

# INCREASE



## Valorizzazione e utilizzazione delle risorse genetiche in agricoltura,



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**INCREASE – Intelligent Collections of Food Legumes Genetic Resources for European Agrofood Systems**

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La storia e l'eredità  
13 ottobre 2023  
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09:00 Registrazione  
09:30 Apertura e saluti istituzionali  
09:40 Introduzione al seminario, F. Salamini (Accademia dei Lincei)  
10:00 Lo stalinismo e la scienza, L. Mariani (MULSA e Università di Brescia) e D. Magradze (Georgian Technical University)  
10:20 Nikolaj Vavilov: breve biografia e opera scientifica, O. Failla (MULSA e Università di Milano)  
10:40 La domesticazione delle piante: una questione di caratteri, P. Morandini (MULSA e Università di Milano)  
11:00 Cooperazione in Europa per la conservazione del germoplasma vegetale, L. Maggiore (European Cooperative Programme for Plant Genetic Resources - ECPGR)  
11:20 Valorizzazione e utilizzazione delle risorse genetiche in agricoltura, R. Papa (Università Politecnica delle Marche)  
11:40 Sulle orme di Vavilov: la ricerca delle resistenze alle malattie fungine della vite nel Caucaso, S. Toffolatti e G. De Lorenzis (Università di Milano)  
12:00 Discussione e considerazioni conclusive  
12:30 Inaugurazione del nuovo punto espositivo del MULSA sulla "Domesticazione delle piante" dedicato a Carlo Soave, T. Maggiore (MULSA e Università di Milano) e A. Dalli (MULSA)



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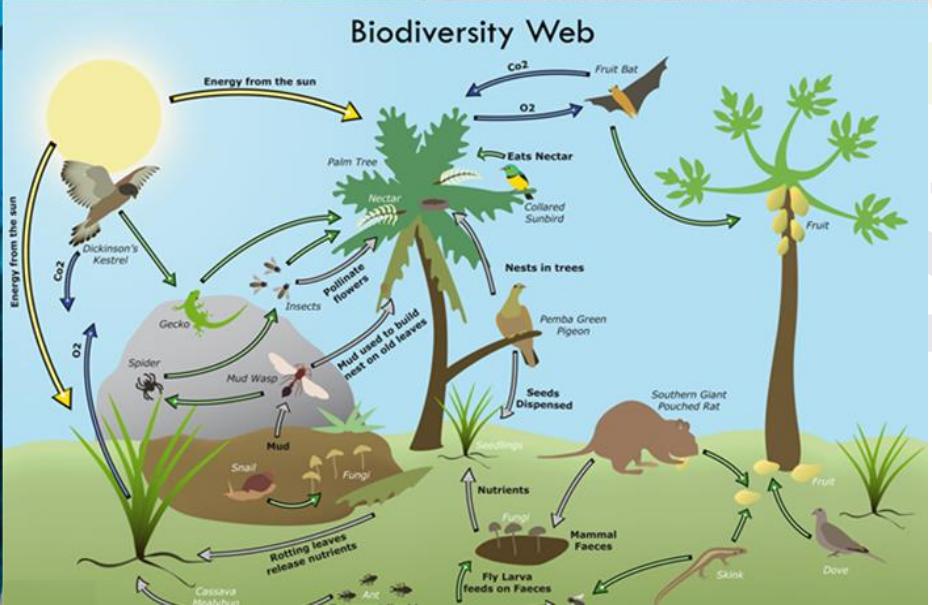
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**While agrobiodiversity and agricultural genetic resources are crucial for global food security, their conservation is insufficient.**



**We should be drawing from the existing genetic wealth preserved in seed banks and putting this diversity to use. That is the goal of the INCREASE project, including an innovative, decentralised approach to seed conservation**



## Common bean germplasm trials in Himalayan Kashmir valley India

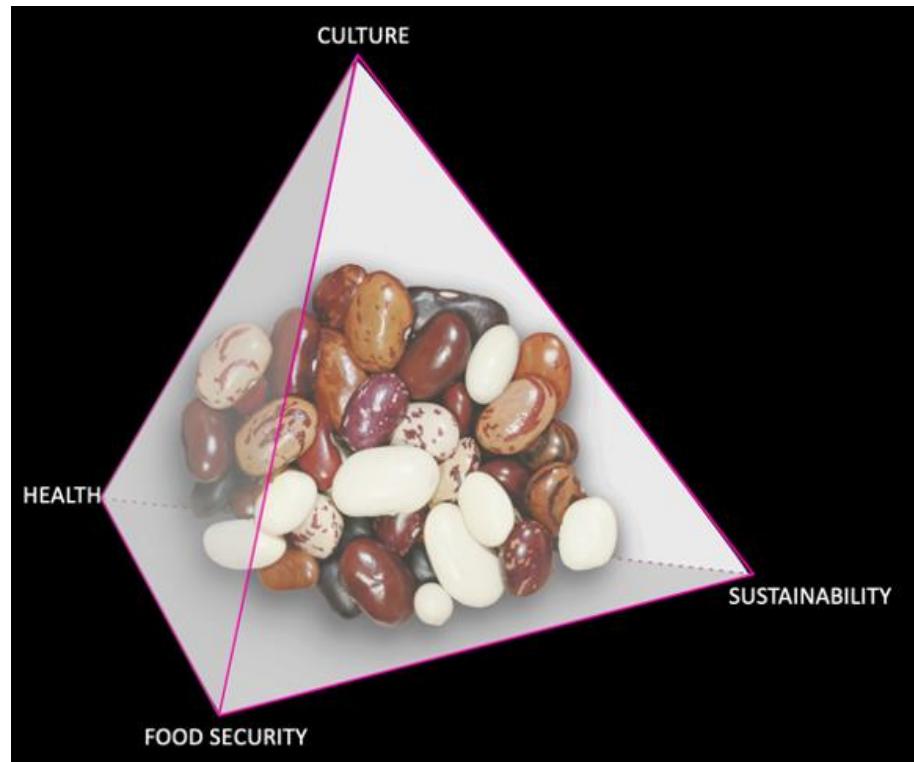


( $2n=50$ ; ~450M)

