



**sen4cap**  
common agricultural policy

# Welcome to the 11<sup>th</sup> webinar



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Sen4CAP system



User group:  
6+1 Paying Agencies



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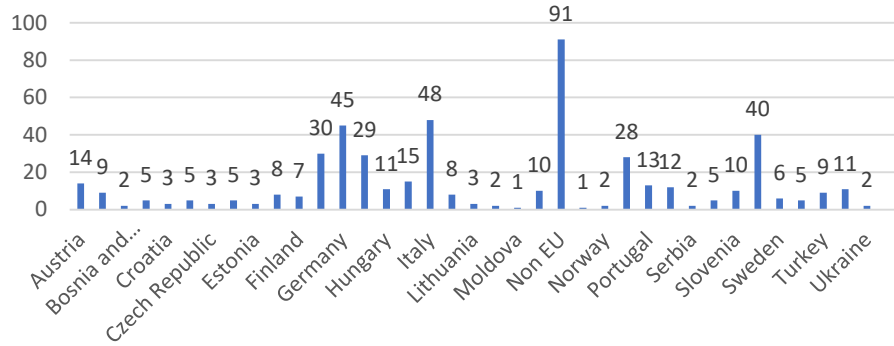
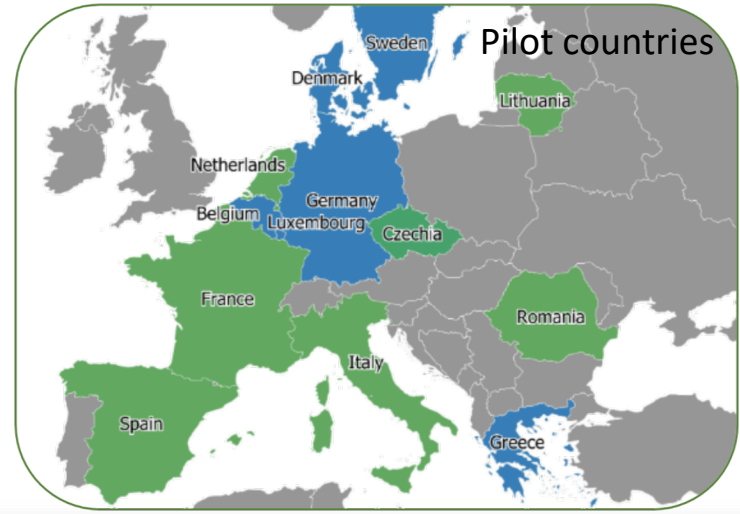
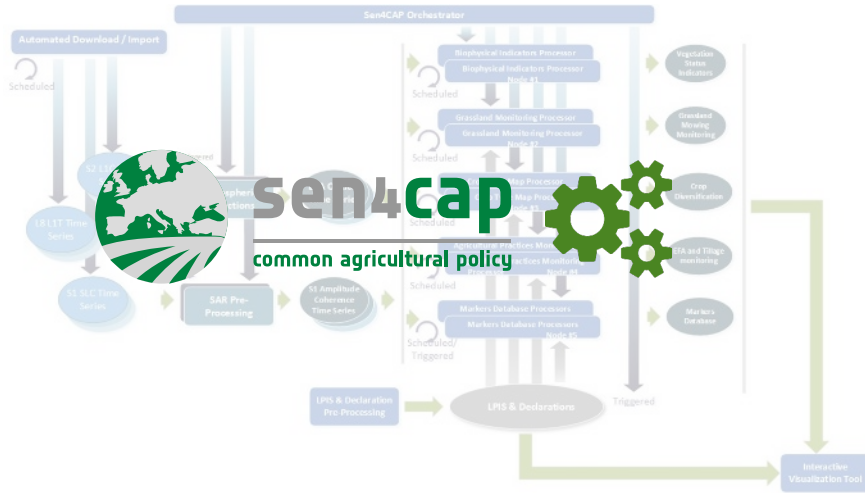
Guidance by  
DG-Agri, JRC,  
DG-Grow.



Commissioner P. Hojan: "...ESA has launched a tender for Sen4CAP which will provide us useful knowledge and further possibilities on how we use Sentinel data in the context of the CAP ..."

From an ESA project ...

# ...to an open source system uptaken by the CAP community



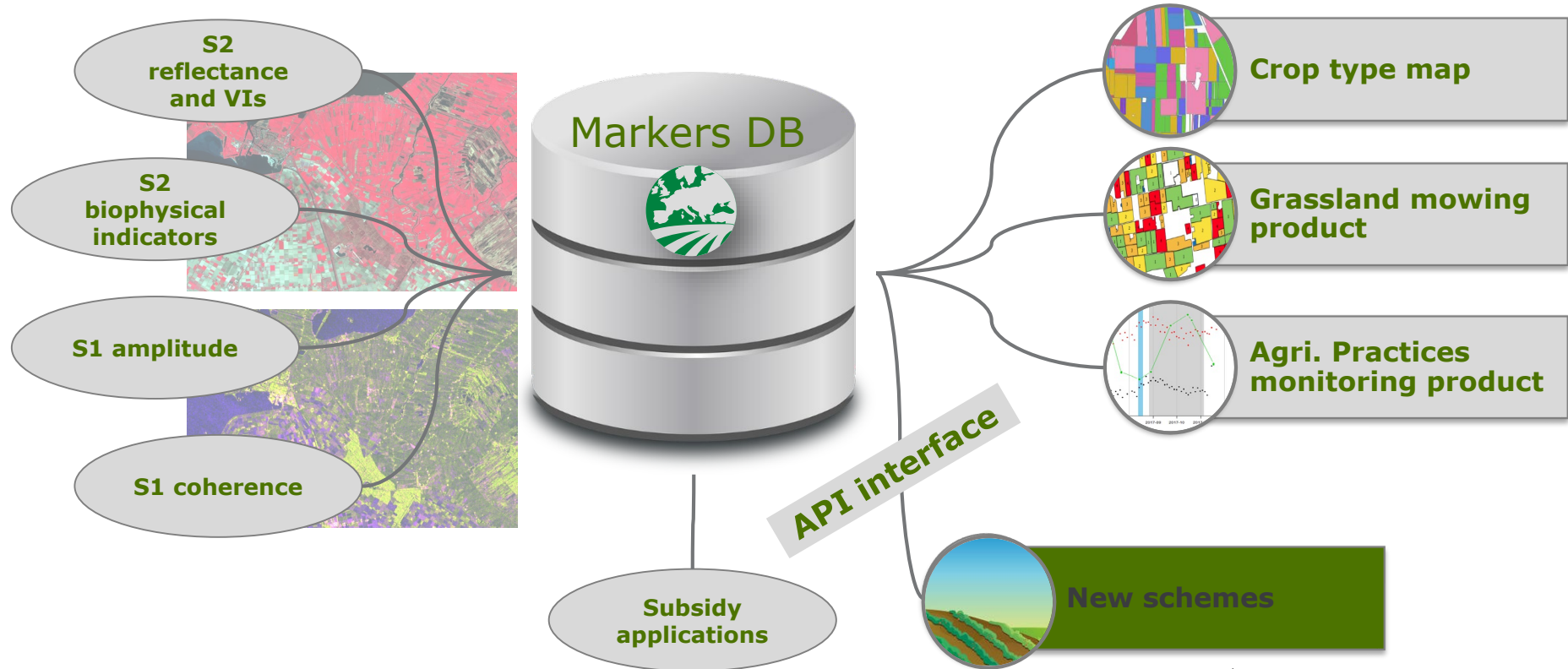
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## Sen4CAP - The Sentinels for Common Agricultural Policy

