Standing Committee on Agricultural Research



# **SWG AKIS**

What's keeping the Dutch busy on digitisation knowledge for agriculture?

Overview and research by Wageningen UR

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## **Ambitions in the Netherlands**

### Ministry of Economic Affairs (MEA):

- the transition of the agricultural sector towards a sustainable, robust, climate smart, healthy, nature inclusive and economic viable sector
- Digitisation of the sector as an important accelerator to reach these goals:
  - 'smart farming' (or precision farming) based on data-driven smart decision making, robotics/mechanisation and ICT-solutions

## Initiatives in the Netherlands by MEA

New impulses for SMART farming:

- Analyses State of Play Smart farming in NL:
  - reflect on Smart farming as an Innovation System and identifies changes and obstacles for an acceleration of adoption and upscaling smart farming practices in daily operations at farm level
- National Fieldlab Precision Farming (NPPL) as a response to recommendations of the analyses,
  - to promote the uptake of smart farming methods
  - to strengthen the collaboration among local and regional smart farming initiatives
  - to offer additional services and advice for maturing smart farming practices in daily circumstances, at farm level
- AgriDatacube (part of NPPL):
  - an open / big data ICT playground for agri data-analyses by agricultural entrepreneurs and start-ups, experimenting with public and private data

# Initiatives in the Netherlands by MEA

New impulses for SMART farming:

- National Satellite Portal (NSP):
  - a portfolio of open satellite data to observe crop growth and field conditions
- National Soil & Models Database:
  - information on real world measurements of structure and composition of soil, groundwater levels and geomorphological descriptions
- Blockchain Agri Pilot:
  - a technique to register transactions in agri-food chains, in a secure and immutable way on the internet through smart contracts
- ► ICT AGRI-2 (3):
  - ▶ MEA supports the EraNet Initative ICT AGRI-2 and 3, with a budget of 750.000 € in 2017

## Global challenges

## Climate change

Biobased Economy

Agro-food system



Health and nutrition

Food security



# The WUR domain: healthy food and living environment



Call	Project	Туре	Duration	Budget ME			
Wageningen Applied Research							
FP7	MODAP	CSA	2009-2013	1,1			
FP7	SmartAgriFood	CP	2011-2013	7,4			
FP7	E-AGRI	CP	2011-2013	2,3			
FP7	FoodMicroSystems	CSA	2011-2013	1,1			
FP7	FIspace	СР	2013-2014	20,1			
FP7	FOODSNIFFER	CP	2012-2015	4,0			
FP7	SemaGrow	CP	2012-2015	3,1			
FP7	FInish	CP-CSA	2014-2016	6,4			
FP7	SmartAgriFood2	CP-CSA	2014-2016	5,1			
FP7	FRACTALS	CP-CSA	2014-2016	7,3			
FP7	C-IPM	CSA	2014-2017	2,7			
FP7	HI-LED	CP	2014-2017	4,7			
FP7	ICT-AGRI 2	CSA	2014-2018	2,4			
H2020	SWEEPER	IA	2015-2017	4,5			
H2020	AUDITOR	IA	2016-2018	1,2			
H2020	EMPHASIS	RIA	2015-2019	6,6			
H2020	TrimBot2020	RIA	2016-2019	6,4			
H2020	SIM4NEXUS	RIA	2016-2020	7,9			
H2020	PhasmaFOOD	RIA	2017-2020	3,1			
H2020	G2P-SOL	RIA	2016-2021	6,9			
H2020	FoodSmartphone	MSCA-ITN-ETN	2017-2021	2,8			
H2020	loF2020	IA	2017-2021	34,8			
H2020	ACTTiVAte	IA	2016	5,1			
H2020	AGINFRA PLUS	RIA	2017	2.8			

Call	Project	Туре	Duration	Budget ME			
Wageningen University							
FP7	eFlux	CP	2009-2011	3,1			
FP7	UncertWeb	CP	2010-2012	3,7			
FP7	MODAP	CSA	2010-2013	1,1			
FP7	eCUTE	CP	2010-2013	3,3			
FP7	SmartAgriFood	CP	2011-2013	7,4			
FP7	E-TRACK	CP	2012-2013	0,7			
FP7	ECHORD	СР	2009-2014	25,8			
FP7	FoodMicroSystems	CSA	2012-2014	1,1			
FP7	NutriTech	CP	2012-2015	7,8			
FP7	FIspace	СР	2013-2015	20,1			
FP7	BIOFOS	CP	2013-2016	3,7			
FP7	SPLENDID	CP	2013-2016	3,6			
FP7	<b>ECHORD Plus Plus</b>	СР	2013-2018	25,8			
CIP	PhysioDom-HDIM	CIP-ICT- PSP-P	2014-2018	5,0			
H2020	TrimBot2020	RIA	2016-2019	6,4			
H2020	IoF2020	IA	Con. to WR	C t WR			



### Additionally (to be added to the WR-list):

- DISH-RI & Richfields (FP7): EU design studies for citizen science in food, lifestyle and health for a research infrastructure based on consumers donating data from their apps
- VALERIE (FP7): VALorising European Research for Innovation in agriculturE and forestry; WUR coordinates
- E-Rosa (H2020): roadmapping the development of E-infrastructures for agro-environmental research
- NextGeoss (H2020): big data analysis on remote sensing data for various applications, including agro
- EFFIDRIP (H2020): building smart irrigation systems
- EU-PLF (H2020): value creation through precision livestock farming
- Data Driven Dairy Decisions 4 Farmers (H2020): to inform and involve dairy farmers in the use of sensors

