

# Launch of the Alliance for regenerative agriculture

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# Bel Group in a nutshell

150 YEARS

FAMILY BUSINESS

ICONIC BRANDS

THAT PEOPLE LOVE

3 COMPLEMENTARY

TERRITORIES

3 values: **DARE CARE COMMIT**

**5** generations of family management

Nearly **10,800** employees

Nearly **6,730<sup>(1)</sup>** suppliers

Nearly **1,200** dairy producers

**126** countries of sale

**29** production sites

**56** subsidiaries in 32 countries

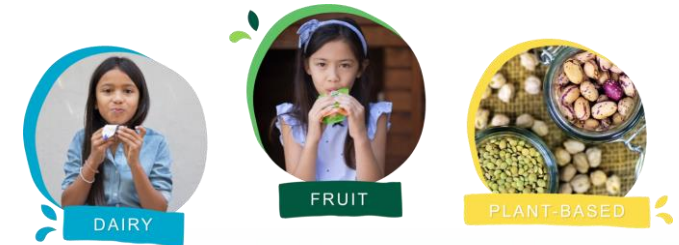
Over **30** brands, six of them international

**99/100<sup>(2)</sup>** on the gender equality index

Le Cercle de l'Excellence RH  
**"CoDir ACTIVISTE"**  
 Trophy

**BELOWCARBON**  
 Project of the Year 2022 Award and Innovation Category Winner at the Digital Finance Awards

**78.3%** of children's and family products have positive<sup>(3)</sup> recipes



OUR MISSION OFFER HEALTHIER & MORE SUSTAINABLE FOOD FOR ALL





# In motion towards regenerative agriculture



Our goal is to use in our products **100% of milk and apples from regenerative agriculture by 2030** extended by 2035 to all our key raw materials



**Earthworm**



[Tribune] « Pas d'alimentation sans terres vivantes, Agissons ensemble ! » par Cécile Béliot, Directrice générale du Groupe Bel

- Pasture grazing
- Local sourcing
- Agroforestry
- Biodiversity monitoring
- Farm' carbon audit
- 0 deforestation

**Bel's ambition:**  
**Become a catalyst** of the implementation of regenerative agriculture practices



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## Bring the ecosystem together:

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- To **share best practices**
- To **tackle challenges together**
- To **co-create new solutions** and share them to inspire others

**JOINING FORCES !**





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# Earthworm Foundation

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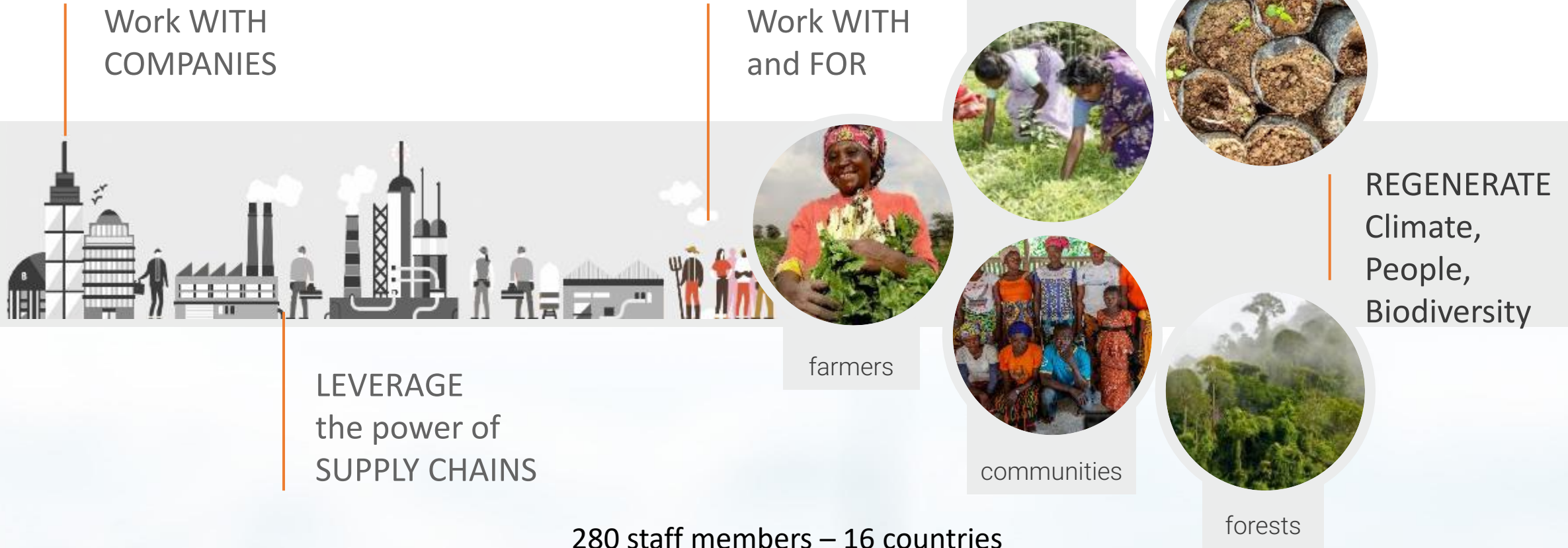




