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Objectives of the seminar

Main objective: Promote the use of on farm-demonstrations (OFD) as an essential tool for peer-to peer learning, the setting up and visibility of demonstration farms as well as to foster their networks and connections.

Specific objectives:

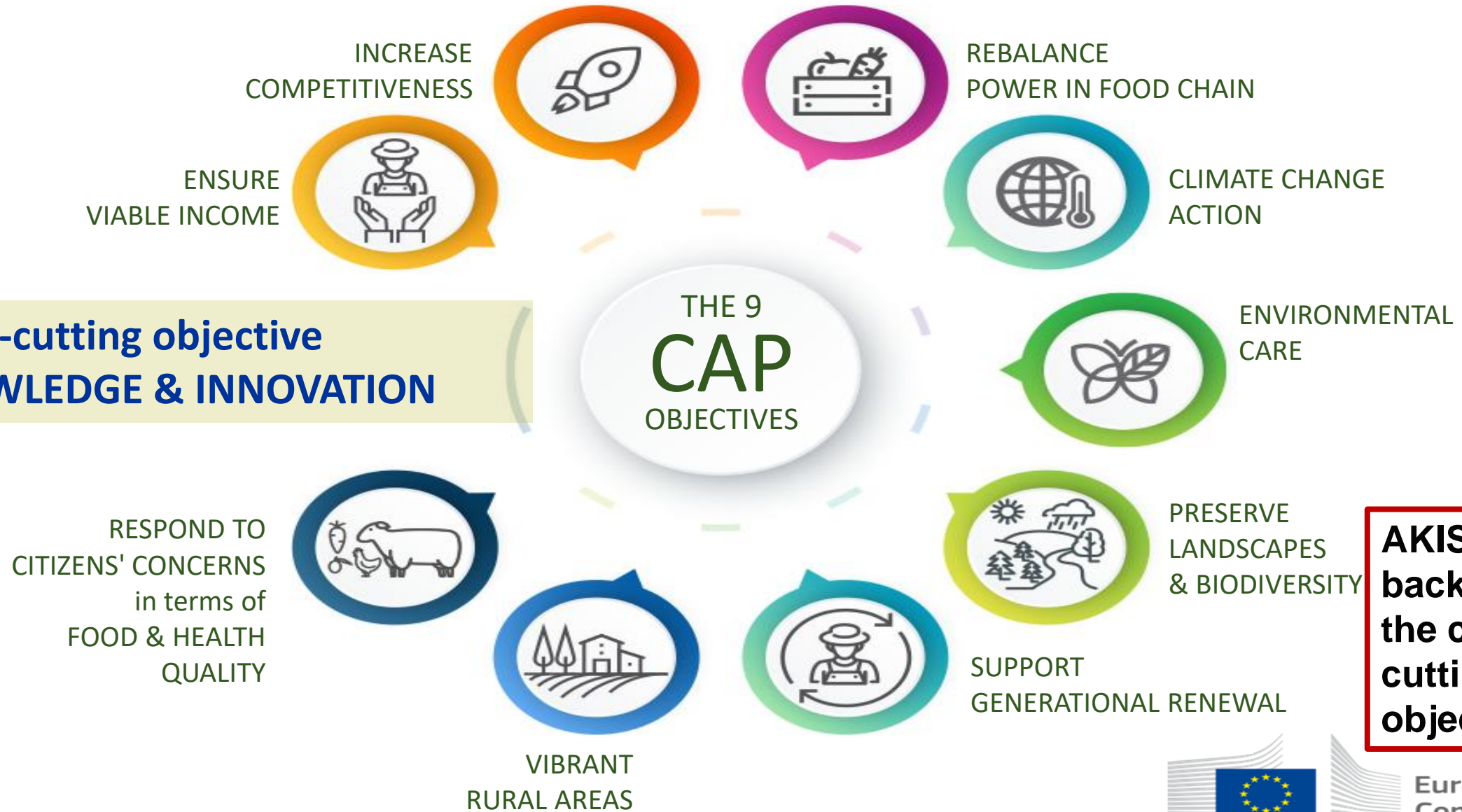
- Highlight best practices in the organisation & facilitation of OFD
- Discuss challenges and opportunities for setting-up, financing, operating and managing of demonstration farms/their networks, and embedding them in the AKIS structures
- Explore the role of OFD during and in the follow-up of EIP operational groups and Horizon projects'
- Derive lessons: what is missing/can be improved to reach scale and harness the full potential of OFD and demonstration farms





