



# Mid-term symposium

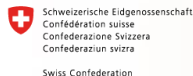
## Introduction

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## General objectives

**OB1:** Define, identify, and test root/rhizosphere ideotypes for a changing environment in crops common to rotational systems in Europe

**OB2:** Define and provide a complete set of tools to consider root traits

**OB3:** Identify, develop, and multiply germplasm and populations for phenotyping activities at different scales and use material to identify new candidate genes and markers connected to root traits and their plasticity, and enable novel pre-breeding germplasm, for all crops

**OB4:** Quantify plasticity of extended root phenotype for germplasm/populations identified in OB3 under a range of environmental conditions, including the identification of the relevant root trait, its interrelation with other characteristics (trade-offs) and the consequences for carbon sequestration

**OB5:** Actively engage with relevant stakeholders and disseminate new knowledge on the use of root and rhizosphere traits to develop resilience to environmental change, while also exploiting the results to provide tools and products which improve the sustainability of agriculture with environmental change

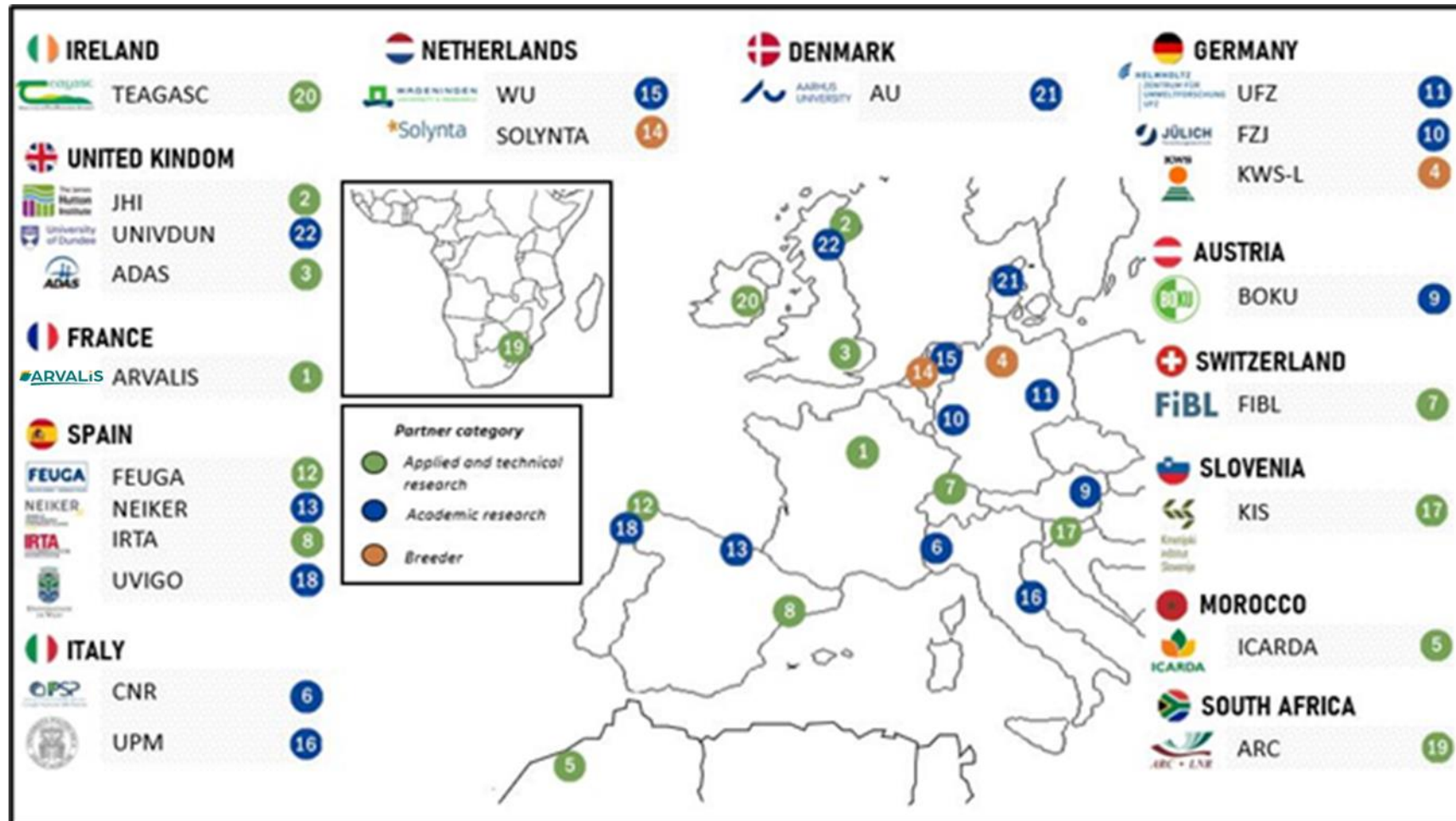
### Crops

- Cereals: barley (spring and winter), durum wheat (bread wheat)
- Tubers: potatoes and sweet potatoes
- Legumes: faba bean (lentils, peas)