Solution for modern agriculture

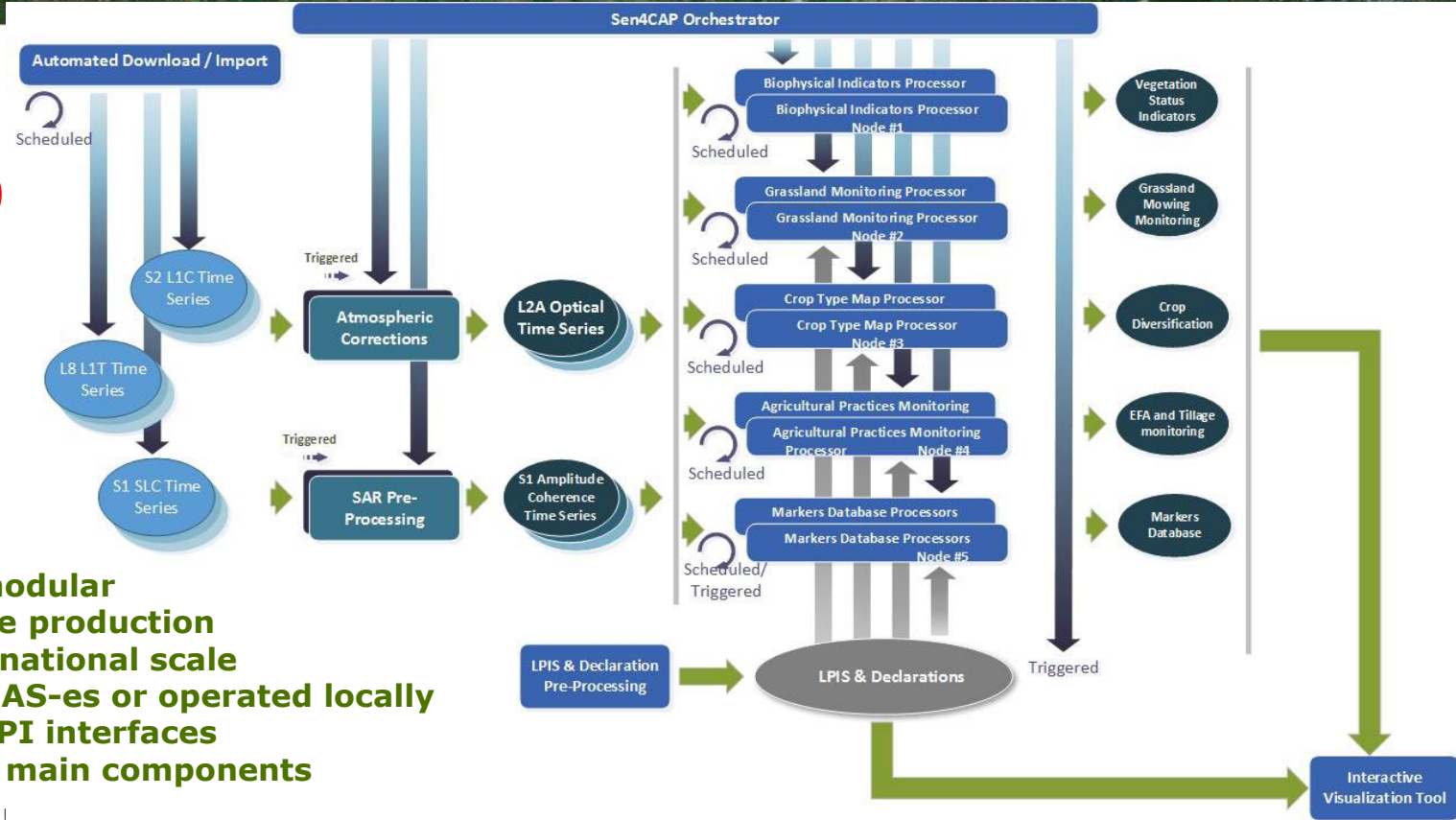
Ready-to-use monitoring solution for modern agriculture. Biophysical indicators, crop type map, grassland mowing, and agricultural practices monitoring in one place.

# Markers and products assessed through selected use cases but available for many other applications



# Sen4CAP – An open-source system

**Version 3.1 delivered on 20 Jul 2022**

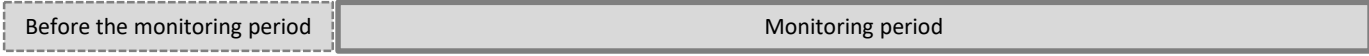


- ❖ Sentinel-1 & -2
- ❖ Automated and modular
- ❖ For NRT or off-line production
- ❖ Demonstrated at national scale
- ❖ Portable on all DIAS-es or operated locally
- ❖ User-friendly & API interfaces
- ❖ Dockerization for main components

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# Sen4CAP system : simple parametrization and subsidy application upload



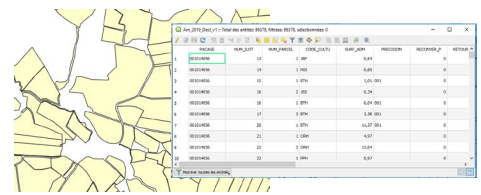
## System initialization



## Sen4CAP system : main parameters settings

|                          |                                   |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Area of Interest</b>  | Shapefile to be uploaded          |
| <b>Monitoring period</b> | Start and end dates to be defined |
| <b>S1+S2 / S1+S2+L8</b>  | L8 to be selected                 |

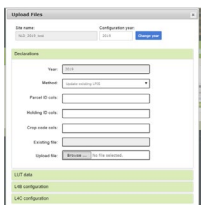
## Subsidy application



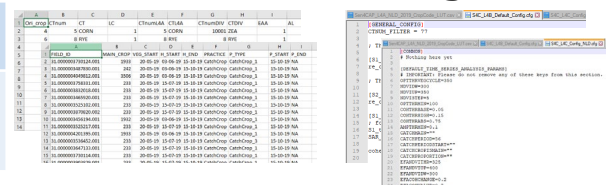
## Sen4CAP system : data from PA

|                                      |   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Subsidy application (shp)</b>     | Subsidy application layer (shapefile)   |
| <b>Tables and config files (csv)</b> | L4A crop code LUT<br>L4B config file<br>L4C config file + agri practices tables |

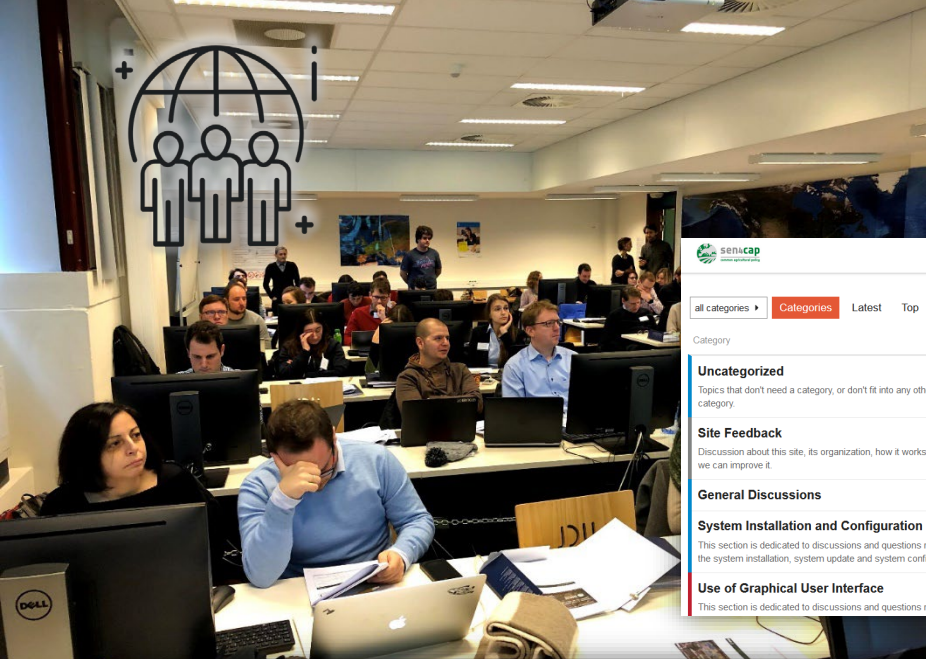
## Upload data



## Tables and config files







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Category

**Uncategorized**  
Topics that don't need a category, or don't fit into any other existing category.

**Site Feedback**  
Discussion about this site, its organization, how it works, and how we can improve it.

**General Discussions**

**System Installation and Configuration**  
This section is dedicated to discussions and questions related to the system installation, system update and system configuration.