Common agricultural policy 2023-27: 9 specific + 1 cross-cutting objective

Cross-cutting objective KNOWLEDGE & INNOVATION



AKIS forms the backbone of the cross-cutting objective



Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation System (AKIS): on-farm demonstrations an integral part



AKIS connects actors in a structured way and on a regular basis to create continuous interaction with the aim to speed up knowledge exchange and innovation

CAP support for on-farm demonstrations/demonstration farms

28 CAP Strategic Plans 2023-27:

- A description of the **organisational set-up of the AKIS**
- Support for on-farm demonstrations/demonstration farms under type of interventions **Art. 78 Knowledge exchange and dissemination of information**
- **Decision of Member States** in line with identified needs and strategy
- As **stand-alone intervention** or **part of the intervention** supporting training activities



CAP Strategic Plans 2023-2027: support for on-farm demonstrations/demonstration farms

Intervention	Percentage of total public funds (EAFRD + national)
Knowledge exchange and dissemination for information (Art 78, KNOW)	1,9 %
EIP operational groups (Art 77, COOP)	1,5 %
All AKIS interventions (Art 77+ Art 78)	3,4 %



European Innovation Partnership for agricultural productivity and sustainability (EIP-AGRI)

Launched by the European Commission in February 2012

Aim: Speed up innovation in agriculture and make it more sustainable and productive

How:

- **Support farmers and foresters to develop practical innovative solutions** together with a targeted group of **complementary** partners
- Provide opportunities for **networking and knowledge exchange**, including better connections between research and practice



EIP operational groups



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EIP operational groups: key part of the partnership



Bottom-up approach to innovation

focusing on actual needs from farmers, foresters or rural communities that require an innovative solution



Complementary knowledge

bringing together partners with different expertise (multi-actor approach)



Co-creating and co-deciding

all along the project, from the beginning to the end



Over **4000**
OG projects
implemented
across 25
Member States



EIP-AGRI bridging research and practice



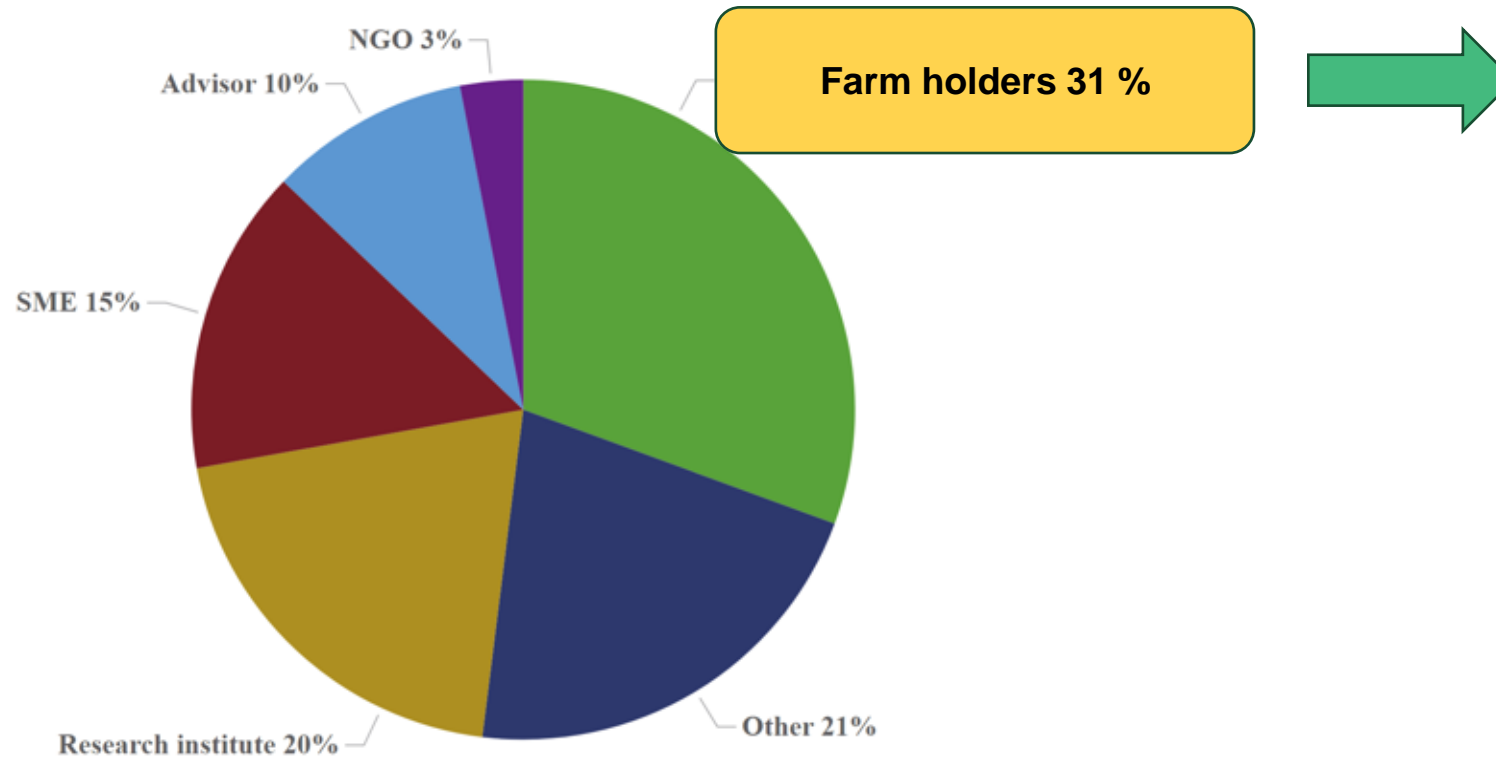
ELP operational groups and on-farm demonstrations

