

# Improving irrigation efficiency toward a more sustainable agriculture

Riferimenti

Tipo di progetto

Gruppo Operativo

Acronimo

MirAgE

Tematica

Risorse idriche

Information

Time frame

2016 - 2018

Durata

24 months

Partners (no.)

9

Regione

Emilia-Romagna

Comparto

Multifiliera

Localizzazione

ITH51 - Piacenza

ITH52 - Parma

Costo totale

€162.717,92

Fonte di finanziamento principale

Programma di sviluppo rurale

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2014IT06RDRP003: Italy - Rural Development

Programme (Regional) - Emilia Romagna

Parole chiave

Fertilisation and nutrients management

Water management

Sito web

<http://dipartimenti.unicatt.it/diproves-progetti-di-ricerca-mirage>

Project status

completed



## Objectives

The basic purpose is the assessment of the convenience in replacing traditional irrigation (flow, rain) with innovative and more efficient systems, based on surface and subsurface drip irrigation (SDI). In summary, the advantages of these technics are lower water consumptions, higher water use efficiency, simplification of business management and reduction of the costs of cultivation, and also a lower energy requirements and lower greenhouse gas emissions.

Another purpose is solve the lacking relating to the best mode of water application depending on soils and crops and on the possibility of combining fertilization of crops (doses, types, shifts), as well as on the risks of clogging of drippers.

## Activities

In the farms that have already installed a SDI plant it will performed a comparison between SDI and drain irrigation, meanwhile in the others farms it will be compared surface drip irrigation and rain irrigation. All the soils interested by the trials will be analyzed for a complete characterization. For each farms an annual report will be compile reporting all the production and management data, the report will be the base for future planning and improvement. At the end of the project a technical report will summarize all the activities done in each farm, reporting success (and potential failures) of the tested technologies in all the soil types and conditions.

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## Pratice abstract

### Description

The basic purpose is the assessment of the convenience in replacing traditional irrigation (flow, rain) with innovative and more efficient systems, based on surface and subsurface drip irrigation (SDI). The advantages of these techniques are: lower water consumptions, higher water use efficiency, simplification of business management, reduction of cultivation costs, and lower energy requirements and lower greenhouse gas emissions. Another purpose is solve the lacking relating to the best mode of water application depending on soils and crops and on the possibility of combining fertilization of crops (doses, types, shifts), as well as on the risks of clogging of drippers.

The project has following expected results:

- solve problems of water supply resulting from the use of lower volumes evenly distributed during the growing season;
- obtain greater efficiency of water and fertilizers use with fractional distributions in times of peak demand by crops;
- improve crop yields and promote better crop health;
- encourage the use of manure and slurry;
- better management and amortization of irrigation facilities and better planning of field operations;
- reduce production costs limiting water volumes used and improve the agricultural sustainability;
- implementation of the technical and advisory services offered by farmers' cooperatives and Land reclamation and drainage authority, directed to farmers for the dissemination of innovative irrigation systems in the territory.

### Link utili

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Sito web del partner Azienda Tadini	<a href="http://www.aziendataadini.it">http://www.aziendataadini.it</a>	Link ad altri siti che ospitano informazioni del progetto
Sito web del partner CB Piacenza	<a href="http://www.cbpiacenza.it">http://www.cbpiacenza.it</a>	Link ad altri siti che ospitano informazioni del progetto
Sito web del Progetto	<a href="http://dipartimenti.unicatt.it/diproves-progetti-di-ricerca-mirage">http://dipartimenti.unicatt.it/diproves-progetti-di-ricerca-mirage</a>	Sito web
Sito web del partner Stuard	<a href="http://www.stuard.it">http://www.stuard.it</a>	Link ad altri siti che ospitano informazioni del progetto

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Sito web del partner Terre Padane	<a href="http://www.terrepadane.it">http://www.terrepadane.it</a>	Link ad altri siti che ospitano informazioni del progetto
Relazione tecnica finale	<a href="https://agricoltura.regione.emilia-romagna.it/progetti-innovazione/raccolta-pro...">https://agricoltura.regione.emilia-romagna.it/progetti-innovazione/raccolta-pro...</a>	Materiali utili