**Use of Graphical User Interface**  
This section is dedicated to discussions and questions related to

| Topic                                      | Replies | Date   |
|--|---------|--------|
| System Installation and Configuration      | 194     | Aug 5  |
| Radio example                              | 0       | Aug 5  |
| LPIS file : Empty file                     | 0       | Jul 22 |
| Can't download Landsat 8 scenes from USGS  | 0       | Jul 21 |
| Use of Sen4Cap outside the Pilot countries | 3       | Jul 21 |



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**Resources**

The following Sen4CAP project related documents can be downloaded from this site:

- Presentations given at conferences or Sen4CAP trainings
- Technical documents to support the use of the Sen4CAP system and products
- Data - sample data for an easier start of using Sen4CAP system

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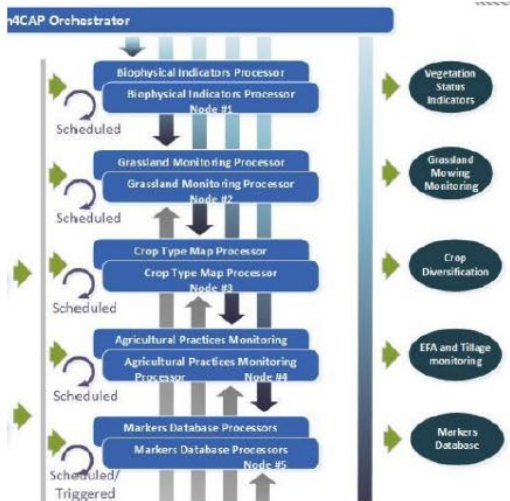
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# Checks by Monitoring (CbM) and Area Monitoring System - as a Service

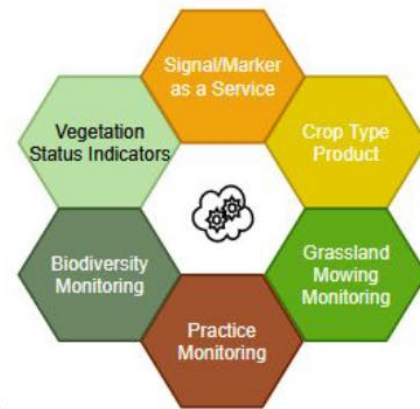


Processing on premise



Data as a Service

Customer



CbM - aaS



## Agriculture Virtual Laboratory (AVL)

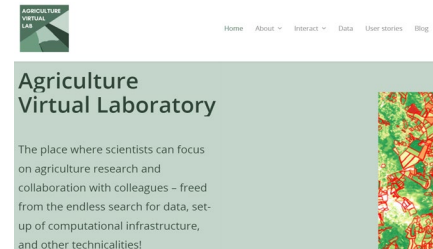
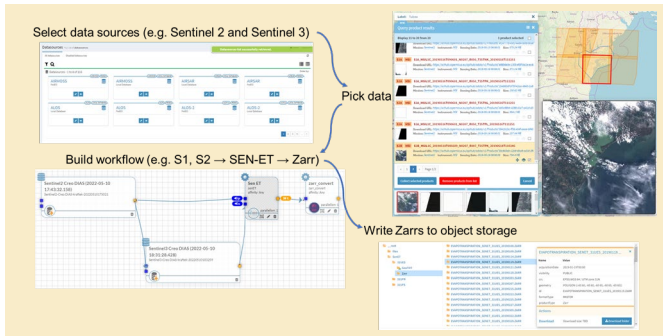
Approach

- Base solution on proven and well-established technologies
- Focus on seamless integration rather than on re-inventing wheels

1. Common components
2. Thematic processing subsystem
3. Exploitation subsystem

Technology

TAO, SNAP, xcube, geoDB, cate, Sentinel Hub, Python stack, OTB, R, GDAP, Sen2-Agri, Sen4CAP, Sen4Stat, SenET, etc.



<https://agriculturevlab.eu/>

Tailored Data cube generation and visualization // GeoDB

**Xcube Generator, Cube Viewer, GeoDB**

Interactive programming environment

**Jupyter Notebooks**

Web toolbox

**Cate**

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## Version 1.0 release candidate

Open-source

Possibility for the PAs to access a test machine with the system

## Version 1.1, 1.2, 1.3

1st consolidated version

Big evolutions:

- Corrections in the advanced processors
- Sen2Cor L2A compatible
- Move of the system database to a docker container
- ...

## Version 2.0

Big evolutions:

- Markers database
- Tillage processor
- Dockerization
- ...

## Version 3.0

Big evolutions:

- Web interface (system configuration)
- Products visualization
- Additions in MDB
- Secured services
- Dockerization
- ..

## Version 3.1

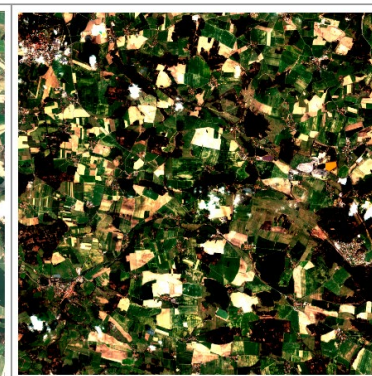
**Big evolution:**

- **Support for MAJA 4.5.4**

- MAJA 4.5.4 has **support for the ESA's recent changes in the Sentinel-2 products format**
- MAJA 4.5.4 other improvement:
  - MAJA version 4 was a complete recoding of MAJA version 3's internal scheduler -> one bug in the aerosol estimation method
  - In the case of rare images, high optical thicknesses and low surface reflectance values appeared -> propagated to the next images, as the method is multi-temporal
  - Not existing if using CAMS



Example of MAJA v3 L2A



Same product as (left) with MAJA v4 before bugfix. After bugfix, both images are identical.

## 1. New installation:

```
## open a terminal -- go into /install_script folder:  
  
cd /path/to/Sen4CAPDistribution/install_script  
  
## Run the install script  
  
sudo ./sen4capPlatformInstallAndConfig.sh
```

## 2. Update your previous version:

```
cd /path/to/Sen4CAPDistribution/install_script  
  
sudo ./update.sh
```

## 3. Don't forget to also update the GIPP files

## 4. The full time series must be pre-processed with the same algorithm (MAJA or Sen2COR) – **don't change within the season**

# Next version 3.2 to come



- Possibility of using FMask
- Updates for collection 2 of USGS (some changes in the L1T products structure)
- Some corrections for past seasons executions
- Possibility to cut S1 AP/COHE by S2 tiles (optional)
- Try to determine dynamically the interval for computing the Coherence (6 days if S1A and S1B or 12 days if only S1A)
- More comprehensive markers Database:
  - New signal statistics & markers: median, p25 & p75
  - Jupyter Notebook (python) to easily access the MDB and create new indices based on existing "signal statistics"
- Other corrections



