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Interactive session

Circular water management and soil health

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Overcoming the barriers for scaling-up circular water management in agriculture



CONTEXT

- Droughts are increasing in frequency and magnitude while the impact and affected area are extending
- Climate Adaptation Strategy, Water Framework Directive and Water Reuse Regulation



EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Pathways to scale up the use of alternative water sources
- Enhanced knowledge on the long-term impact of alternative water sources for irrigation and other uses
- Increased resilience of farming systems to water scarcity
- Confidence in alternative water use in agriculture is improved



SCOPE

- Test strategies and technologies using alternative water sources
- Identify business models regarding financial viability and economic sustainability
- Evaluate the longer-term impact (soil health, crop production, food safety, ...)
- Test and document approaches to monitor in real-time and to remove contaminants
- Identify behavioural and regulatory challenges and provide recommendations
- Enhance the dissemination of results and provide training / advice



PLEASE NOTE

- Multi-Actor Approach
- Social Sciences & Humanities
- TRL 6-7



INSTRUMENT

- IA
- 12 Million € (2 grants)

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