# Earthworm Foundation Vision

Supply chains that regenerate the world

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280 staff members – 16 countries





# Why soil ?

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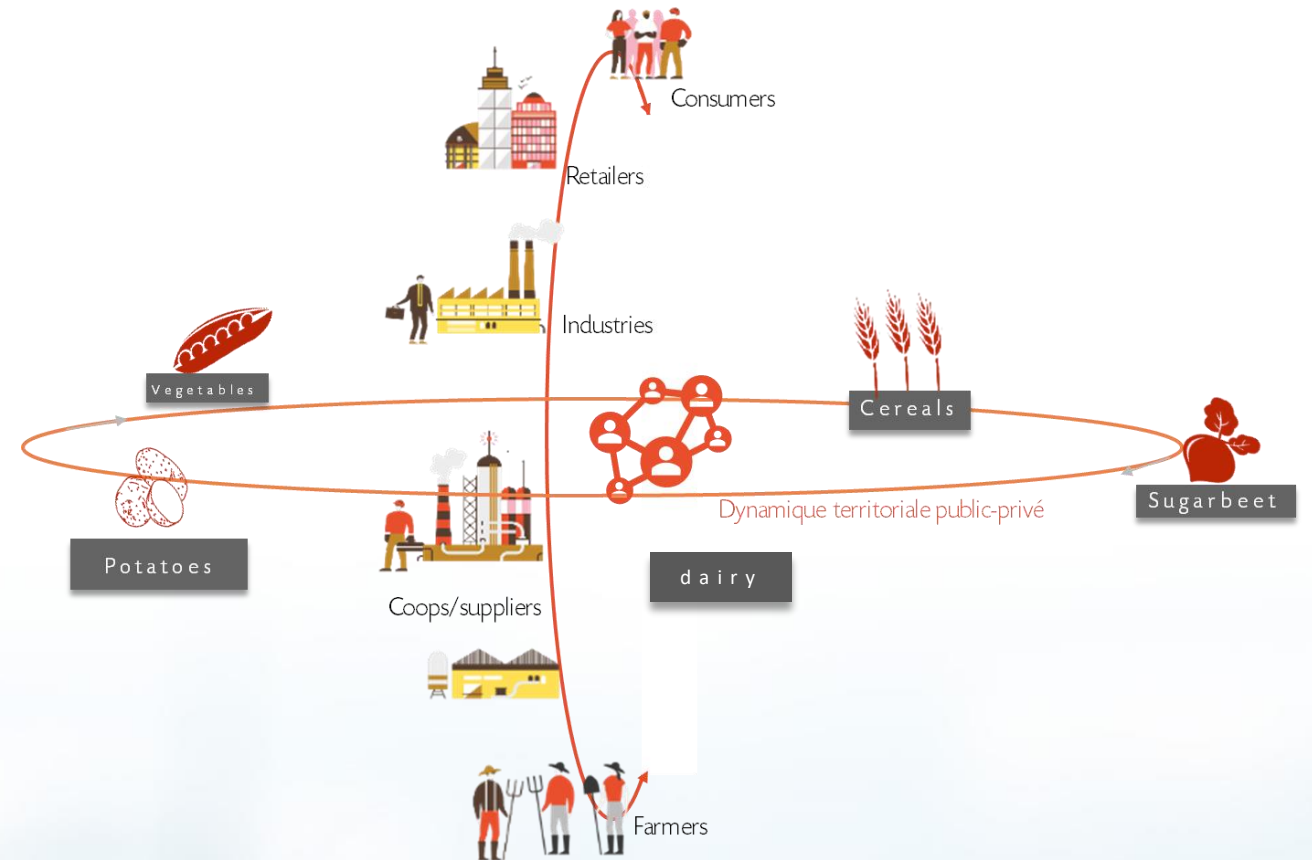


# Living Soils Program

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- Soil is a commons : preserving it requires a **collective** approach
- A both **practical and scientifically credible** approach
- A **result and impact-oriented** approach
- An **inclusive** approach: all farmers can join
- A **systemic** approach: across the crop rotation, along supply chain, with public & private stakeholders from the territory