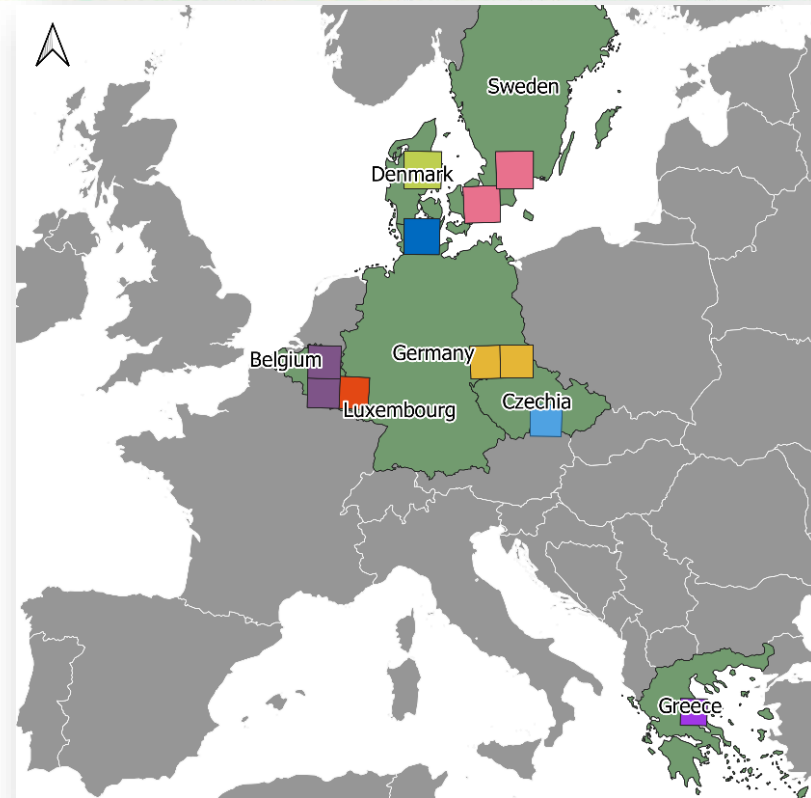


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# R&D with 7 pilot countries (8 Paying Agencies), sharing calibration and validation data



- 1 or 2 S2 tiles
- 1 or 2 years (2020-**2021**)
- All Sentinel-1 and Sentinel-2 preprocessed



## Sites list

| Site name  | Short name | Season name | Season start | Seasons    |            |
|------------|------------|-------------|--------------|------------|------------|
|            |            |             |              | Season mid | Season end |
| Czechia    | czechia    | 2020        | 2020-01-01   | 2020-07-03 | 2020-12-31 |
|            |            | 2021        | 2021-01-01   | 2021-07-03 | 2021-12-31 |
| Danish     | danish     | 2021        | 2021-01-01   | 2021-07-03 | 2021-12-31 |
| Greece     | greece     | 2021        | 2021-01-01   | 2021-07-03 | 2021-12-31 |
| Luxembourg | luxembourg | 2020        | 2020-01-01   | 2020-07-03 | 2020-12-31 |
|            |            | 2021        | 2021-01-01   | 2021-07-03 | 2021-12-31 |
| Saxony     | saxony     | 2021        | 2021-01-01   | 2021-07-03 | 2021-12-31 |
| SaxonyV2   | saxonyv2   | 2020        | 2020-01-01   | 2020-07-03 | 2020-12-31 |
|            |            | 2021        | 2021-01-01   | 2021-07-03 | 2021-12-31 |
| Schleswig  | schleswig  | 2021        | 2021-01-01   | 2021-07-03 | 2021-12-31 |
| Sweden     | sweden     | 2021        | 2021-01-01   | 2021-07-03 | 2021-12-31 |
| SwedenV2   | swedenv2   | 2021        | 2021-01-01   | 2021-06-03 | 2021-12-31 |
| Wallonie   | wallonie   | 2020        | 2020-01-01   | 2020-07-03 | 2020-12-31 |
|            |            | 2021        | 2021-01-01   | 2021-07-03 | 2021-12-31 |

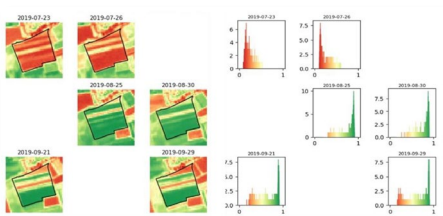
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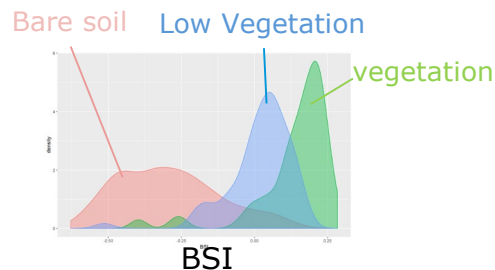
## Sub-parcel **heterogeneity** marker(s)



MILENOV Pavel *et al.*, 2021, JRC

Per pixel analysis

## **Bare soil** markers



New Optical &  
SAR variables  
– all year round

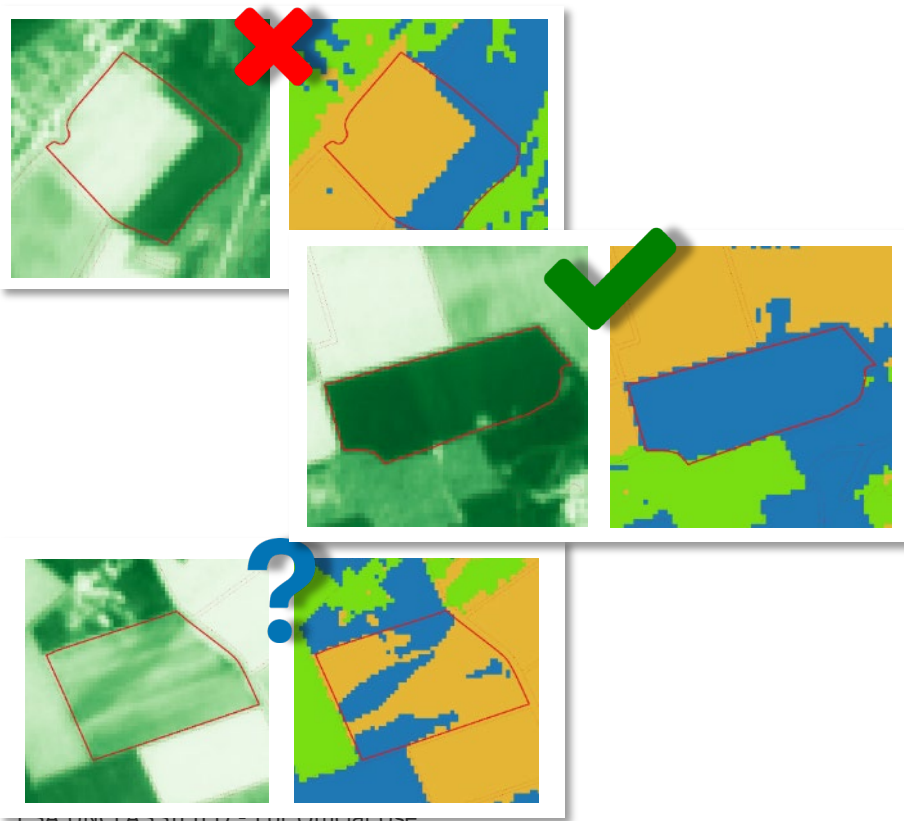
## **Change** of cover from year to year