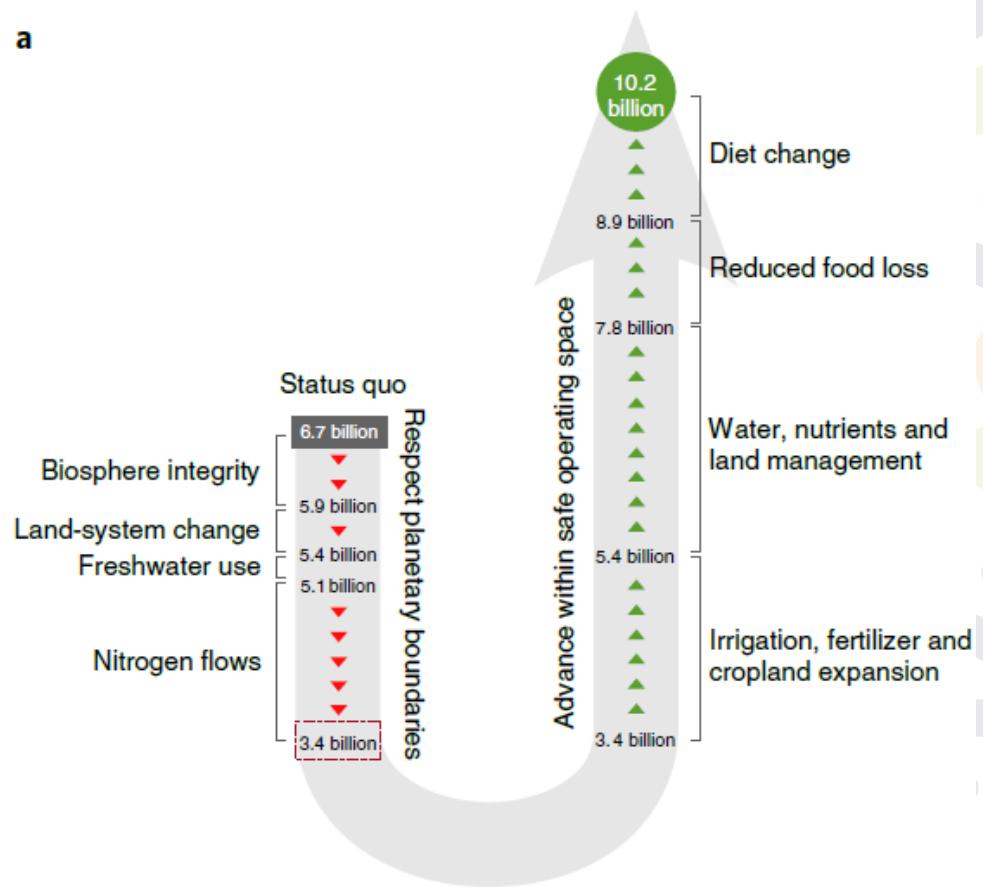
# FOOD LEGUMES: Feeding the growing population respecting planetary boundaries



## NATURE SUSTAINABILITY



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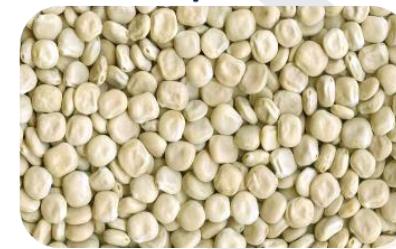


**Chickpea**  
*Cicer arietinum*

( $2n=2x=16$ ; ~740Mbp)

**Common bean**  
*Phaseolus vulgaris*

( $2n=2x=22$ ; ~520Mbp)



**Lentil**  
*Lens culinaris*  
( $2n = 14$ , ~4Gb)

**White Lupin**  
*Lupinus albus*  
( $2n=50$ ; ~450Mbp)



*L. mutabilis* ( $2n=48$ ; ~930 Mbp)

PERSPECTIVES

**The INCREASE project: Intelligent Collections of food-legume genetic resources for European agrofood systems**

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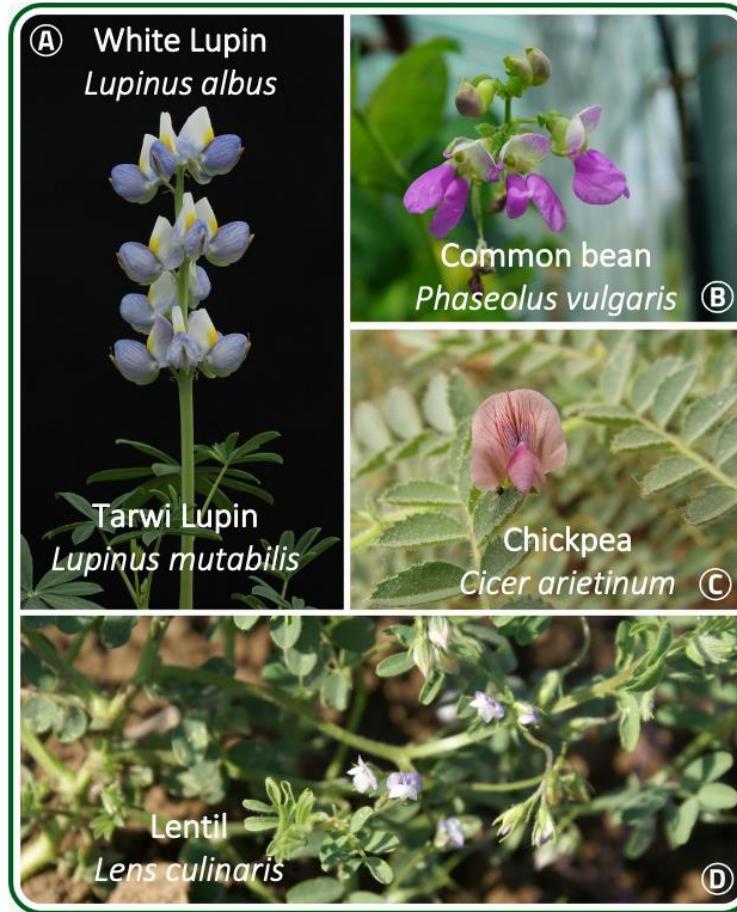
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## CURRENT PROTOCOLS

PROTOCOL |  

Towards the Development, Maintenance, and Standardized Phenotypic Characterization of Single-Seed-Descent Genetic Resources for Common Bean

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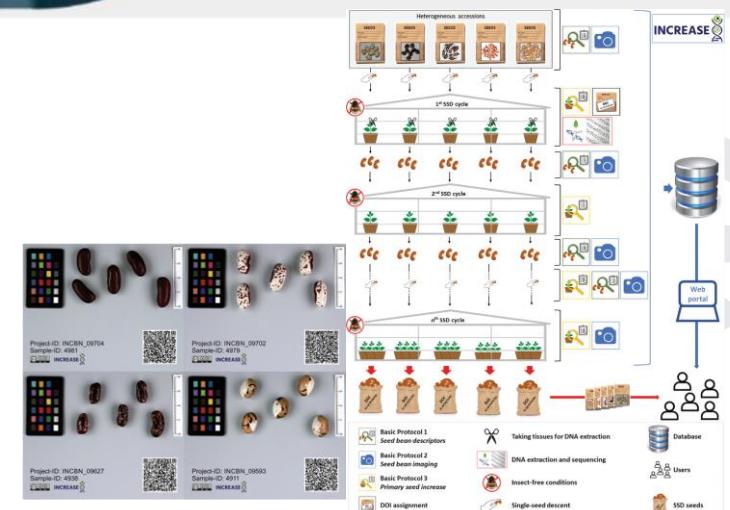
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-  SSD lines included in the different intelligent collections (sample size)
-  SSD passport data
-  Genotyping (at different depths and coverage, GBS, WGS, PanGenomes)
-  Whole Plant Classical and Molecular Phenotyping
-  MLFT (Multi Location Field Trials)
-  Image Analyses
-  Controlled condition experiments
-  Quality and Nutritional phenotyping