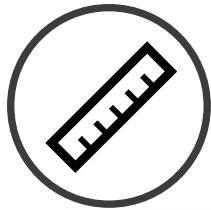
# Our approach

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## Technical support

- Train and support the farmers
- Train and support the technicians



## Measurement

- One common set of indicators
- With tools to monitor impacts



## Economic incentives

- De-risk the transition
- Incentivize the farmer
- Value the ecosystem services



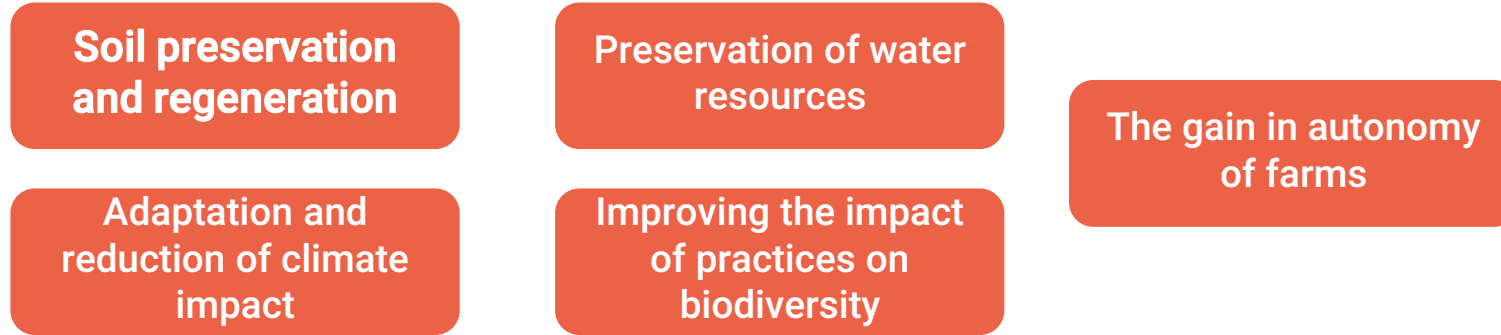


# A global agronomic framework to measure impacts



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- ✓ A multi-issue approach : soil, climate, biodiversity, water



- ✓ Indicators adapted to each level of the sector (farmers, cooperatives, industries)

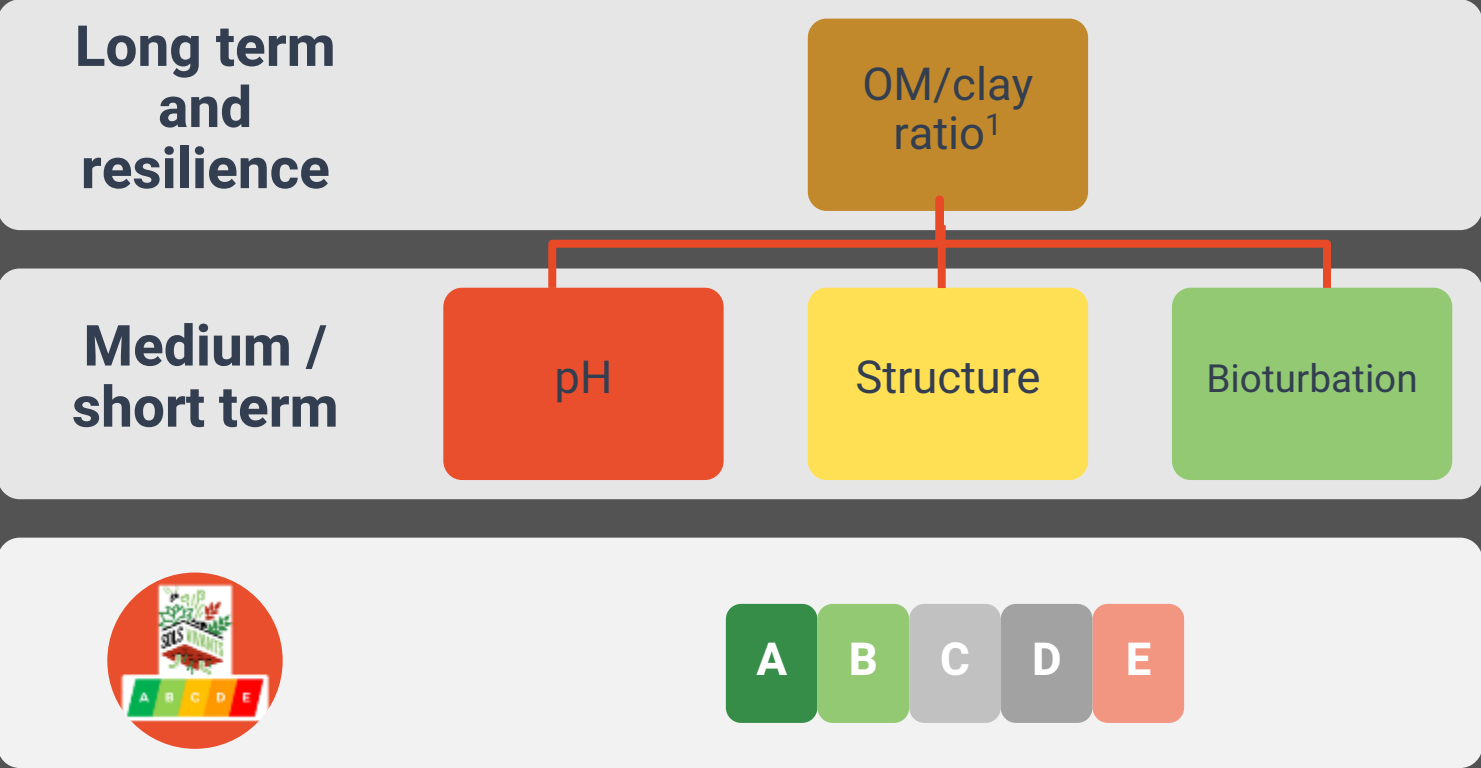
- ✓ An approach allowing to:
  - Make the link between measurement and technical support
  - Build scales of remuneration to value the transition