Permanent Grassland    Arable Land    Permanent Crop

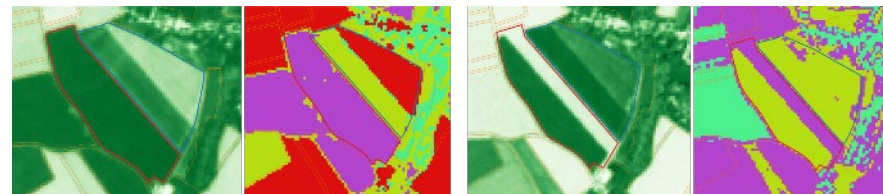
Multi-annual analysis



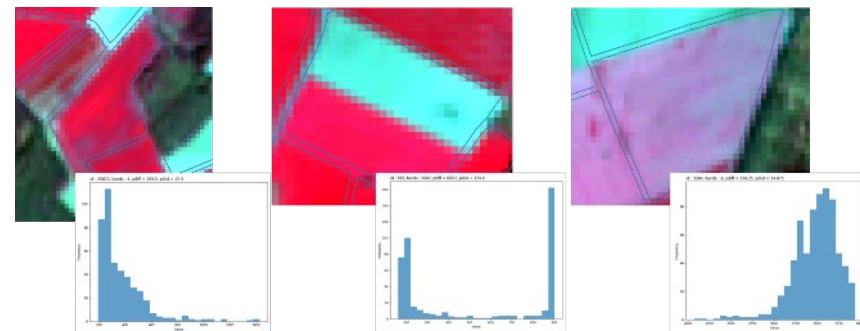


## Benchmarking of 3 approaches

- Clustering by tile

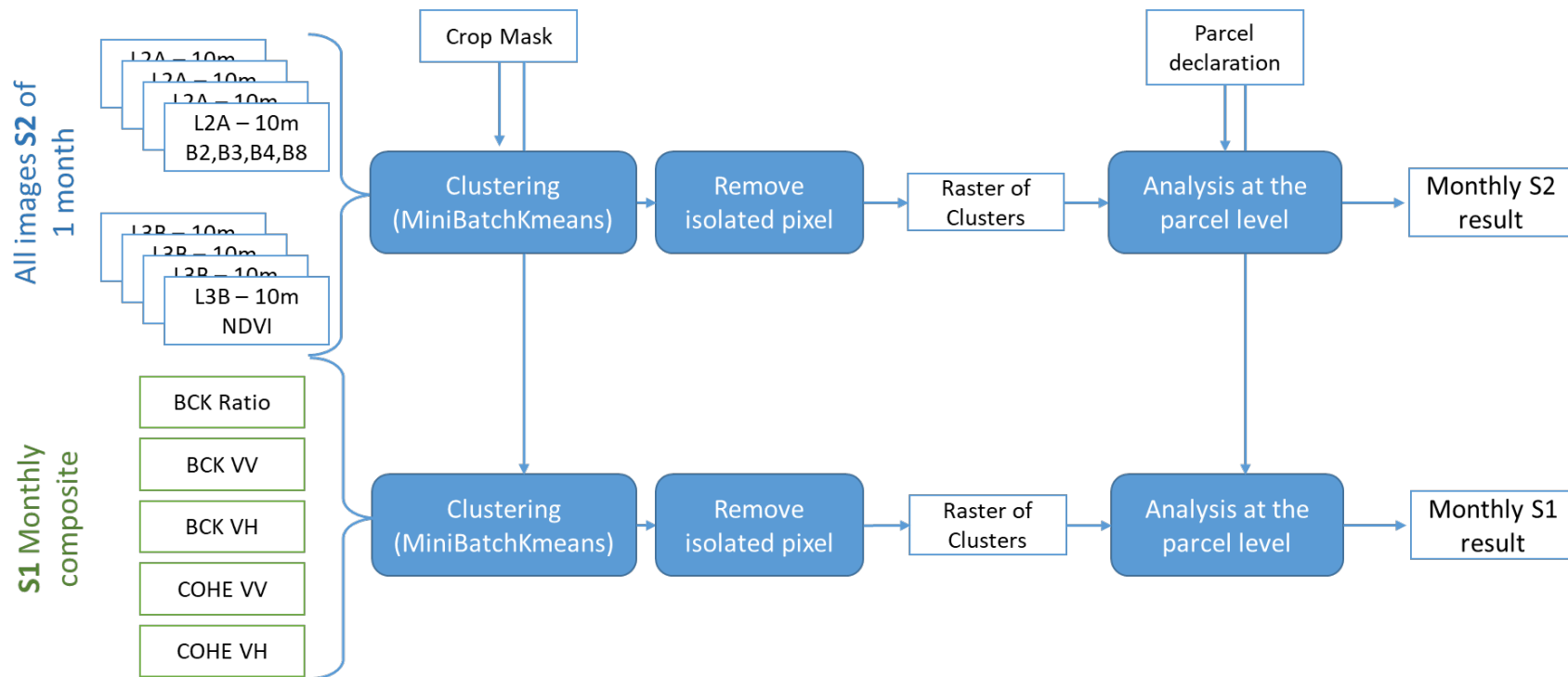


- Coefficient of variation at the parcel-level
- Statistical distribution check at the parcel-level



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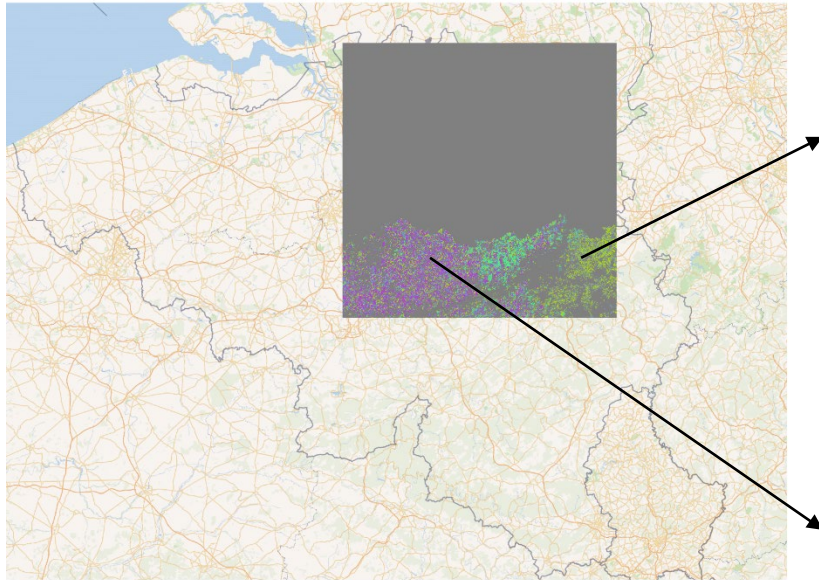
# Selected methodology and workflow



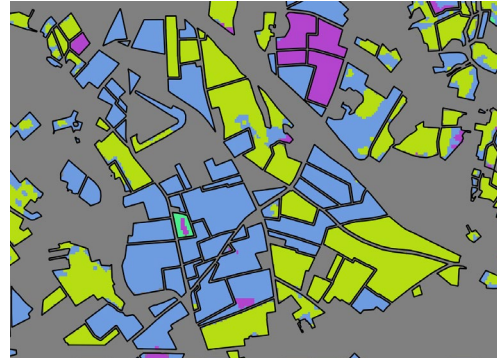
# Preliminary results – Wallonia (Belgium)