# SSD development and seed increase

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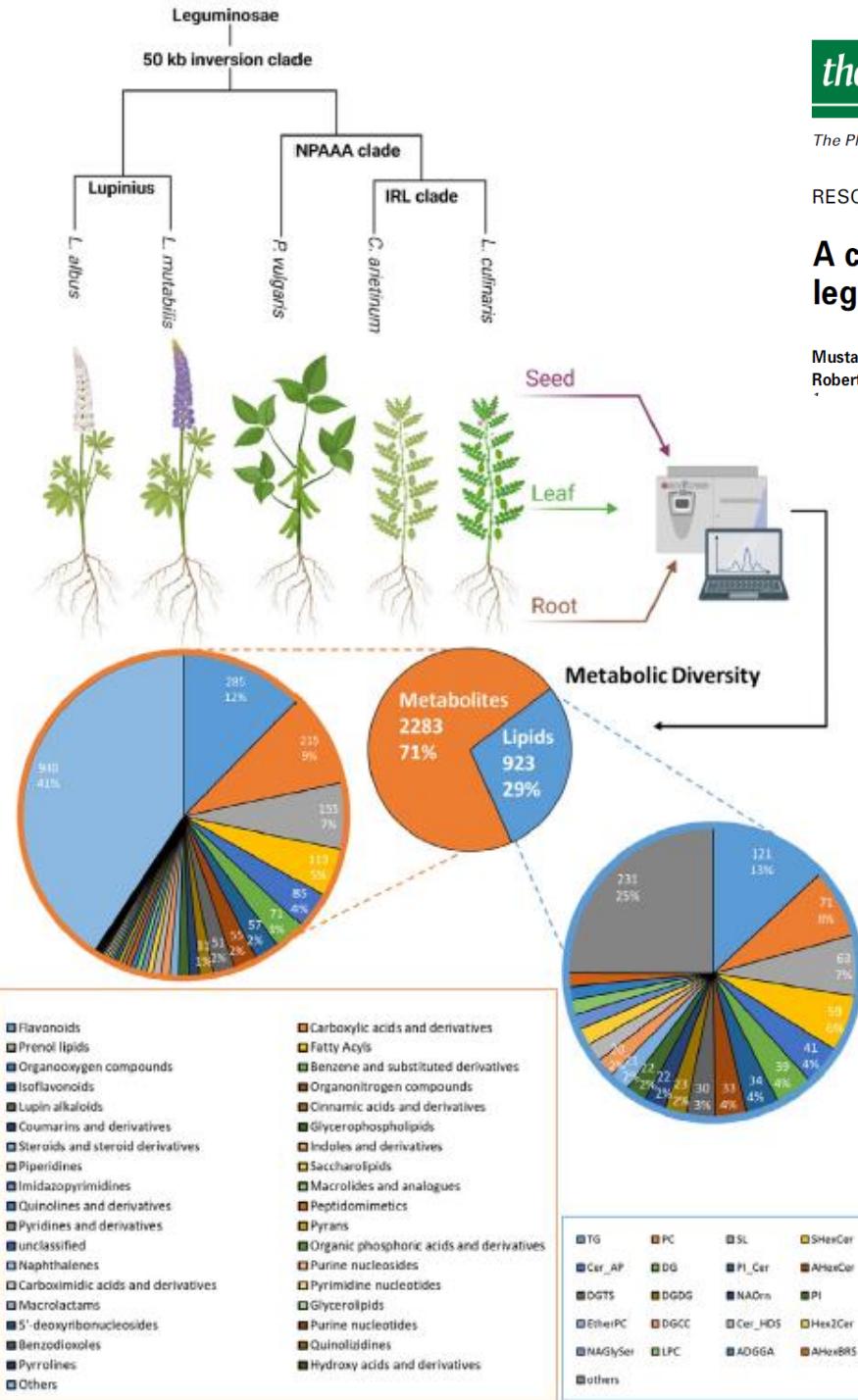
# Multi-location field trials





# Testing for drought in controlled conditions





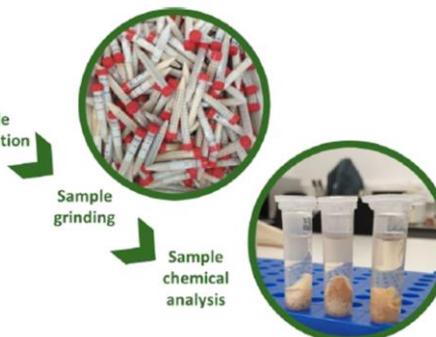
RESOURCE

## A comprehensive metabolomics and lipidomics atlas for the legumes common bean, chickpea, lentil and lupin

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## Metabolomics

### Nutritional quality

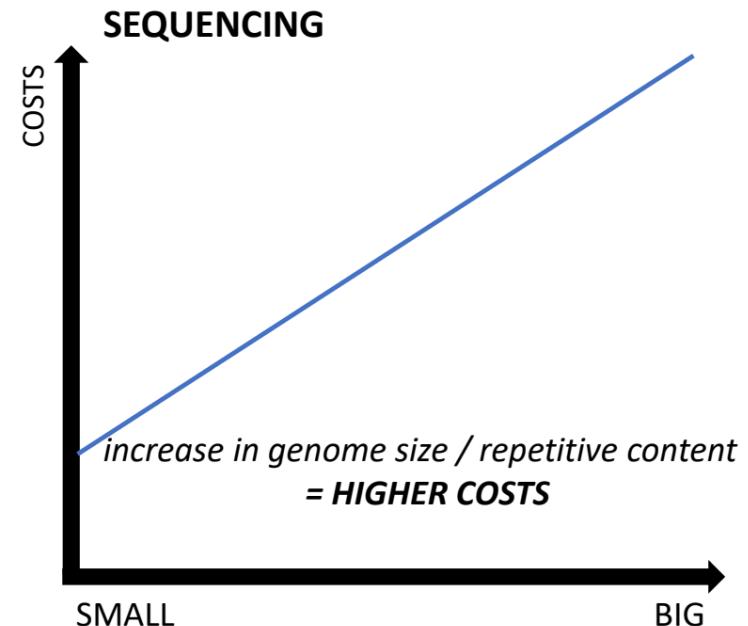
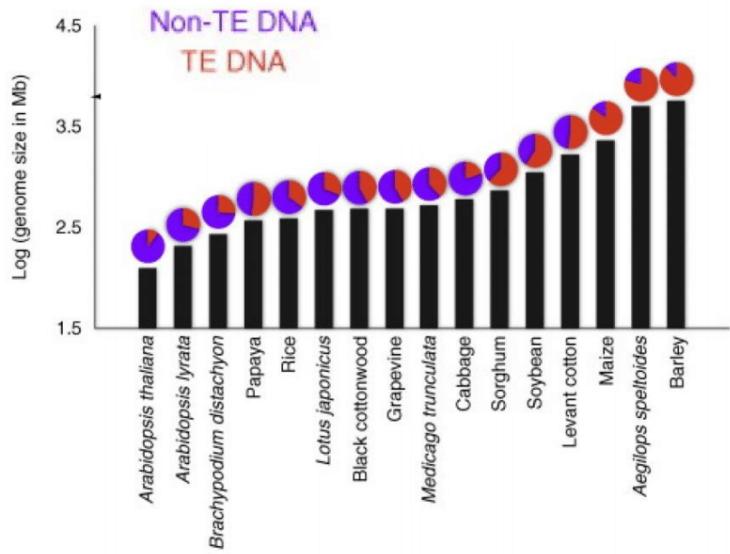


- Mineral
- Moisture
- Nitrogen
- Crudefibre
- Aminoacid
- Flavonoids
- Anthocyanins
- Tocopherol
- Phytosterolcontents
- Along with the determination of seed's technological traits

