



RELACS

IMPROVING INPUTS FOR ORGANIC FARMING

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RELACS in a nutshell

- **R**eplacement of **C**ontentious Inputs in Organic Farming **S**ystems
- Evaluate solutions to further reduce the use of external inputs and, if needed, develop and adopt cost-efficient and environmentally safe tools and technologies to:
 - Reduce the use of copper and mineral oil in plant protection
 - Identify sustainable sources for plant nutrition
 - Provide solutions to support livestock health & welfare
- Builds on results of previous research projects & takes far-advanced solutions forward
- 29 partners from thirteen countries: research, farming, advisory services & industry

Partners

- 13 European countries
- 15 partners
- 14 linked parties
- 11 research organisations
- 1 dissemination partner
- 3 SMEs
- 11 farmer organisations
- 3 research organisations



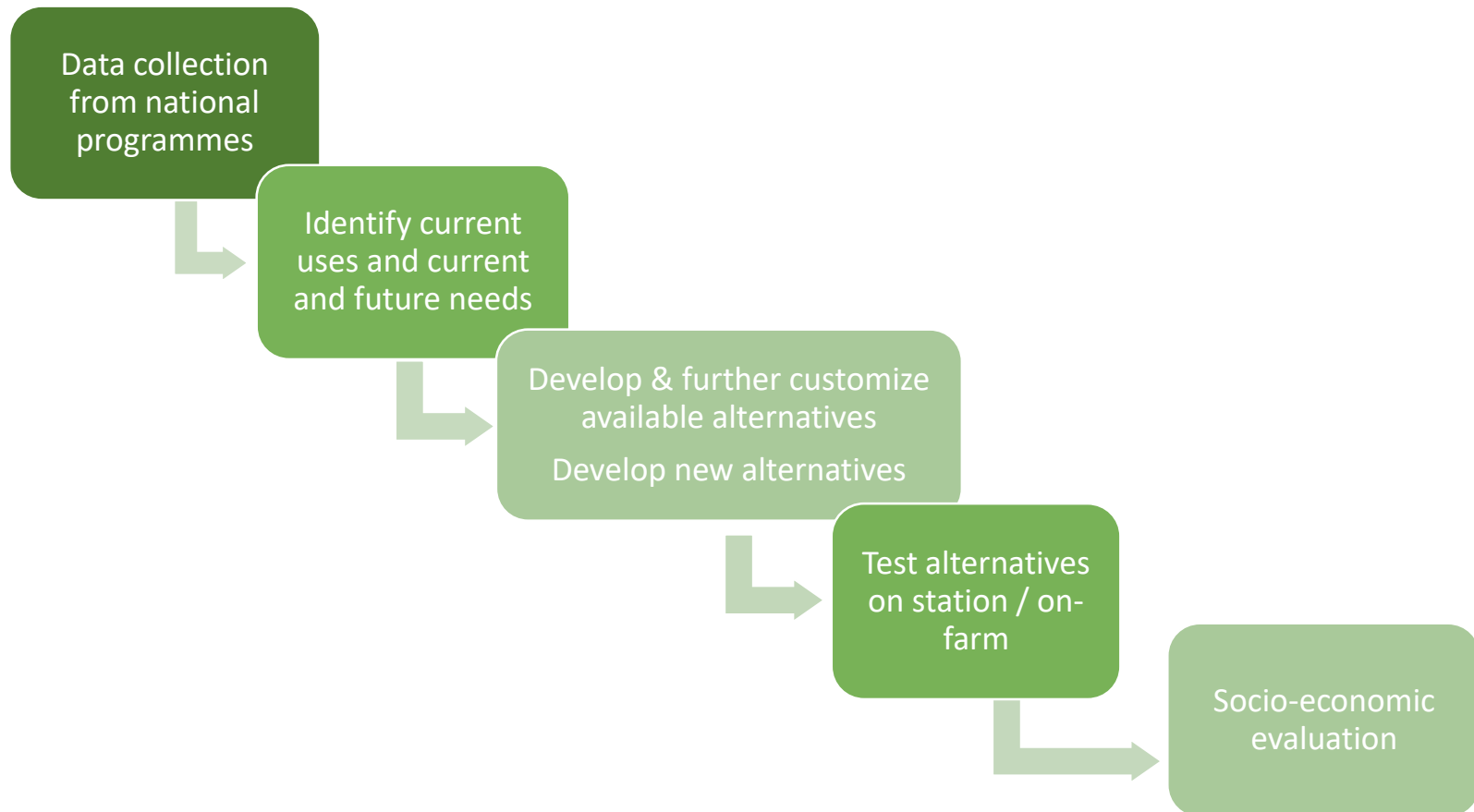
Aims

- **Promote the development and adoption of environmentally safe and economically viable tools & technologies**
- **Reduce the use of external inputs** in organic farming systems, namely:
 - Copper & mineral oil for plant protection
 - Recycled fertilizers and conventional manure in plant production
 - Antibiotics & anti-worm drugs (anthelmintics) in animal production
 - Synthetic vitamin B & E in animal feed
- Covers all major sectors of organic farming, including horticulture, arable cropping as well as cattle, sheep, pig and chicken production
- Diverse needs in the different European countries and regions are considered

Approach & methodology

- Inter- & transdisciplinary multi-actor approach
- Involving end-users, industry & scientists
- Four growing seasons for field trials, on-farm evaluation and demonstration
- 6 Research & development packages
 - Plant production (WP 1-3)
 - Livestock production (WP 4-6)
- Development of EU policies (WP7): roadmaps
- Outreach & technology transfer (WP8): website, social media, policy briefs, practice abstracts, (news) articles, study visits, events, educational training
- Consortium & project management (WP9)

Approach & methodology



Related project

- [Organic-Plus](#)
- Goal: Minimising, and eventually phasing out contentious inputs from certified organic agriculture
- In the frame of the Horizon 2020 Work Programme 2016-2017 on food security: Sustainable agriculture and forestry; marine, maritime and inland water research and the bioeconomy
- Call: Sustainable food security – Resilient and resource-efficient value chains



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