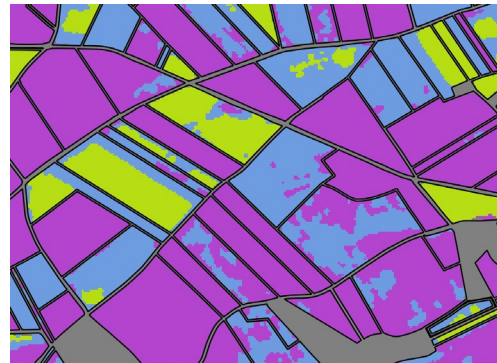
S2 clustering - October



Clusters

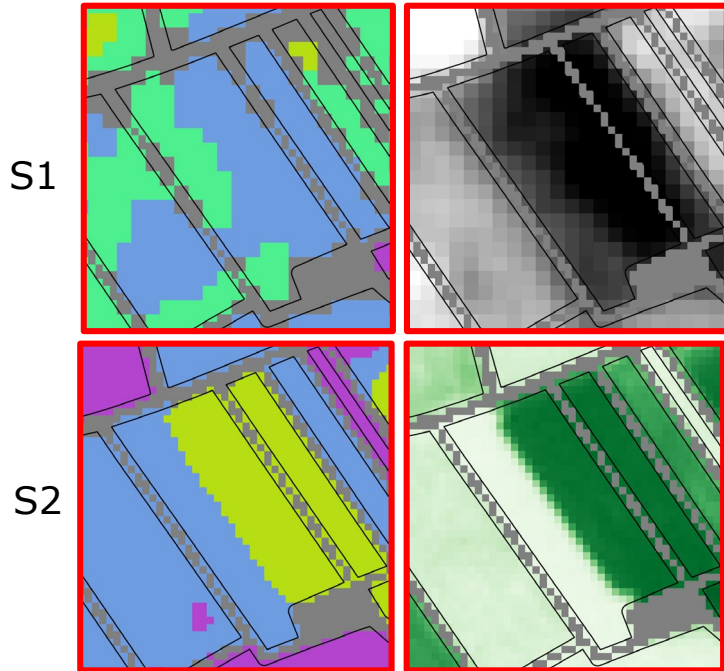


NDVI

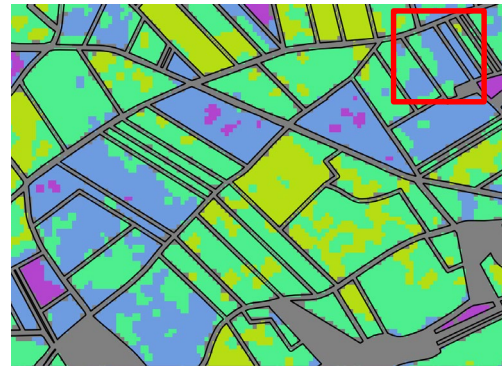
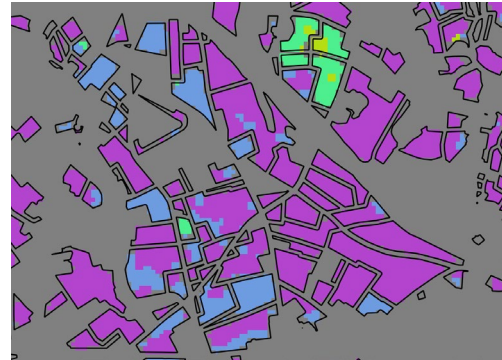


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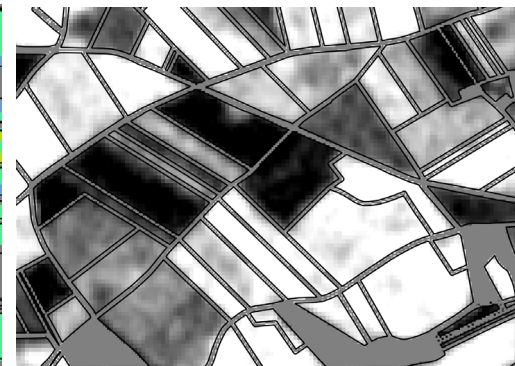
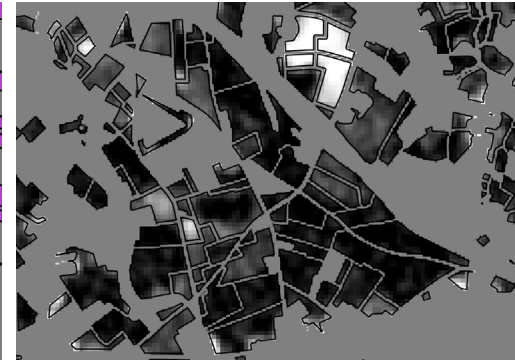
## S1 clustering - October