## CRISPR/Cas9-based repeat depletion for the high-throughput genotyping of complex plant genomes

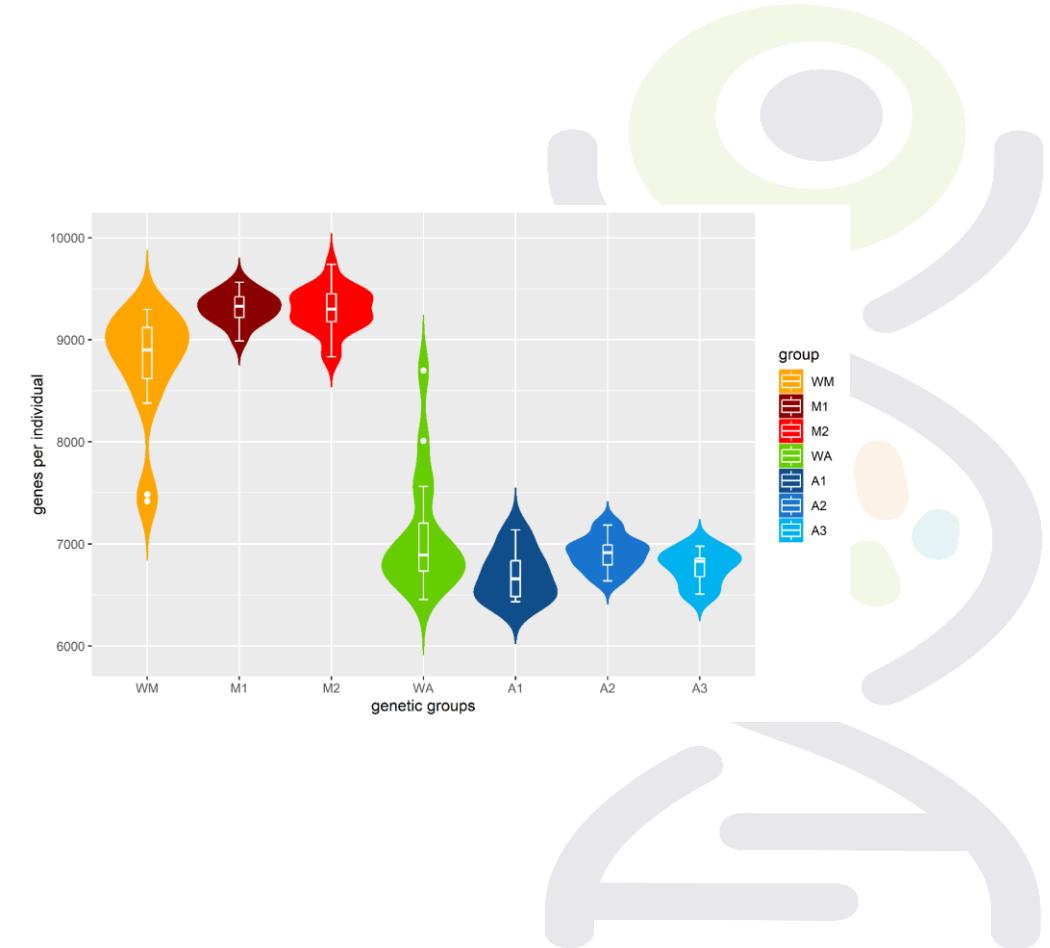
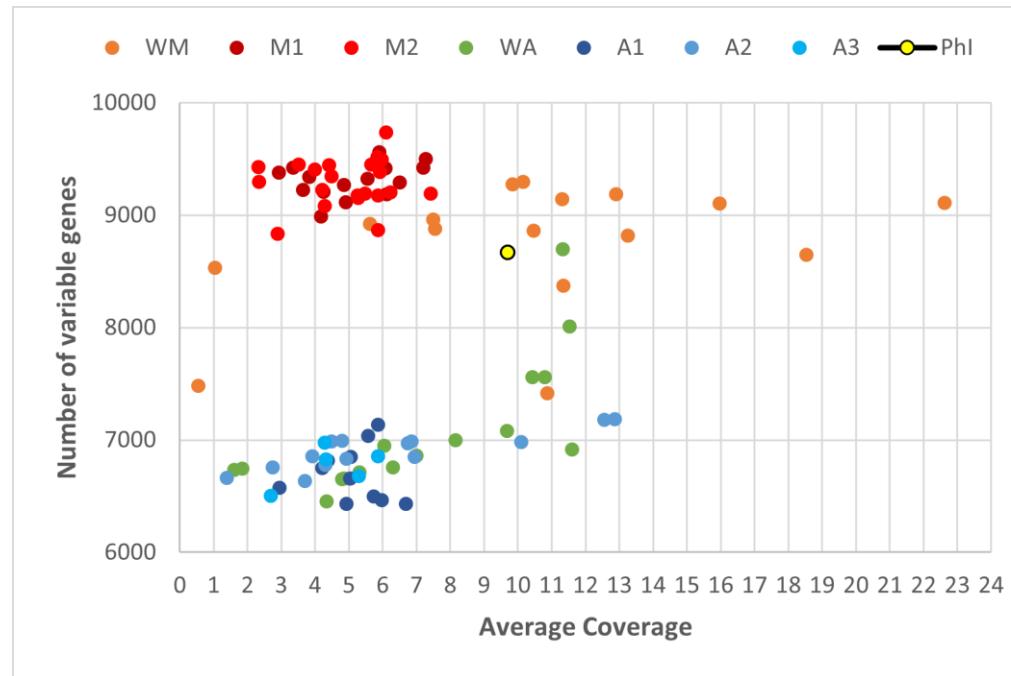
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### BIG GENOMES HAVE ALSO LARGE FRACTIONS OF REPETITIVE REGIONS – bigger genome, higher repetitive content –

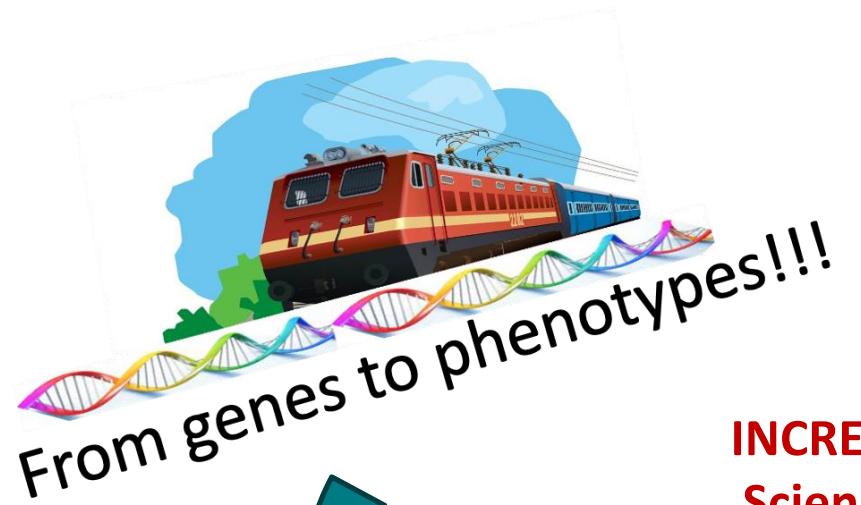


## Common bean Pangenome

5 high-quality genomes and the whole-genome reads of 339 genotypes. We identified ~242.78Mb sequences containing 7,495 new protein-coding genes absent from the reference and a high proportion of presence-absence variations (PAV 42%)