- Operational groups (OGs) **obliged to disseminate** summaries of their plans and results of their projects (Art 127)
- **EU and national CAP networks** also have to disseminate plans, but especially results of the OG projects
- OFD can serve as an excellent tool to **disseminate innovative solutions and new knowledge**
- OFD activities can be included in the **dissemination plan** of the OGs with dedicated budget



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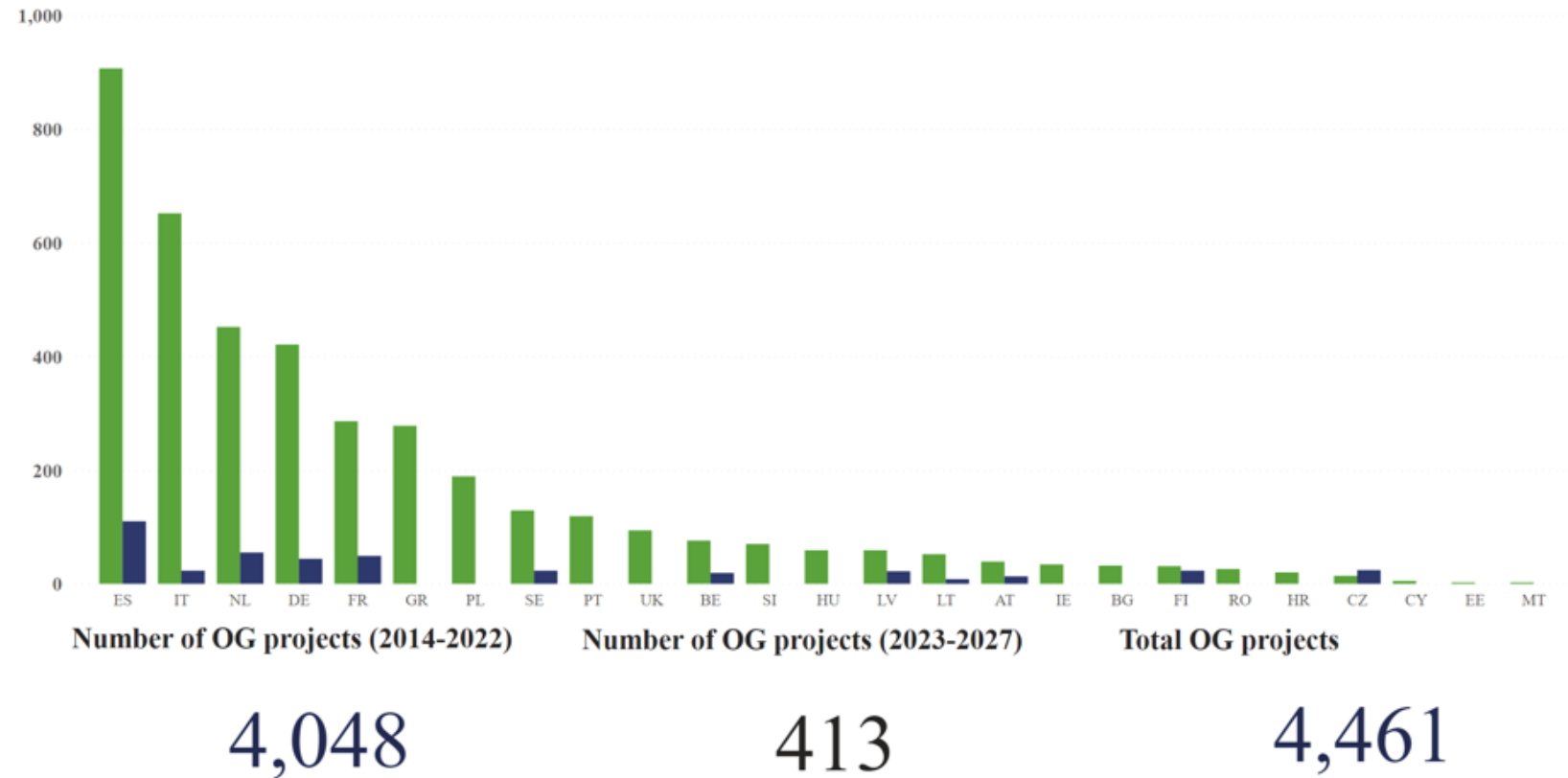