Categorization of farmers in reg ag levels



# Focus: Living Soils indicator

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1 : Johannes, A., Matter, A., Schulin, R., Weisskopf, P., Baveye, P.C., Boivin, P., 2017. Optimal organic carbon values for soil structure quality of arable soils. Does clay content matter? Geoderma 302, 14–21. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.geoderma.2017.04.021>



# The need to accelerate

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2021-2022 results

80 % of soils present a deficit in organic matter

→ Need to store Organic matter

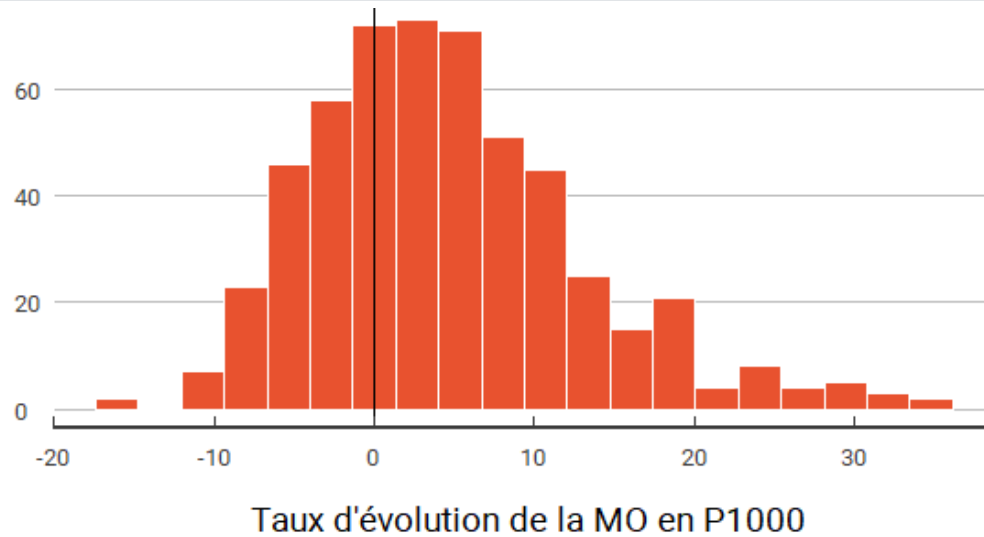
- Current rate 4.6 ‰
- 55 years to exit the area of vulnerability

→ Need to accelerate

Distribution of the changes in the rate of OM

OM

Nombre de parcelles

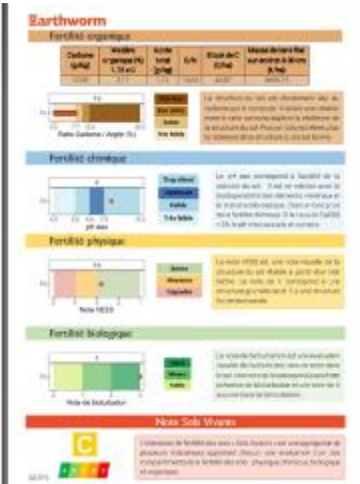
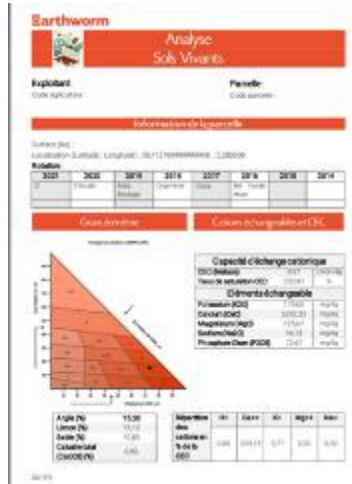