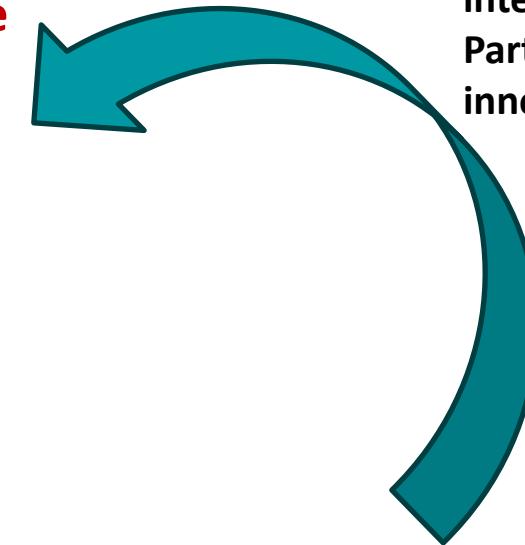


**INCREASE primo pilastro: sviluppo dell'infrastruttura genomica per valorizzare le risorse genetiche dei legumi alimentari**



Collezioni basate su line pure, Collezioni ben studiate utilizzando la genomica e la Phenomica: predizione genomica e sistemi di visualizzazione dei dati di facile utilizzazione

**INCREASE: secondo pilastro:  
Scienza partecipata, coinvolgimento degli stakeholders e scienza dei cittadini**



Caratteri e ambientidi  
interesse, Scienza  
Partecipativa, Tecnologie  
innovative e smart



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**Stakeholder Meeting**





**Special aim: Prebreeding in genetic resources of Common bean**

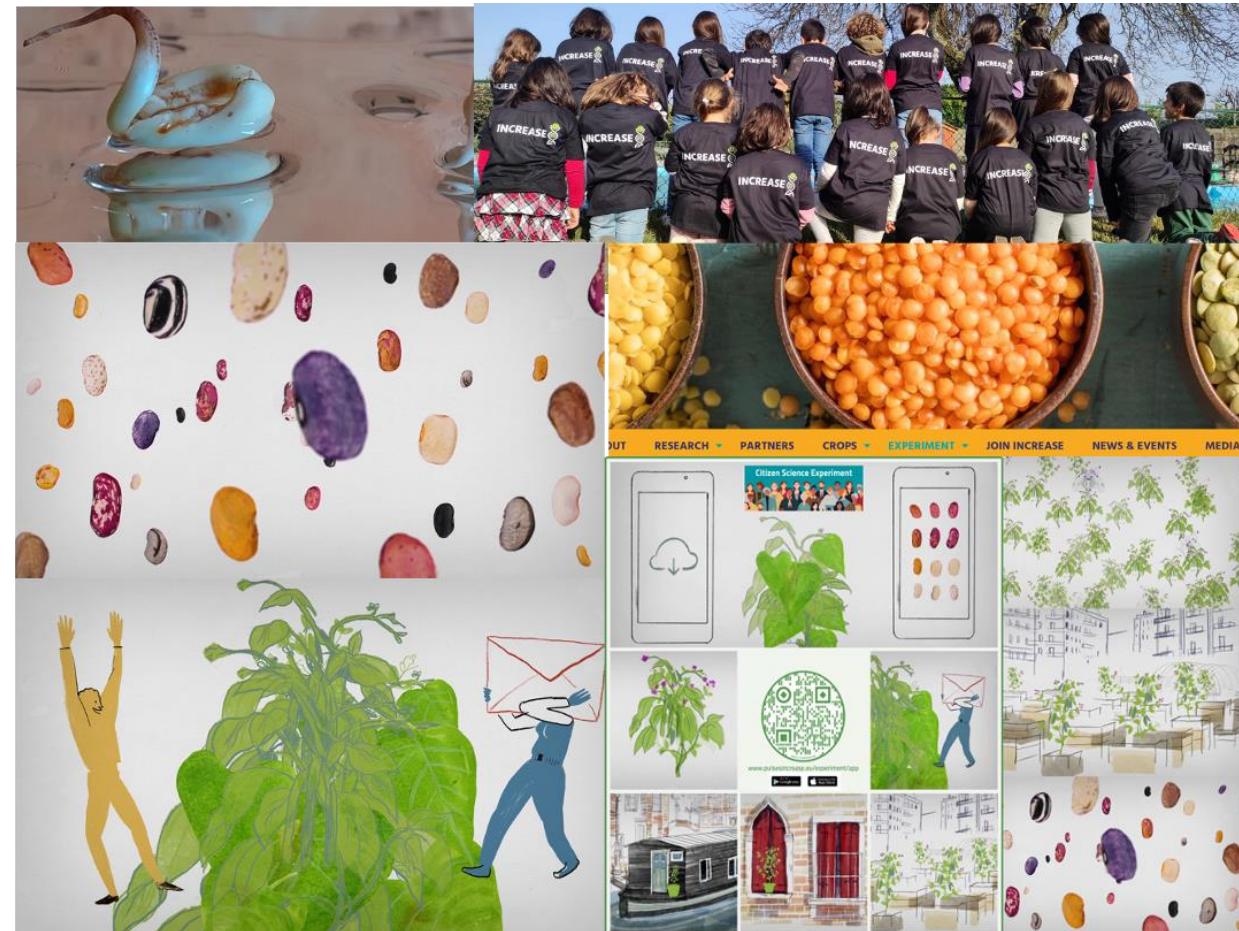
# Citizen Science Experiment

## Main aims:

Increase citizen awareness about PGR

Phenotyping more than 1000 SSD lines of *P. vulgaris* across multiple environments