On-farm demonstrations can play a major role:

- for peer-to-peer learning within partnership
- for dissemination of innovative solutions and new knowledge outside of the partnership

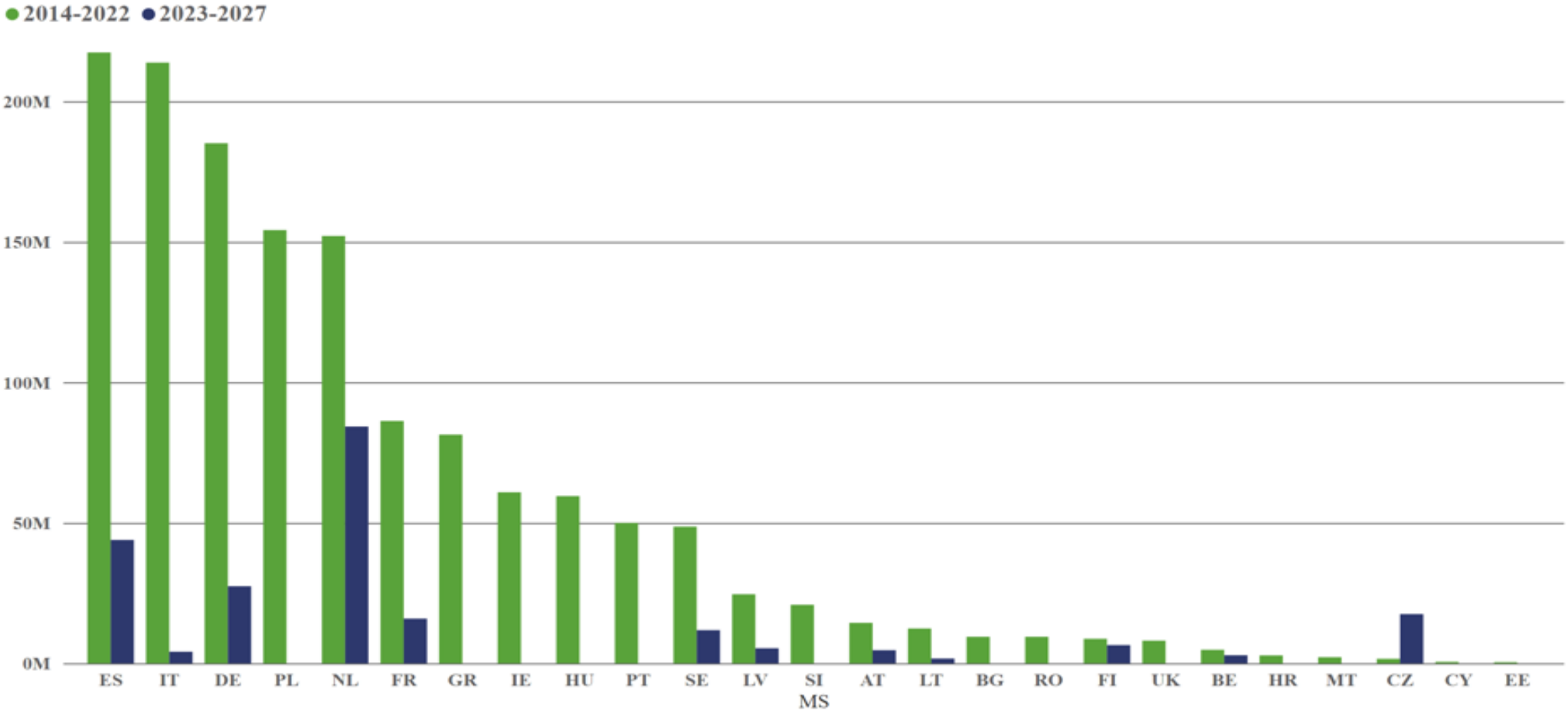
Data on OGs: Number of OG projects in the EU