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# In practice



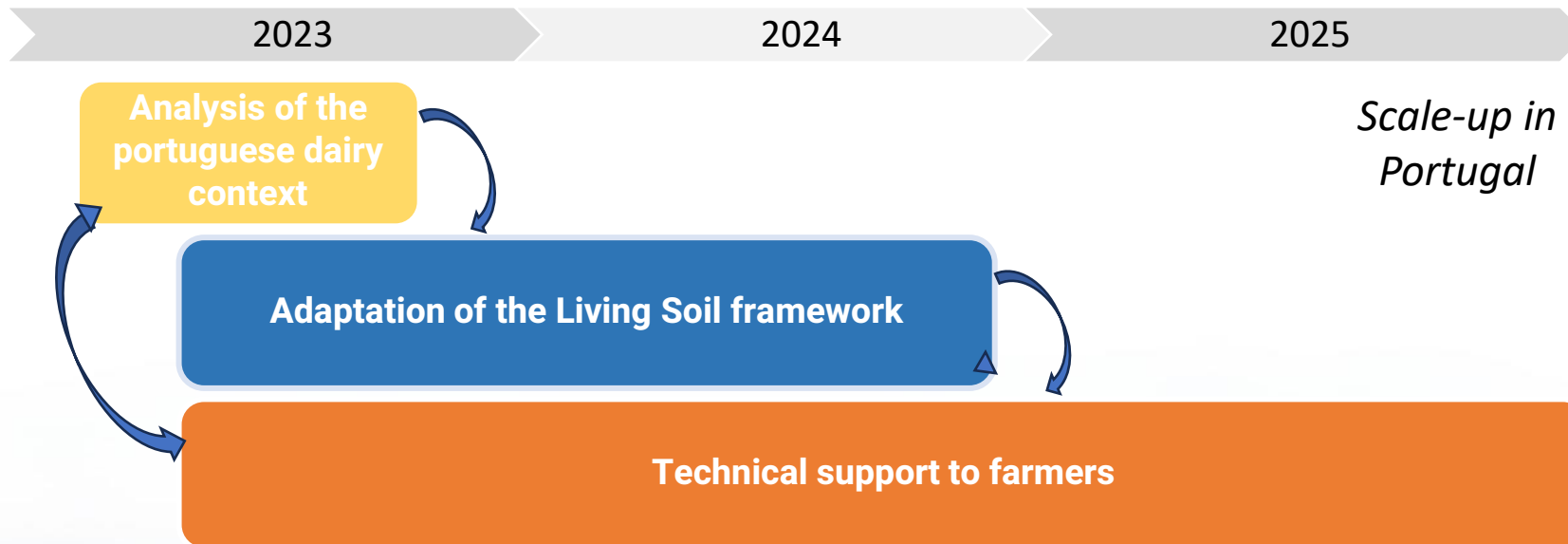


# Starting implementation in Portugal (pilot)

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Get dairy farms supplying Bel Group more resilient through the implementation of regenerative agriculture practices → produce sustainable animal feed on living soils.





# Biosphères

SÉBASTIEN ROUMEGOUS  
FOUNDER & CEO







**BIOSPHERES**

AGRICULTURE RÉGÉNÉRATRICE

**MAKE THE TRANSITION TOWARDS  
REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE SAFE &  
SIMPLE**





# OUR ORGANIZATION MADE TO MAKE ANY SUPPLY CHAIN... REGENERATIVE



TRAINING CENTER



SOLUTION FOR TRACEABILITY & IMPACT  
INDEX



AGRICULTURE | SOLS | PLANTES

LIVING STUDYLABORATORY

NON-PROFIT  
ORGANIZATION



- Since 2020
- Senior advisors specialized
- 10 years of experience
- All productions systems
- Consultancy, expertise, Research & development





# They trust us



# WHAT AMBITION : RESTORE EXOSYSTEMS

Produce food and act on the environment at the same time:  
**PRODUCTION + BIODIVERSITY + CARBON STORAGE + WATER QUALITY**



"Conventional" agriculture

Low land cover  
Systematic deep tillage  
Low organic matter restitution  
Low water infiltration  
Erosion  
Diffuse pollution  
- 300 KG CO2 STORED/Ha/YEAR\*



Agroecology / Regenerative agriculture

Land cover >90%  
Systematic use of plant cover  
High carbon restitution  
Excellent water infiltration  
Stopping erosion  
Reduction of diffuse pollution  
+ 600 KG CO2 STORED/Ha/YEAR





# Example of transition in dry areas : orchards

## Regenerative agriculture

- Growing plant cover
- Climate regulation
- Carbon storage
- Improving soil biodiversity