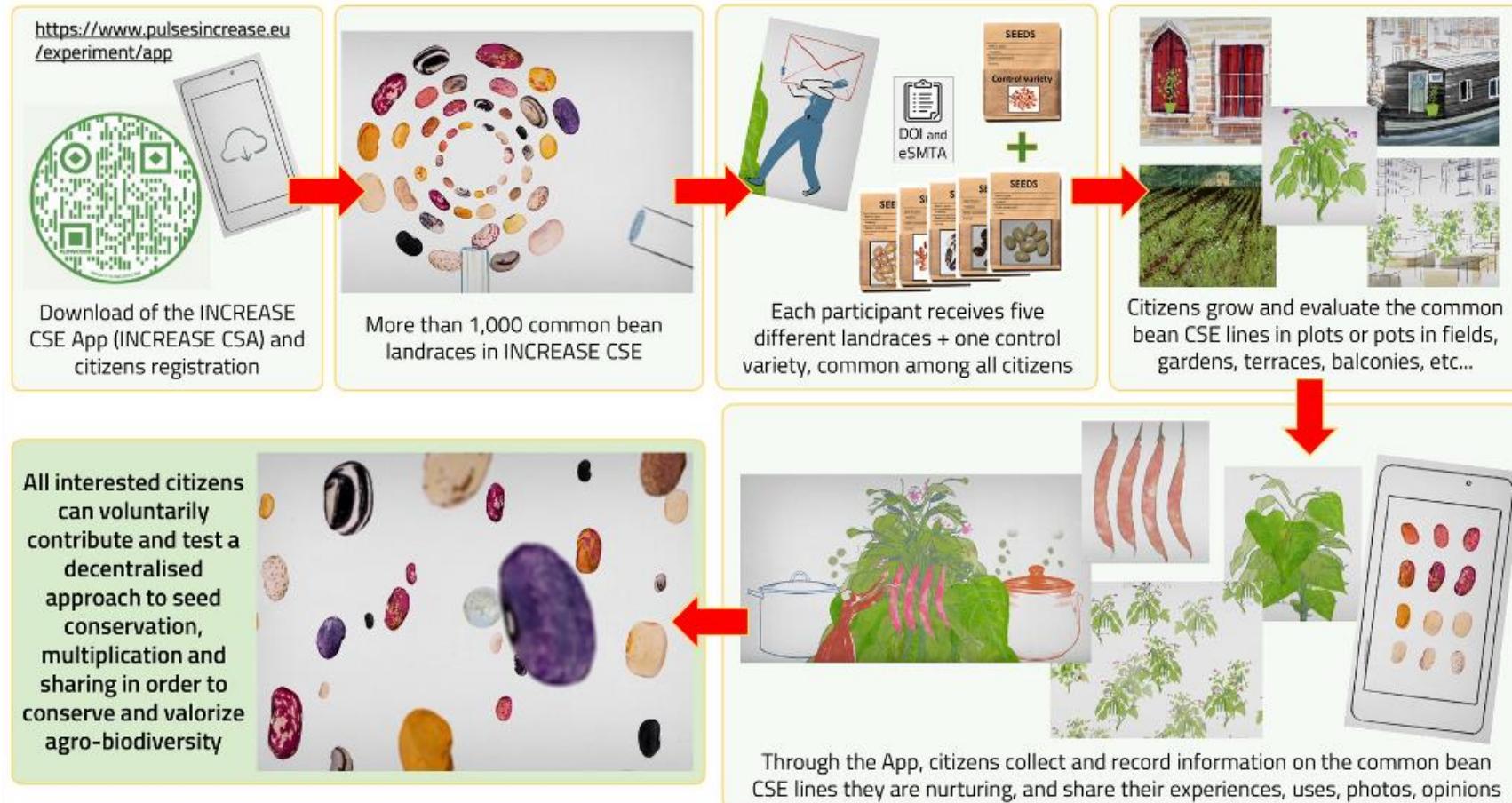
**Test a decentralised conservation approach feasibility and develop a prototype**

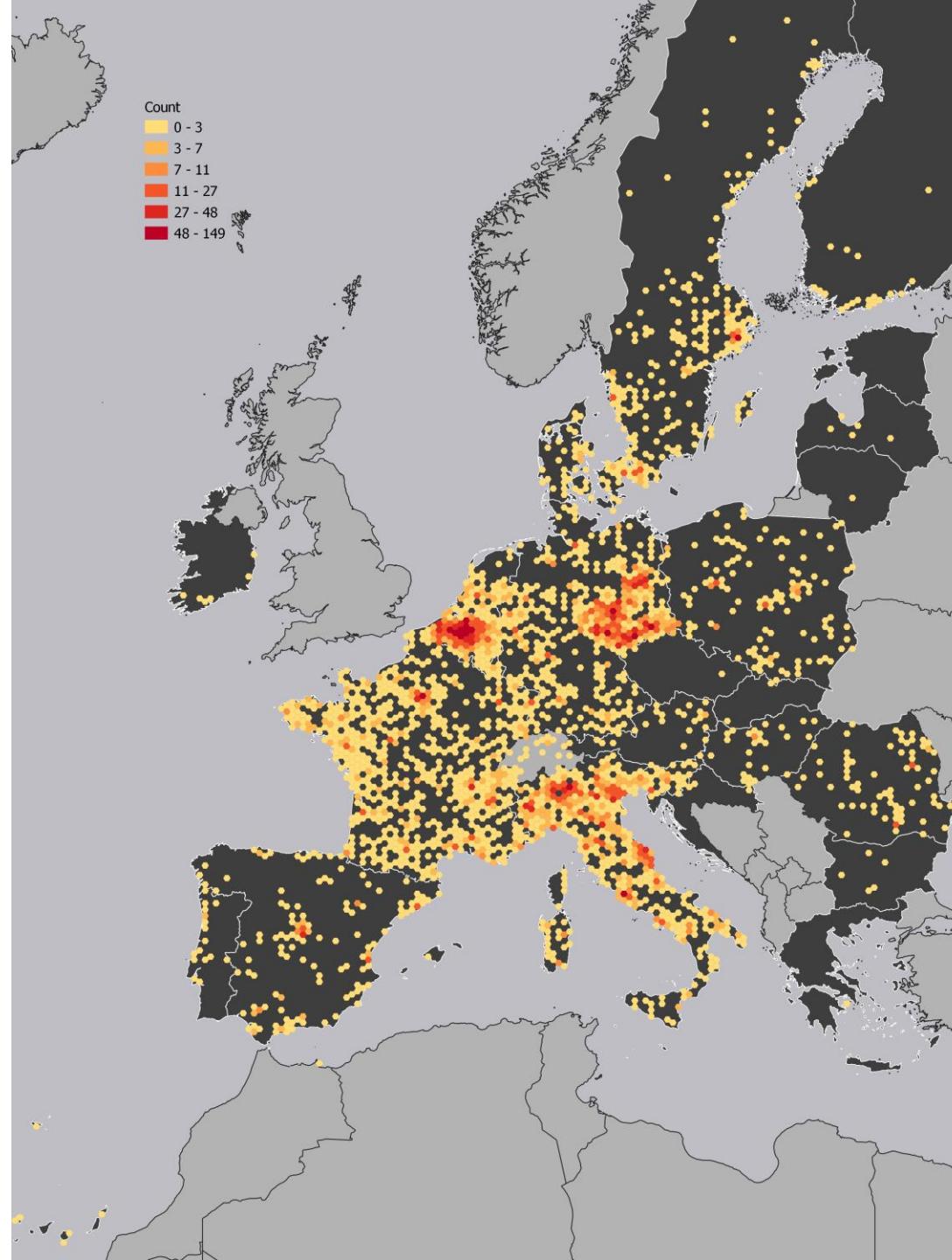


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## The CSE in a nutshell

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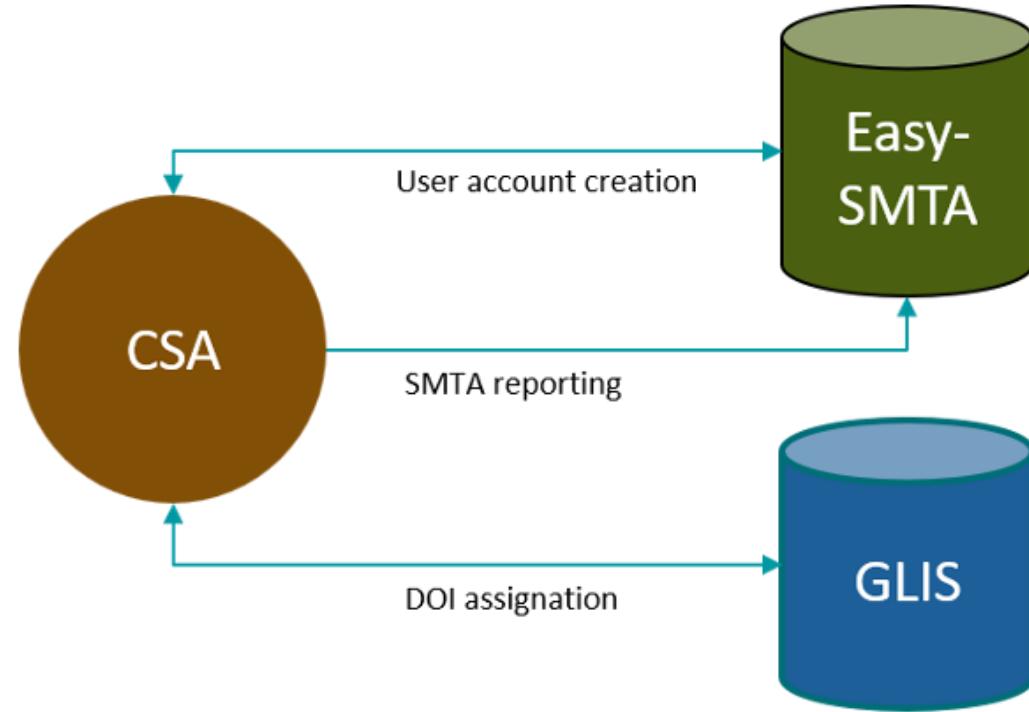