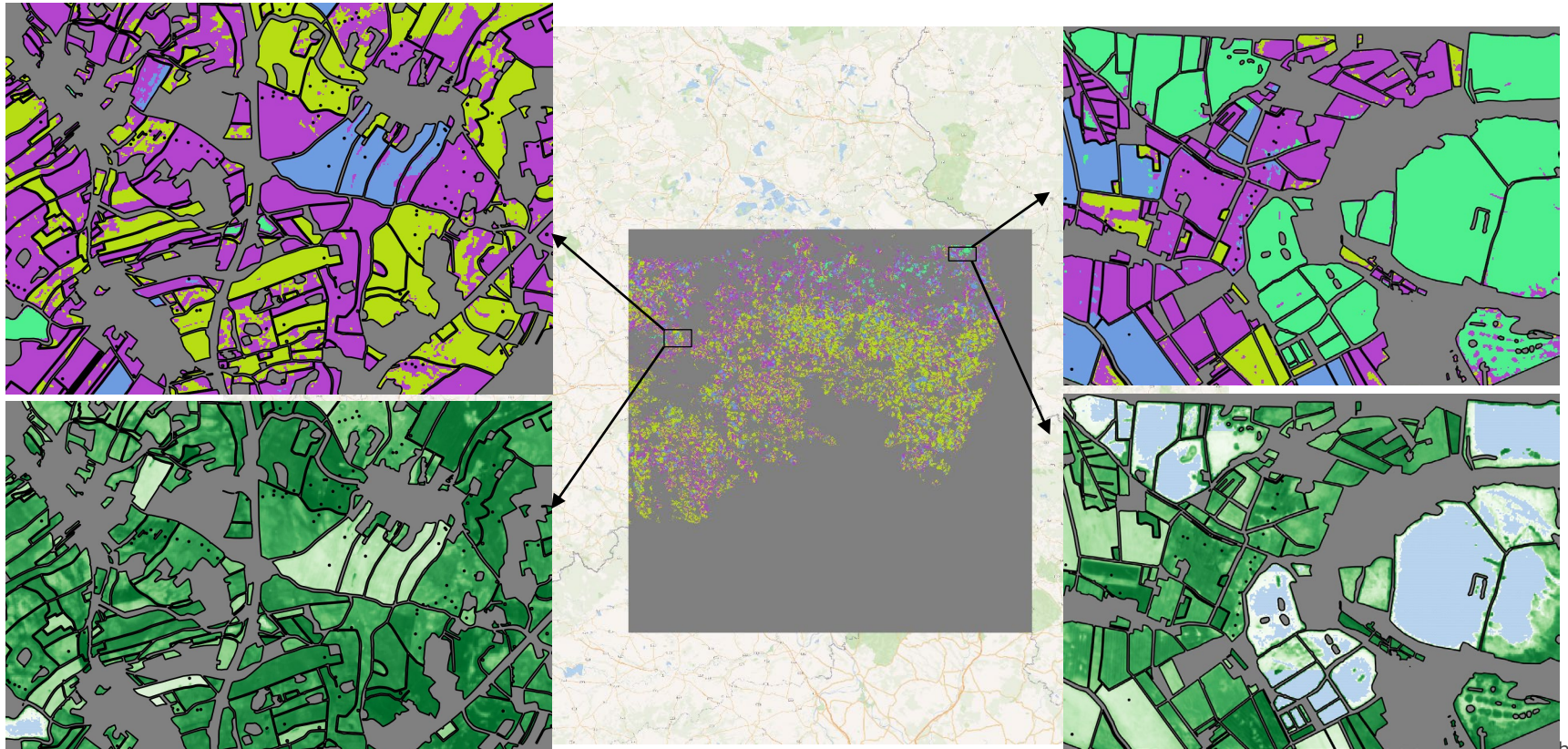
## Clusters



## Coherence VV



# Preliminary results – Saxony (Germany)



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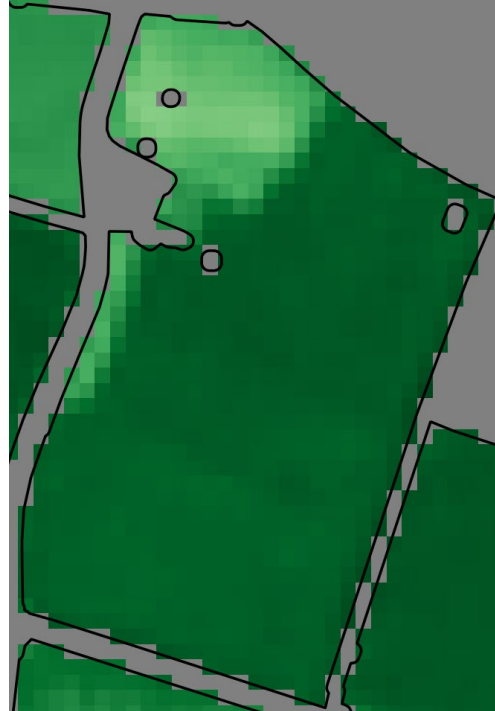
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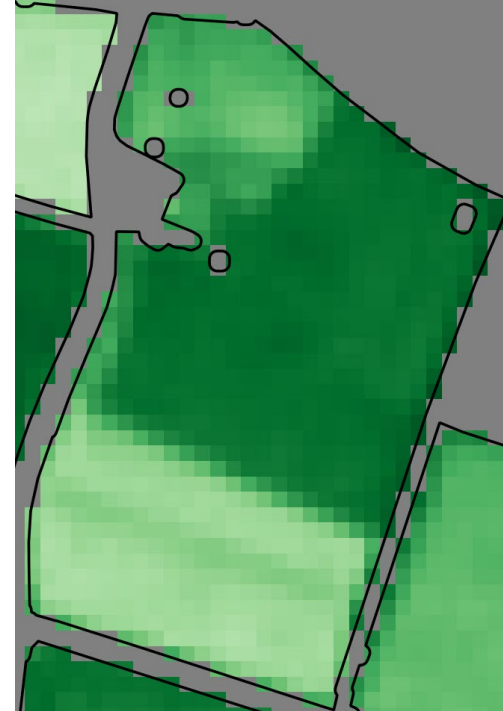
Clustering – S2 - June



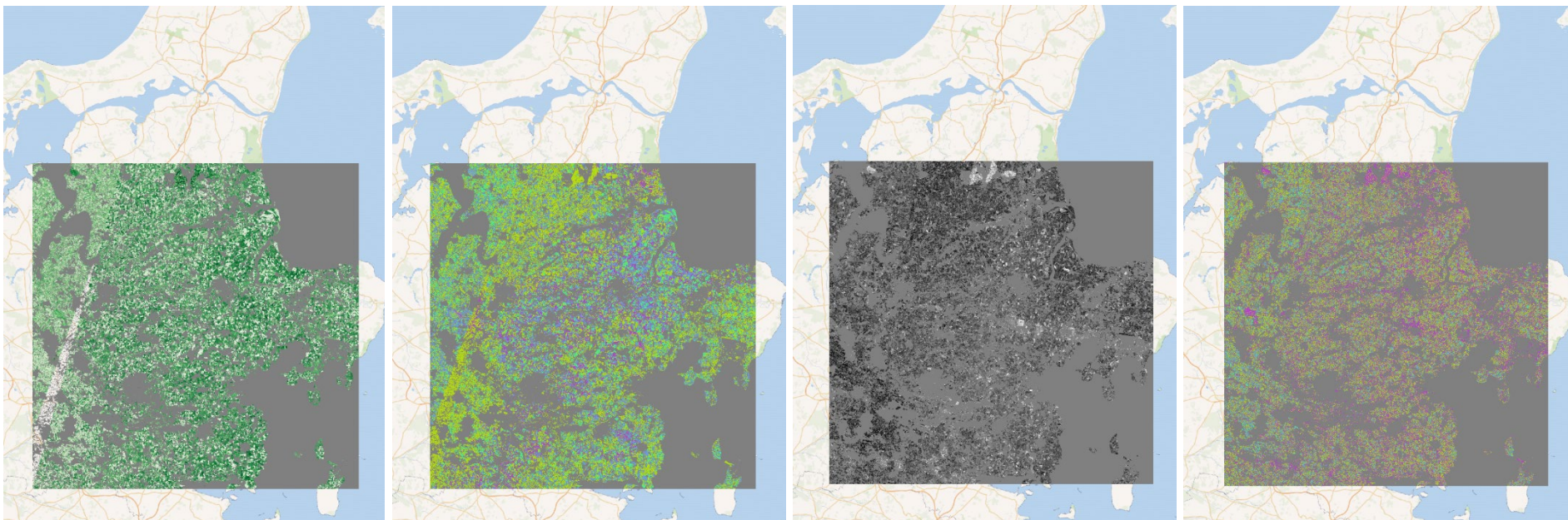
S2 (NDVI) – 09/06/2021



S2 (NDVI) – 19/06/2021



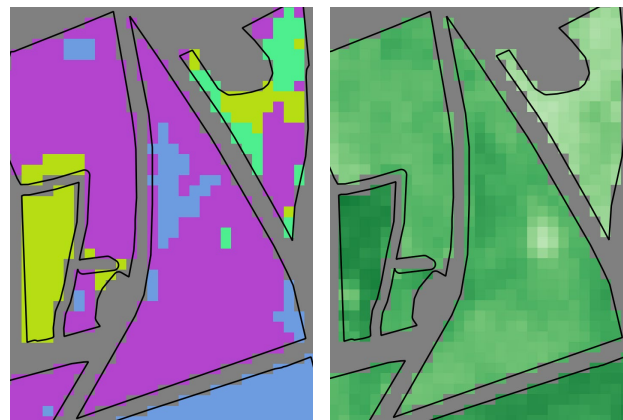
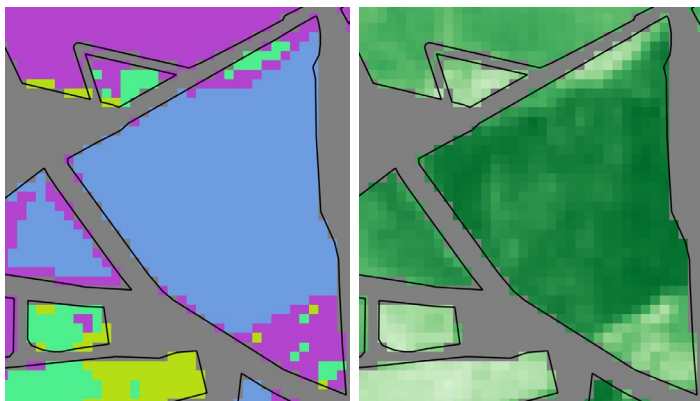
# Preliminary results - Denmark



**S2** clustering - March

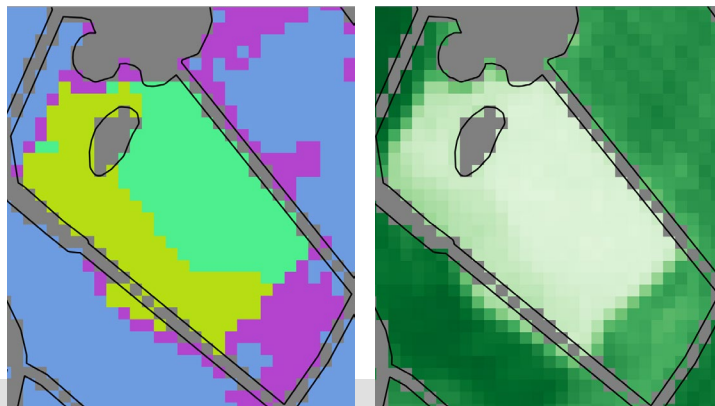
**S1** clustering - March

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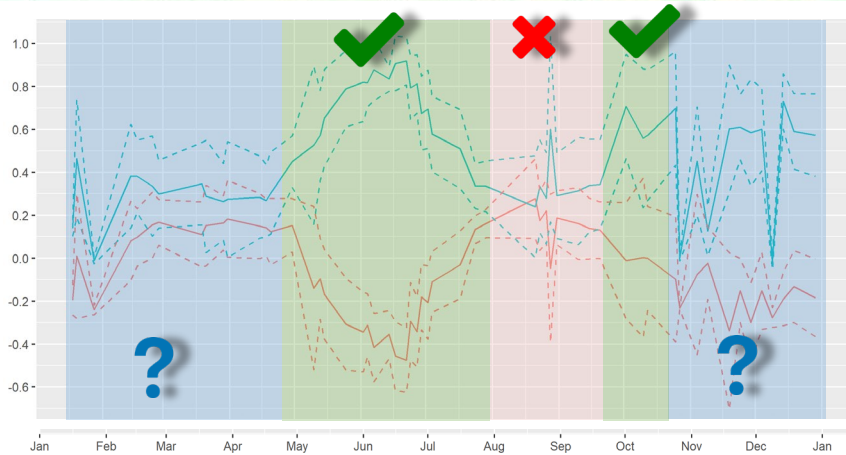
Maximum difference of NDVI between 2 clusters : **0.100**