Number of OG projects per Member State (both periods)



Data on OGs: Funds used

Total budgets per MS in 2014-2022 & 2023-2027

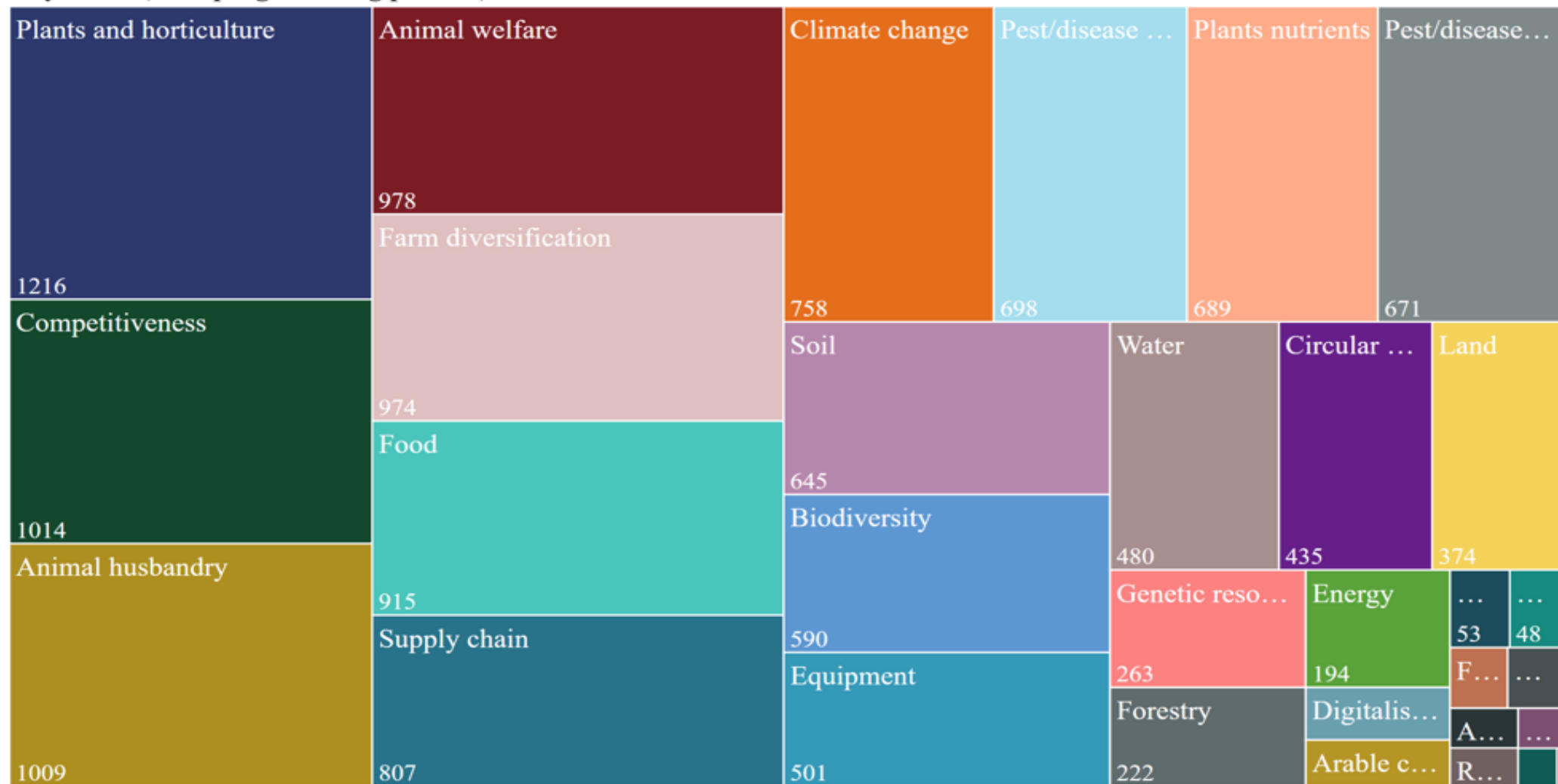


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OG projects topics: selected keywords

Keywords (both programming periods)



Thank you



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