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9293 cittadini  
registrati da 29 paesi**

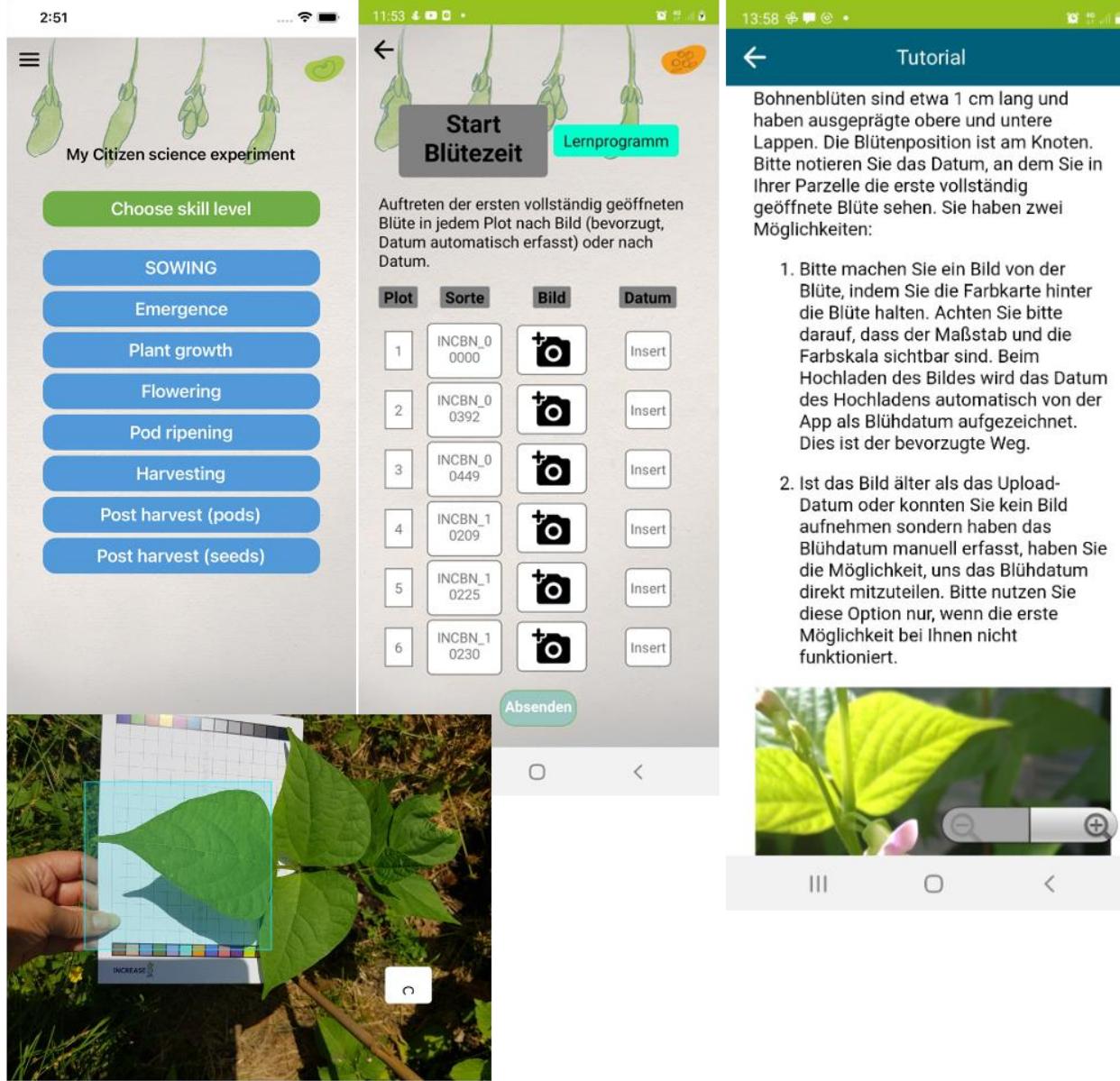
**2021-2023  
16799 cittadini**

**+ 270% incremento  
rispetto 2021**

# Tracciabilità e integrazione nel Sistema GLIS gestito dall' ITPGRFA-FAO



# Phenotyping beans with help of App INCREASE CSA



The screenshots illustrate the INCREASE CSA app's user interface:

- Main Menu:** Shows the title "My Citizen science experiment" and a sidebar with "Choose skill level" followed by a list of stages: SOWING, Emergence, Plant growth, Flowering, Pod ripening, Harvesting, Post harvest (pods), and Post harvest (seeds).
- Tutorial Screen:** Displays a "Tutorial" section with instructions for identifying bean flowers. It includes a list of plots (1-6) with their respective codes (e.g., INCBN\_0 0000, INCBN\_0 0392, etc.) and camera icons for taking photos.
- Photo Capture Screen:** Shows a camera viewfinder with a grid overlay and a color calibration strip at the bottom. A thumbnail of a flower image is visible in the bottom right corner of the viewfinder.