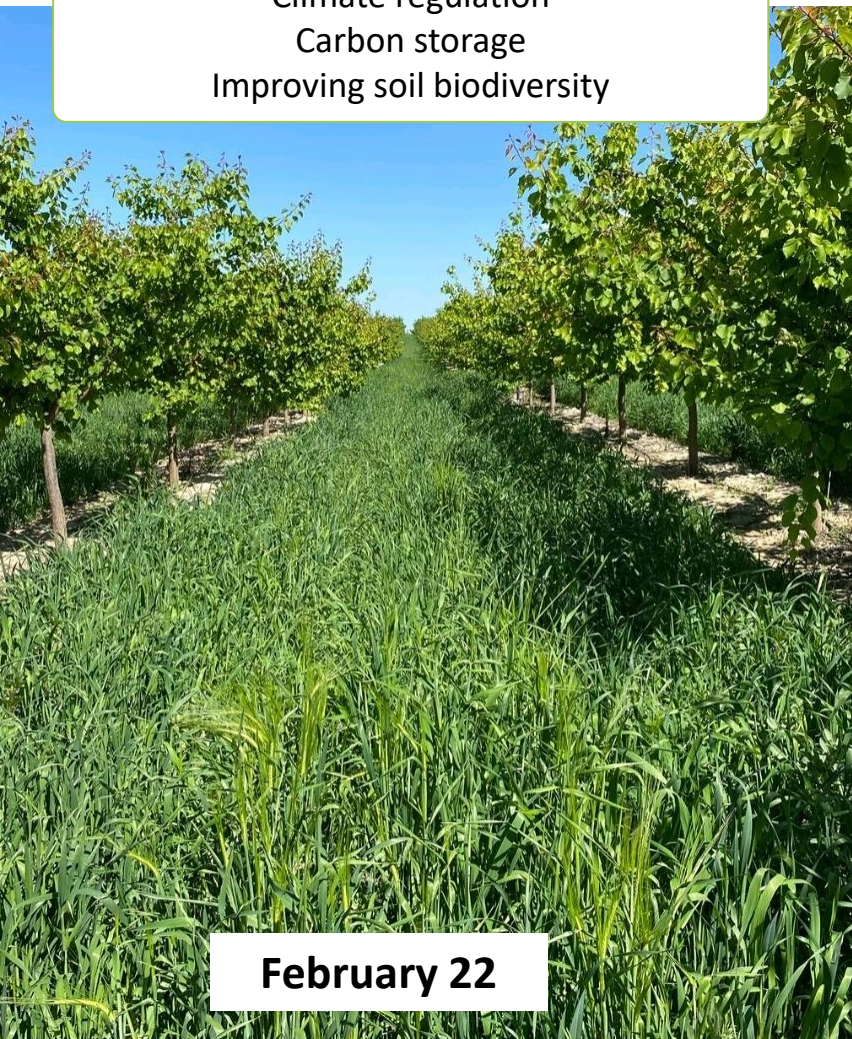
- Soil protection & fertility
- Water infiltration/savings
- Biodiversity preservation
- Low herbicides use

