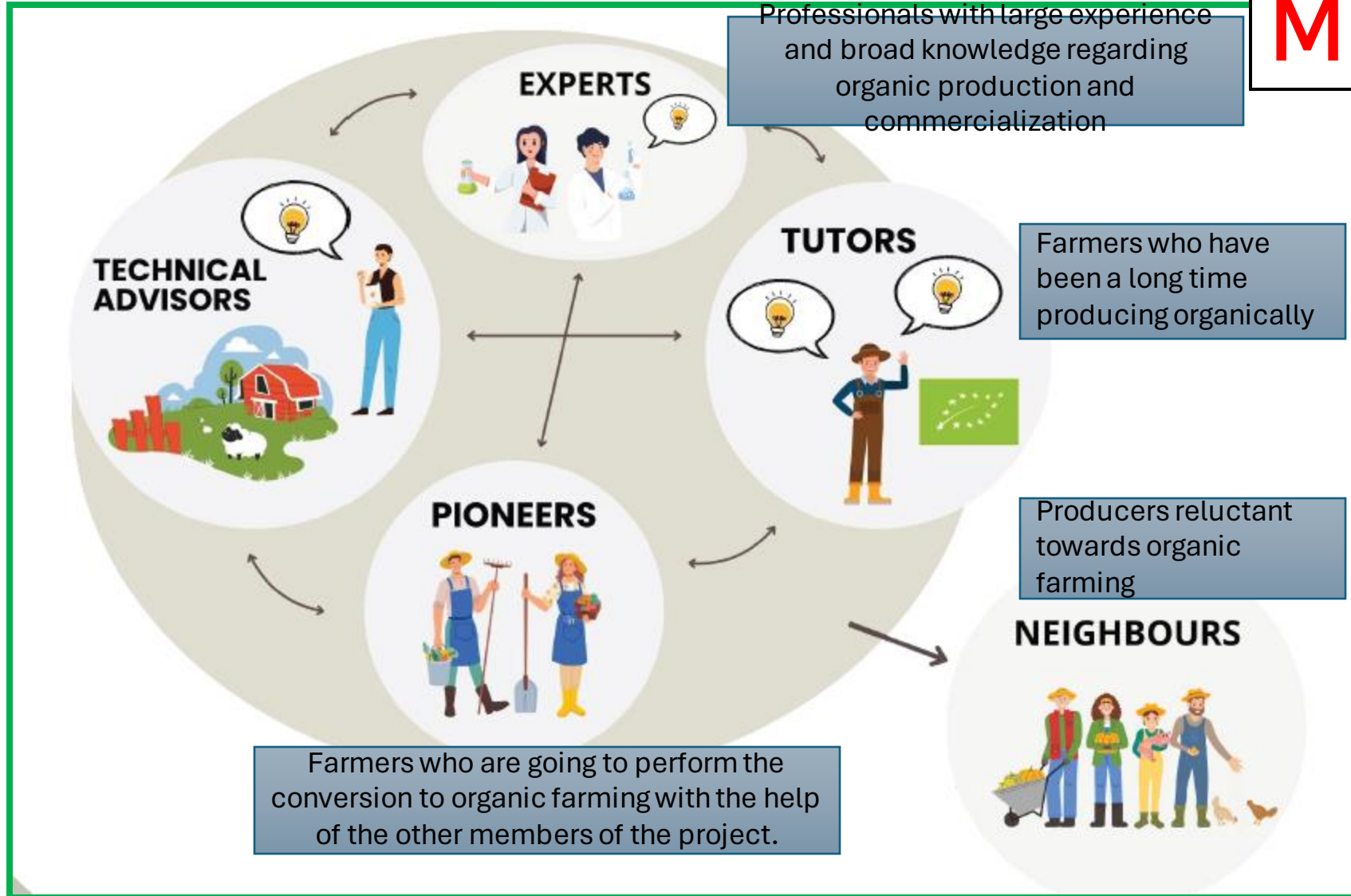
MEMBERS



How? →

Innovative Knowledge Exchange Methodology

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How? →

Innovative Knowledge Exchange Methodology




1. Training of technical advisors



E - TA

2. Continuous personalised advice to Pioneers



E - TA - P

3. Training courses for Pioneers



E - P

4. Technical and field workshops



E - TA - T - P - N

5. Meetings Tutors-Pioneers



T - P

6. Exchange network – Digital platform



E - TA - T - P

E = Experts
TA = Technical advisors
T = Tutors
P = Pioneers
N = Neighbours

+ Dissemination activities

Results

- More effective and faster knowledge exchange
- Gap between scientists and producers was bridged
- Advisory services improved
- 20 farmers successfully converted to organic (1,136 ha)
- The foundations for the development of a future producer organisation were laid
- All farmers (Tutors and Pioneers) were pleased to have participated in the project. They and other producers improved on best practices, value-added strategies and marketing

RESULTS

HUMAN FACTOR

- 29 **Pioneers**
- 9 **Tutors**
- 6 **OPAs technicians**
- 8 **Experts**

ACTIONS

- 6 **Technical Workshops**
- 6 **Training Courses**
- 45 **Agricultural Reports**
- 2 **Field Workshops**
- 8 **Pioneer – tutor meetings**
- 2 **Webinars**
- 4 **Technical Documents**
- 6 **Videos**

RESULTS





thank you very much

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