## Selection and adaptive introgression guided the complex evolutionary history of the European common bean

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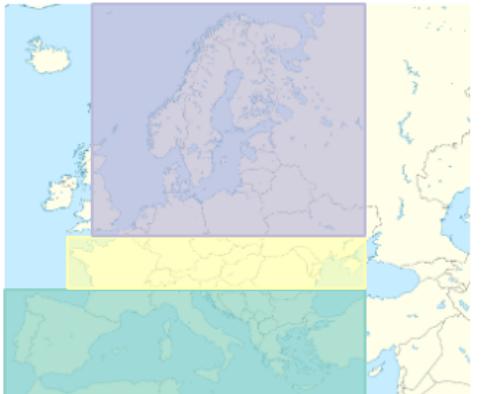
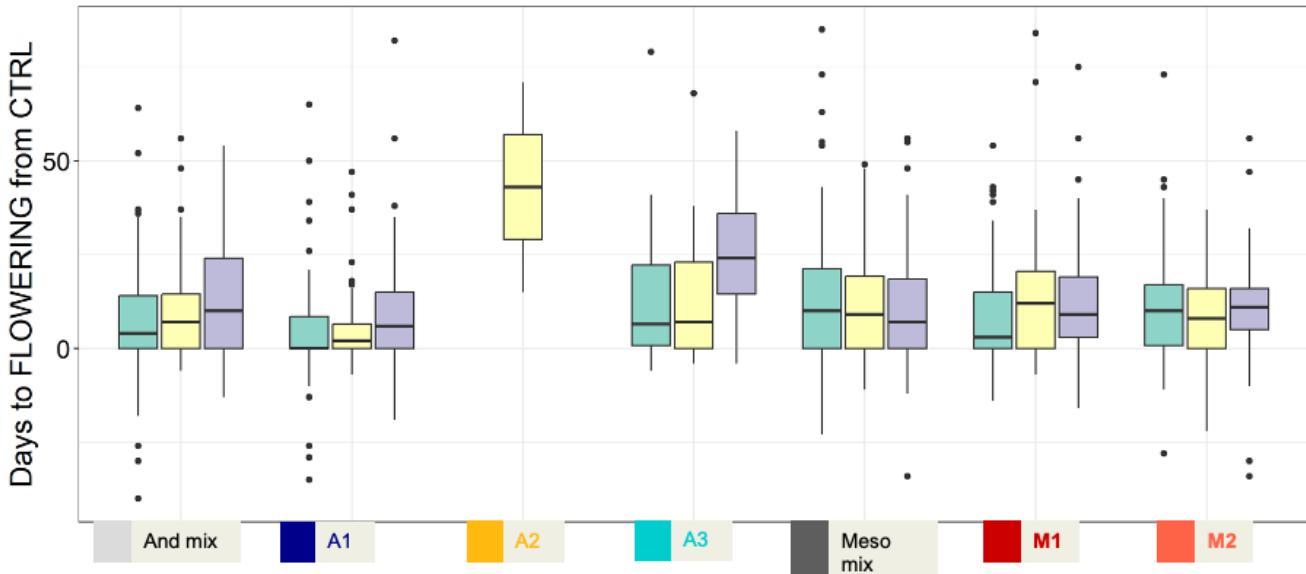
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### Distribution of days to FLOWERING standardized with the CTRL line (DAYS BEFORE/AFTER THE CTRL) of the different Gene pools across European Geographical Areas



South	
A1	-78
A2	-0
A3	-24
And mix	-73
M1	-85
M2	-80
Meso mix	-84

Center	
A1	-43
A2	-2
A3	-21
And mix	-59
M1	-63
M2	-53
Meso mix	-76

North	
A1	-71
A2	-0
A3	-23
And mix	-45
M1	-67
M2	-70
Meso mix	-86



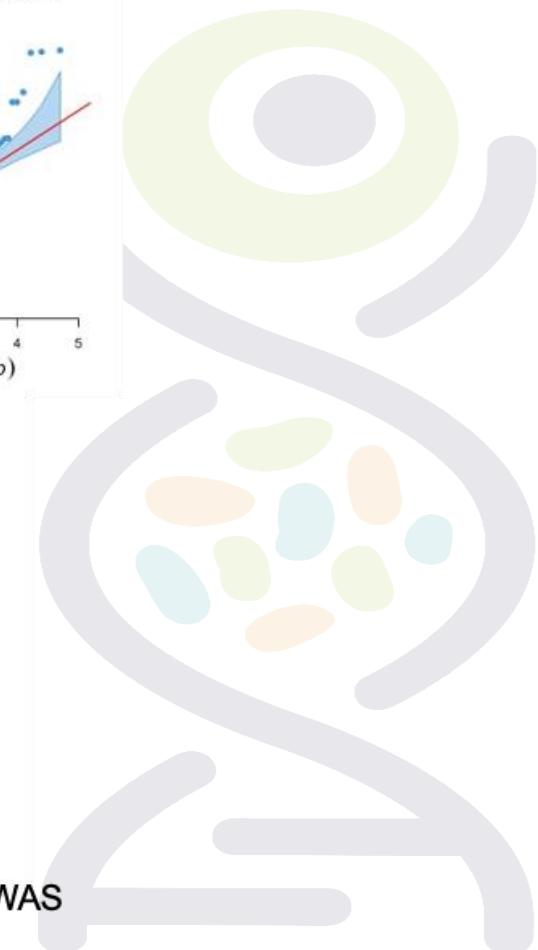
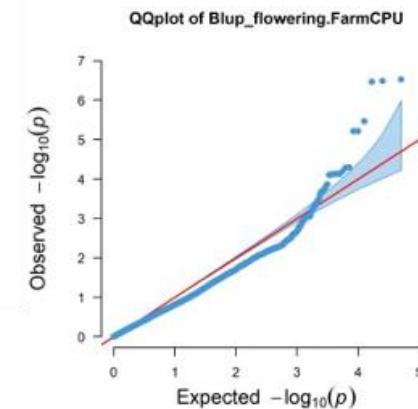
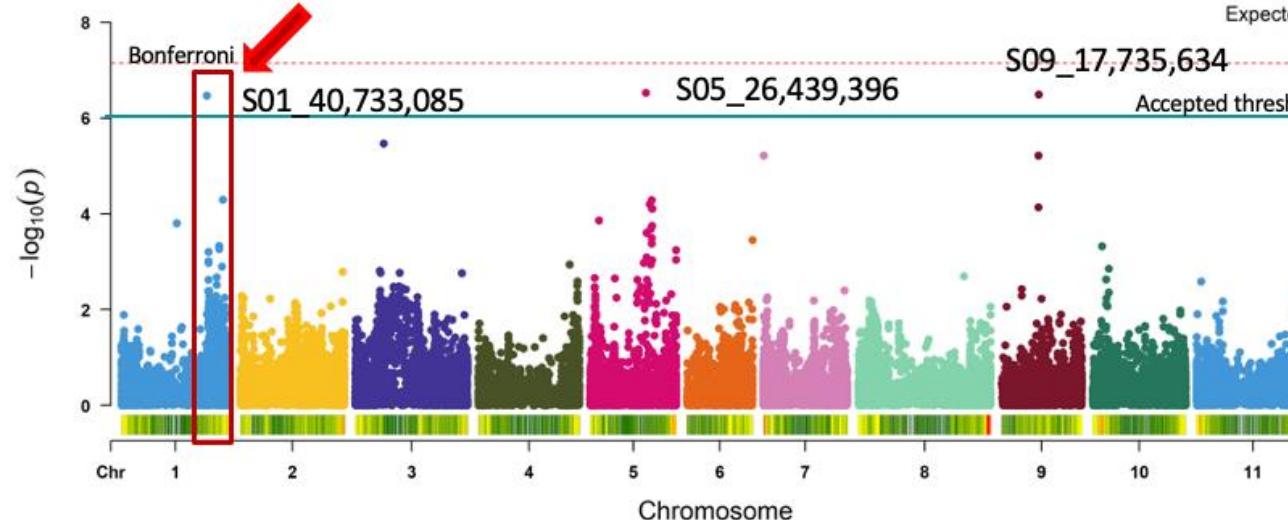
## Ongoing... Flowering GWAS – explorative results

### 3) GWAS model FarmCPU

$$Y = G + Q + K$$

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 BLUP   Admixture   Kinship  
 values   e   matrix  
 Qi values   IBD  
 K=2

- 669 genotypes  
- 50,155 GBS SNPs



On Chr1 hotspot region of genes associated to flowering observed also in BeanAdapt GWAS

Awaiting daily weather data  
More replicates per genotype (Round 3)  
Additional Sequence data – also WGS



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