Ecological services +

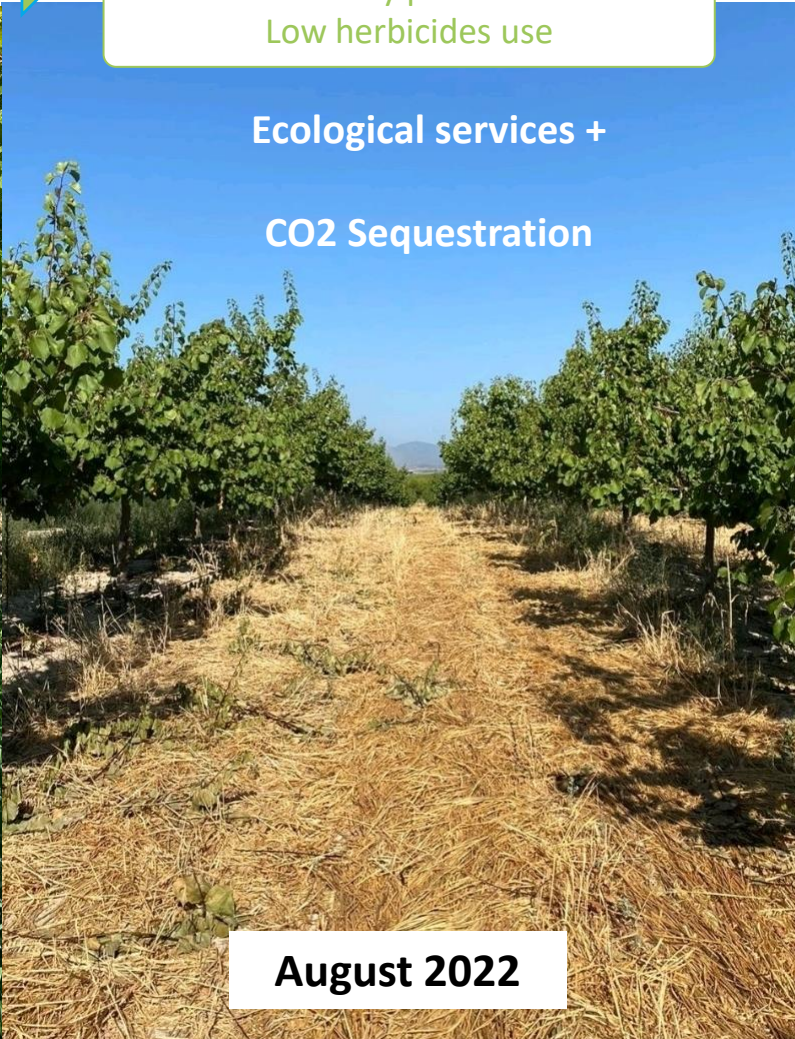
CO2 Sequestration

## Conventional agriculture

- Low ecological niches
- High weed level and herbicides use
- Poor water infiltration
- Soil erosion and low fertility



February 22



August 2022



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# EXAMPLE IN VINEYARDS

CLASSIC SYSTEM



AGROECOLOGICAL

niv. 1



AGROECOLOGICAL

niv. 2



Early and integral tillage

- No ecological services
- Carbon destocking
- Destruction of ecological niches



Cover nitrogen fixing 1 path out of 2

- Time saving
- Zero impact on practices
- Food resources x3 to 5
- Preserved habitats
- Natural input of 15kg of nitrogen/ha



Cover nitrogen fixing all rows

- Complexity of destruction
- Reorganization of work
- Ecological niches x10 and high level of biodiversity
- Natural input of 30Kg of nitrogen / ha



# OUR MISSION: RESTORING ECOSYSTEMS FUNCTIONS

Facilitating and securing the transition to regenerative agriculture



"Conventional" agriculture

Towards  
new  
models



Agroecology / Regenerative agriculture

- ✓ 0 erosion
- ✓ Reduced leaching
- ✓ Micro and macroporosity
- ✓ Increased organic matter and carbon storage
- ✓ Improved natural habitats

- ↗ Biological activity
- ↗ Soil health
- ↗ Biodiversity
- ↗ CO<sub>2</sub> storage
- ↗ Water infiltration and purification
- ↗ Input savings: fuel, fertilizers and pesticides



# AGRICULTURE OF THE FUTURE

Cover + biomass = biodiversity, water quality, soil quality

Adapted to all crops and situations





# THE ARBORICULTURE MODEL

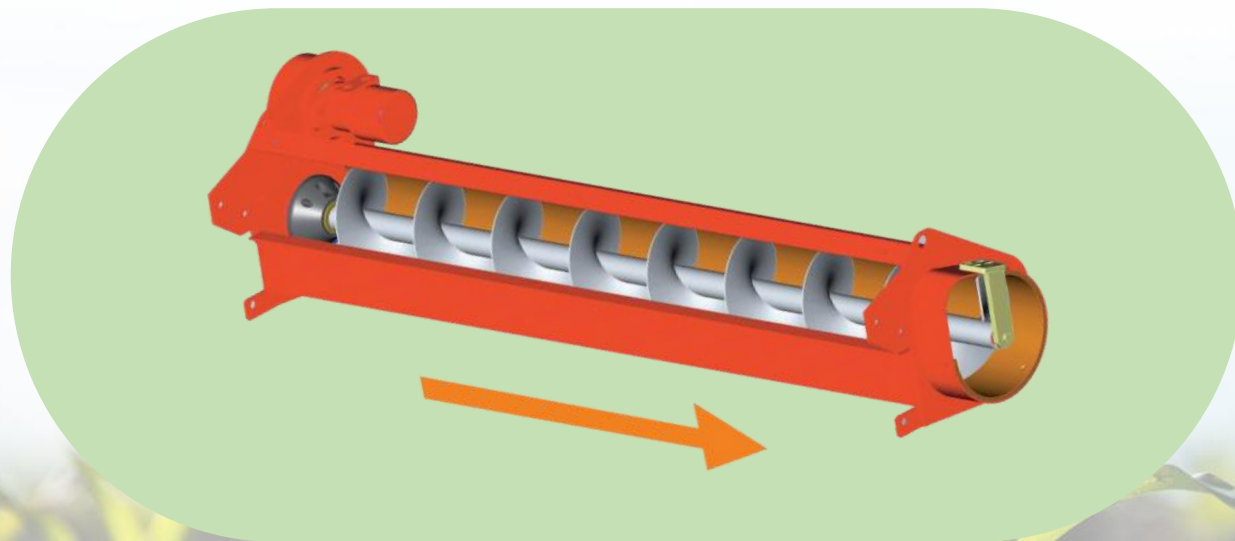
- ✓ Stopping erosion
- ✓ Leaching reduction
- ✓ Micro and macroporosity
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# THE ARBORICULTURE MODEL

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# THE ARABLE FARMING MODEL

- ✓ Stopping erosion
- ✓ Leaching reduction
- ✓ Micro and macroporosity
- ✓ Increased organic matter and carbon storage