### Some other EU (related) projects/networks - WUR:

- EIP-Focusgroup on 'Mainstreaming Precision Farming'
- Animal Task Force on precision farming
- ERANET ICT AGRI 2.0
- Optimove (ERANET ICT-AGRI): optimisation of paths planning and routing on agricultural fields
- BioBusiness (Marie-Curie ITN): development of a prototype to score locomotion of dairy cows by using camera technology
- Spectors (Interreg): drone applications for agriculture and biodiversty
- PAT-GHG (EC-JRC): contribution of precision agriculture to (reduction of) agro GHG emissions
- MARS-OP (EC-JRC): operational services for yield forecasting



#### (1) Examples of national projects: WUR - most of them PPPs

- LGN land use database of NL:
  - national mapping of land cover based on satellite imagery and additional data
- Farm Digital:
  - a data platform to make compliance for food safety easy
- Horticulture Digital:
  - links firms with chain data, open data and big data
- Data-FAIR:
  - invites farmers and others to share data for new services with explicit attention to data governance, business models
- Blockchain:
  - application of blockchain technology, precision agriculture and satelite data for sustainable value chains
- BIGTU:
  - stimulating big data in horticulture through enhancing easier access
- Fruit 4.0:
  - Facilitates the use of multiple data for farmers to enhance fruit production



#### (2) Examples of national projects: WUR – most of them PPPs

- Big Data Governance:
  - to accelerate the development of Big Data applications, guidelines for governance of data sharing in agri-food networks
- Smart Dairy Farming:
  - developing a cooperation for a data hub
- Big data voor Smart Farming:
  - explorational study
- Precision agriculture 2.0:
  - to enhance the application in divers agri sectors
- Grazing Space:
  - exploring the use of satelite data for dairy farming
- Smart Tools for vital pigs
- Green monitor:
  - processing satellite data for tracking nature in NL
- AgroDatacube:
  - big data collection based on open data for agricultural parcels in NL



#### (3) Examples of national projects: WUR – most of them PPPs

- Soil passport:
  - registration and monitoring tool on chemical and physical soil conditions
- Data Quality Centre:
  - expert centre for data quality assessment of big and open data
- Wageningen UR Unmanned Aerial Remote Sensing Facility (UARSF):
  - drones and drone-borne cameras' research facility for precision agriculture
- CoolData:
  - big data technology to ensure optimal product quality and availability in a sustainable and cost efficient manner, in the food supply chain

#### International projects - WUR:

- AgMIP: a visualization platform for climate change impacts on small holder farmers in Sub Saharan Africa
- CommonSense: remote sensing services for smallholder farmers in Ethiopia
- Geobis: remote sensing services for smallholder farmers in Bangladesh







# Our generic project approach and structure





We are looking forward to working with you!





# Ambitions in the Netherlands – regional level

### Dutch Regions:

- Transition of the agricultural sector towards a sustainable supplier of food, and more: health, well-being, energy, biobased materials, high tech grow systems, substances and grow / breed management
- Transition of the agricultural sector into cross-connected party in e number of product chains
- Transition of the agricutural entrepreneurs from expert single producers into expert supply managing cooperatives
- Digitisation of the sector as big accelerator to reach these goals:
  - 'smart farming' (or precision farming) based on data-driven smart decision making, robotics/mechanisation and ICT-solutions
  - A SMART food chain an food system

# Ambitions in the Netherlands – regional level

### Dutch Regions:

- Dutch regions (provinces) have determined four S3 Strategies S/E/W/N
- Projects are financed with EFRD and cofinanced by the regions, MS and initiating companies and knowledge institutions
- Dutch regions participate in the national "Top Sector Policy"
- Key is to create cross-over business models

## Research & Innovation Strategy for SMART Specialization South NL

- 1. High Tech Systems & Materials (with application to fields health, life sciences, energy, agrofood)
- 2. AgroFood (incl. Agritech, Horticulture, Seeds, Feed, Agrobiotech)
- 3. Chemistry (incl. New and Bio-Materials)
- 4. Logistics Life Sciences & Health Biobased ICT



# **S3 – The Art of Connecting**

- Smart High Tech Systems
- Smart Biobased
- Smart Materials
- Smart Food
- Smart Logistics
- Smart Technology



Stoffen voor andere sectoren oor verudeling, faciliteren optimale fractiosering door veredeling, gebruik hie-bened astrelainn

# Initiative example approach Limburg - Brightlands





## Brightlands Campus Greenport Venlo & Agri - digitisation

- Food production
- Research, shared facilities field labs,
- High Tech grow systems sensoring climate control seed & propagation material development
- Trade
- Reefer technology
- JIT agri-logistics & ditribution
- Food Safety
- Import Export documents
- Customer intel



















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Digitalization transportation of fresh products

Data Reefer transport Customs Import – Export Services Food Safety data

## **Brightlands Smart Services Campus**

- Dutch Institute for Data & Statistics CBS
- Dutch Tax Agency
- BISS Brightlands Institute for Smart Services



# BISS

- Data-ecosystems
- Data-analysis
- Decision making & Impact







## Initiative example approach Limburg - Brightlands

- Partner in S3 Platform Agri & Food
- S3 Consortium High Tech Farming
- S3 Consortium SMARTFOOD Traceability & Big Data in Agriculture (Andalucia)



# Issues investment capacity & coverage

- Cohesion fund EFRD and INTERREG
- National funding "topsectors" and Precison Farming
- European Innovation Partnership AGRI EAFRD
- Brightlands investment programme Limburg
- Agriculture investment programme Limburg
- Regional Investment Bank LIOF