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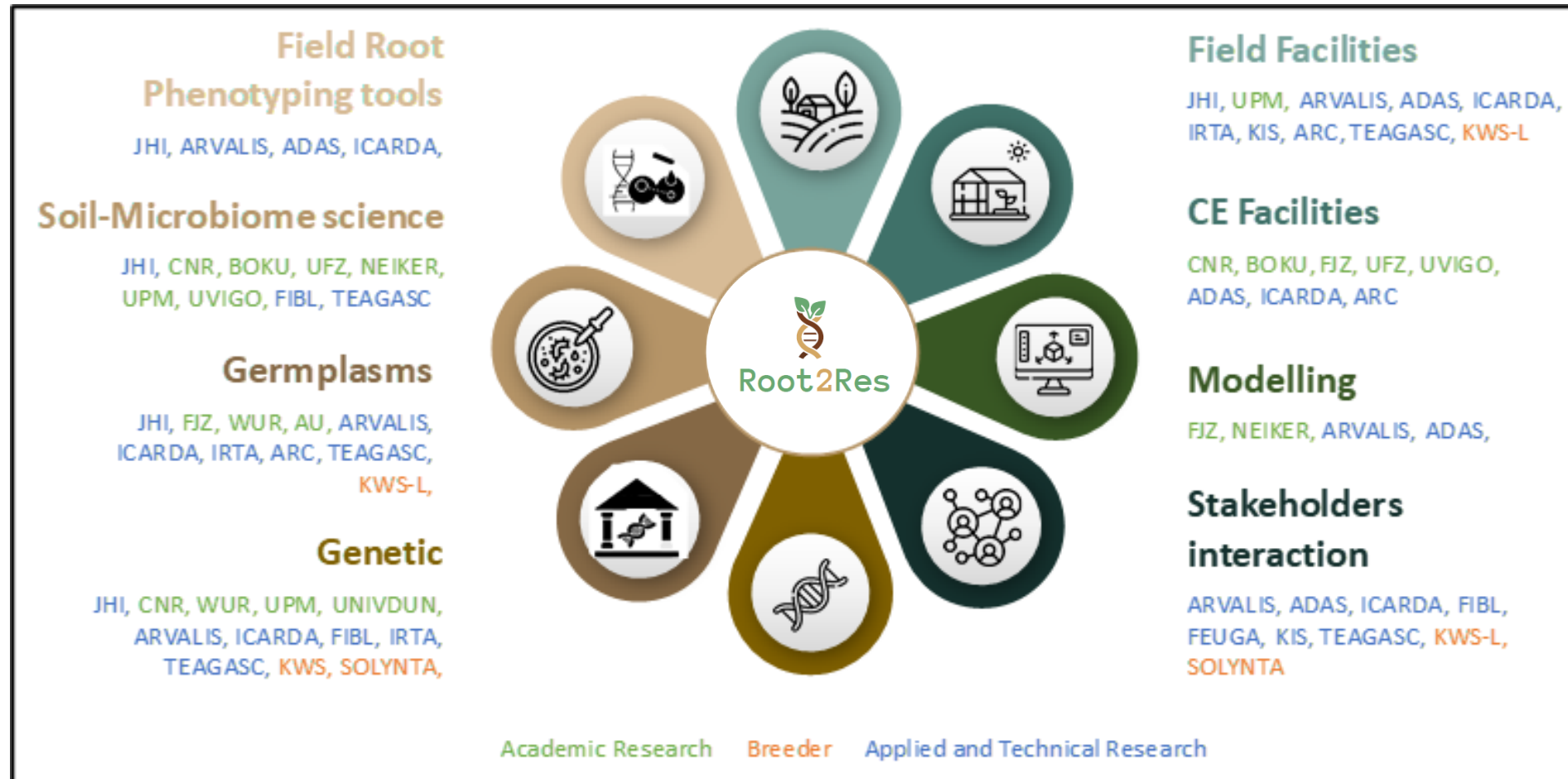
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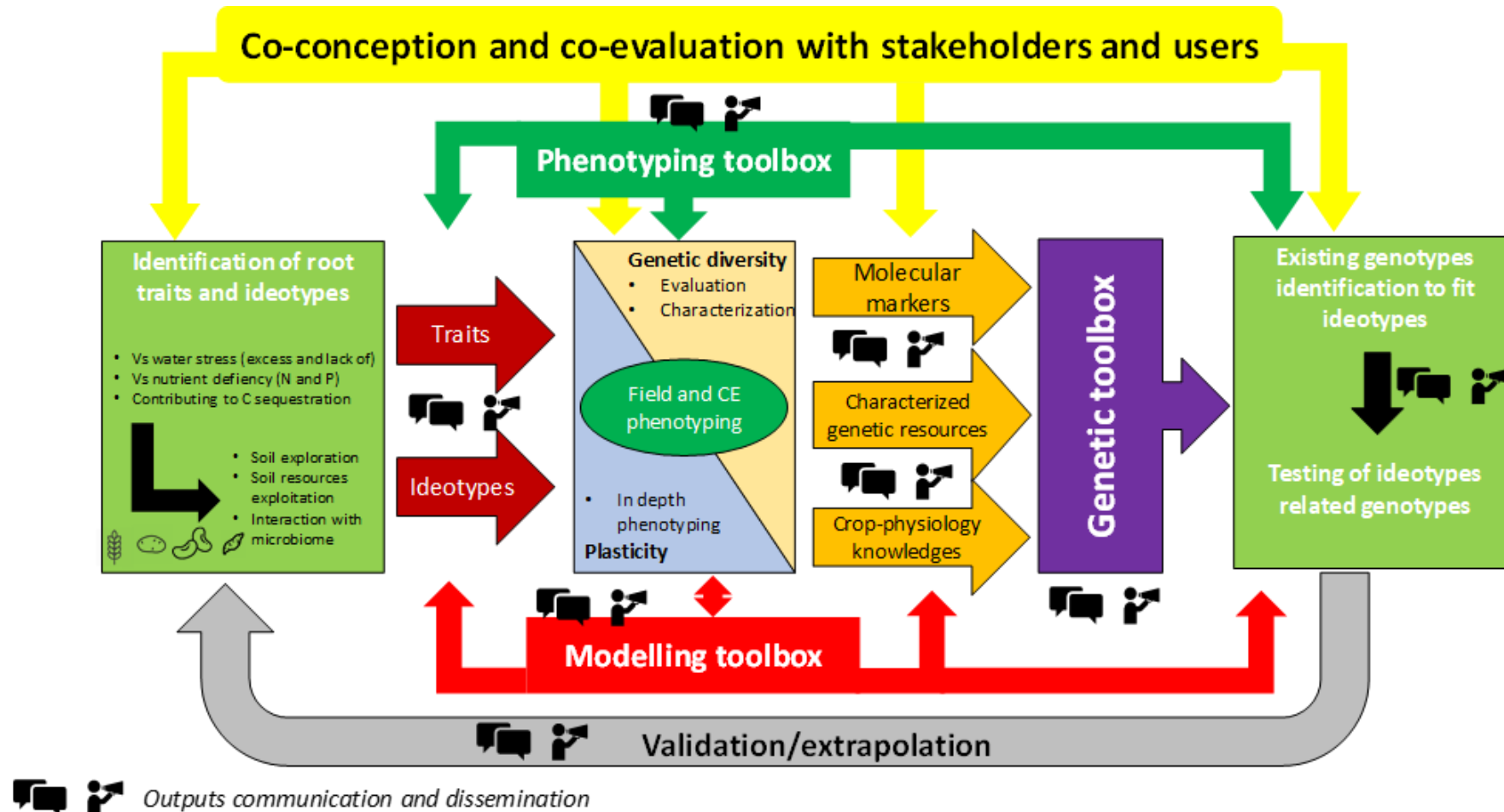


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### General concept of the project



# Root2Res: How to stay connected with the project

## Communications and dissemination

Website : [www.root2res.eu](http://www.root2res.eu)



Social media



Events



Root2Res at Les Culturales  
Jul 30, 2025 | News

Videos 



Sampling exudates and rhizosphere soil - BOKU and FiBL  
Minirhizotron - ARVALIS

Zenodo Open Repository

Practice abstracts

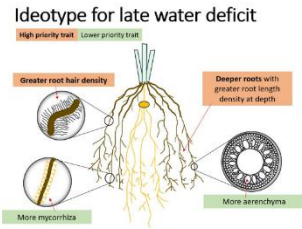


Policy brief



Articles





**Which priority root/rhizosphere traits will best contribute to resilience to abiotic stress?**

Christina Baxter from ADAS



**Innovation on root/rhizosphere traits phenotyping methods in field and controlled conditions for breeding and agronomic studies**

Katia Beauchêne from ARVALIS



**How to define and handle plasticity for root/rhizosphere traits against abiotic stress?**

Raffaella Balestrini from CNR (JP Cohan – Arvalis)

**Panel discussion with 2 invited experts : Edith Le Cadre and Karel Klem (thanks to them !)**

# Thank you for your attention

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