



# EMPHASIS

EUROPEAN INFRASTRUCTURE FOR PLANT PHENOTYPING

# Vision

We want to enable scientists to better understand plant performance and translate this knowledge into application. We aim to promote future food security and agricultural business in a changing climate.

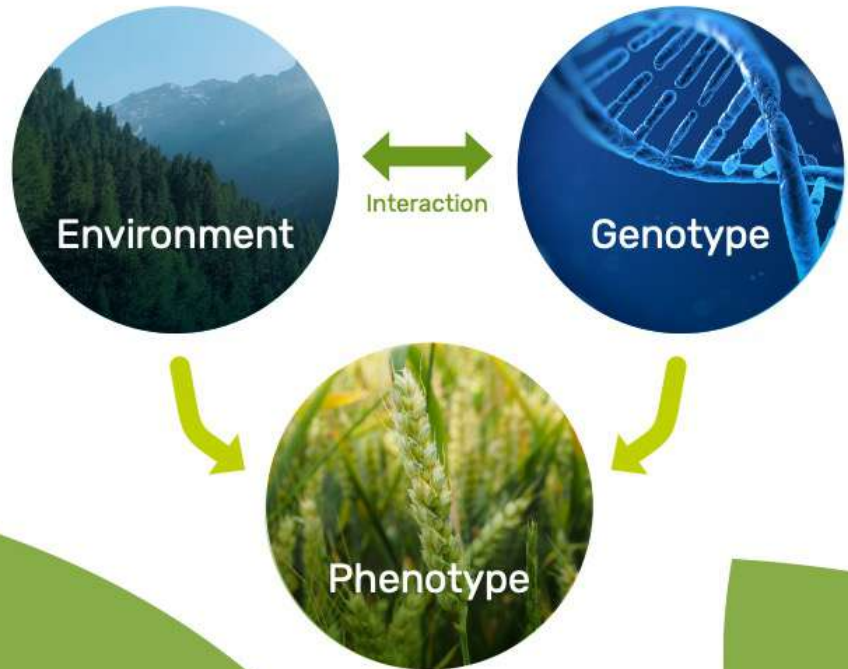
# What is plant phenotyping?

SCIENTIFIC TOOL TO STUDY PLANT-ENVIRONMENT INTERACTION

- Study of plant structure and function
- Using non-invasive technology
- Understanding how plant structure and function depend on genetics and the environment

## How does a plant cope with its environment?

Phenotyping is used to understand how plants can cope with reduced resources, pathogens and climate change.



# Mission



## What?

Facilitating multi-scale plant phenotyping to analyse genotype performance in diverse environments and quantify the diversity of traits

## How?

By developing infrastructure and providing access to facilities, services and resources



# Objectives

DEVELOPING INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROVIDING ACCESS

Develop an integrated  
pan-European  
infrastructure of  
instrumented facilities

Link data acquisition to  
a European-level data  
information system and  
modelling

Develop, evaluate  
and share knowledge  
and novel technologies

# Infrastructure Categories

PLANT PHENOTYPING REQUIRES INTEGRATION OF BOTH FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES



CONTROLLED CONDITIONS

Investigation of diverse plant traits in response to well-defined environmental conditions



INTENSIVE FIELD

Detailed investigation of plants and canopies under well-monitored field conditions



LEAN FIELD

Field sites with basic equipment and environmental monitoring that can be linked to a network of field sites



MODELLING

Models integrated in phenotyping pipelines and predictive models using phenotypic data



DATA & COMPUTATIONAL SERVICES

Integrating compatible information systems to provide access to data

# Who benefits?

- **Researchers**  
in need of quantitative plant assessment
- **Public sector investors**  
in complementary plant phenotyping infrastructure in Europe
- **Scientific institutions**  
using synergies in operating plant phenotyping infrastructures in Europe
- **Industry**  
harnessing innovation in technology development and its application for breeding
- **Society in general**  
due to a sustainable increase of food quality and quantity in conditions of climate change

HOW EMPHASIS CONTRIBUTES TO ...

# ...the European Research Area Priorities



Harmonising  
activities of plant  
phenotyping  
facilities to foster  
collaboration and  
connectivity

Supporting the  
interoperability of  
national R&I funding  
schemes

Raising public  
awareness of the  
relevance of plant  
phenotyping for food  
security

Driving the  
transformative  
change needed to  
ensure food security



HOW EMPHASIS CONTRIBUTES TO ...

# ...the Sustainable Development Goals

## Sustainable Agriculture

With enhanced plant breeding being at the core of a sustainable agriculture, EMPHASIS contributes to many of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.



**SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT  
GOALS**

HOW EMPHASIS CONTRIBUTES TO ...

# ...the Horizon Europe Mission Soil Health and Food

- Developing new crop varieties adapted to future climates
- Optimising the yield of key crops to meet the increasing global food demand
- Enabling sustainable and resilient plant production and agriculture
- Promoting the development of new technology and digital farming



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