# THE VINE MODEL

- ✓ Stopping erosion
- ✓ Leaching reduction
- ✓ Micro and macroporosity
- ✓ Increased organic matter and carbon storage





# THE VINE MODEL



# ACCELERATE CHANGE PATHWAYS

Know-how developed over 10 years of field experience

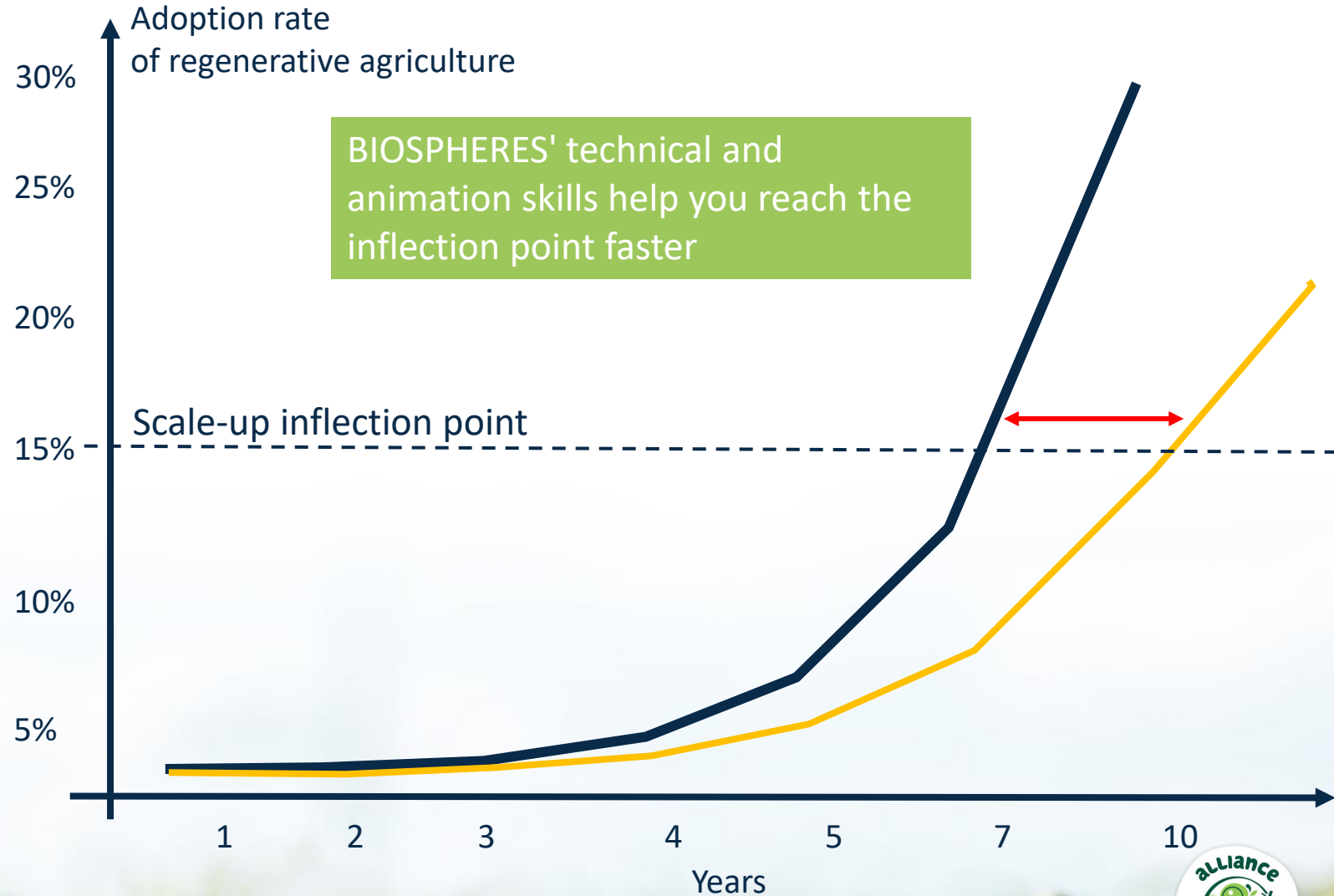
**CLASSIC  
PROGRESSION**

10-12 ans  
4 years

**PROGRESSION  
with support**

5-7 years  
2 years

**BIOSPHERES =  
Safe transition 2 times faster**





# Regenerative viticulture: economic and environmental improvement

## Système classique

Travail du sol précoce et intégral + déchaussage



## Système Agroécologique Niv. 1

Couvert fixateur d'azote 1 chemin sur 2



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## Système Agroécologique Niv. 2

Couvert fixateur d'azote tous les rangs



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Erosion

Hydrology

(Infiltration)

Carbon

Biodiversity



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# Q&A



# Listening to **your questions**



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**THANK YOU**