Maximum difference of NDVI between 2 clusters : **0.151**



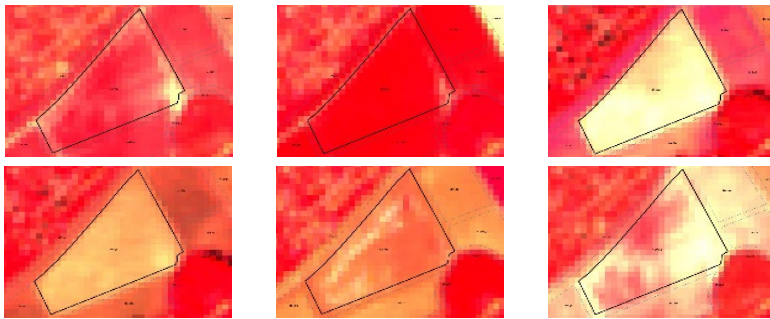
Maximum difference of NDVI between 2 clusters : **0.074**



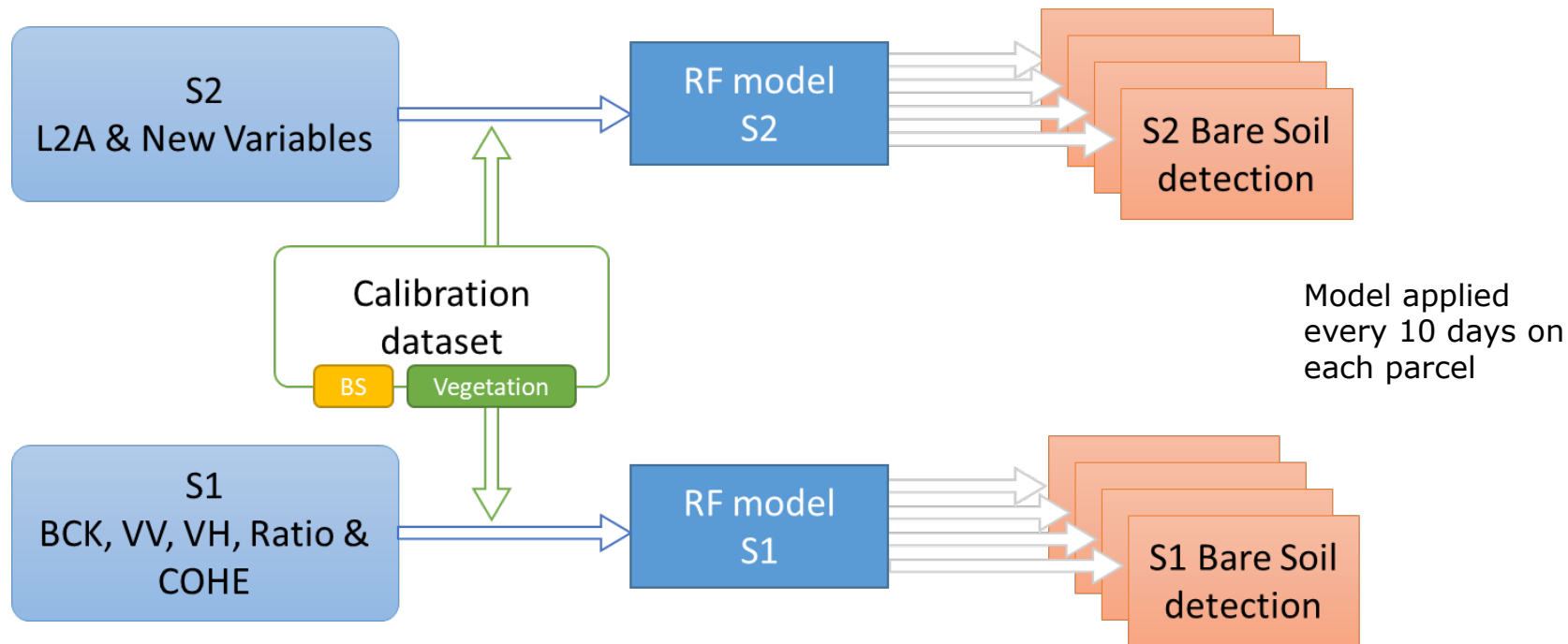


## Challenges

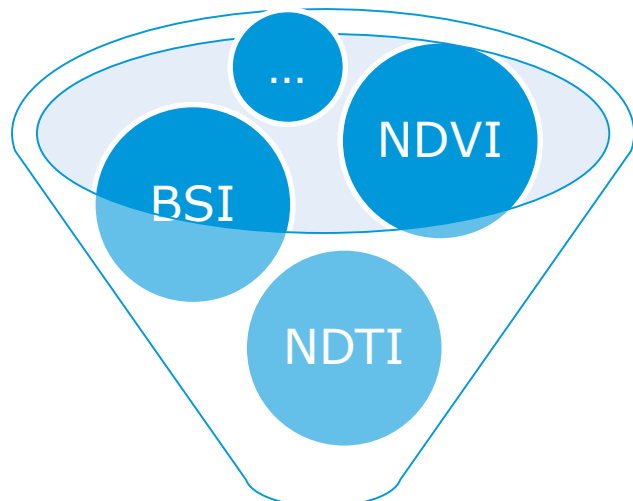
- In « summer », corresponding to the main crop harvesting
- But also in « winter » to monitor the period of green cover
- Sentinel-2 and Sentinel-1, combining different ratios and features related to bare soil
- Distinguishing between bare soil and senescent vegetation



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# Bare Soil calibration dataset based on S2

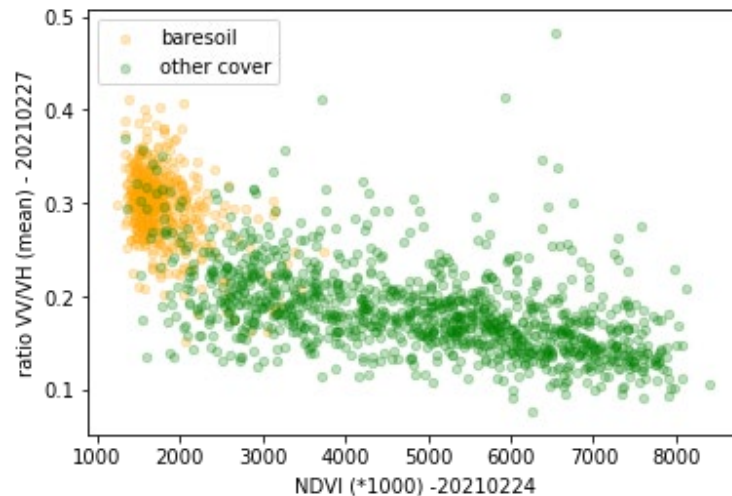


Calibration Dataset

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Vegetation

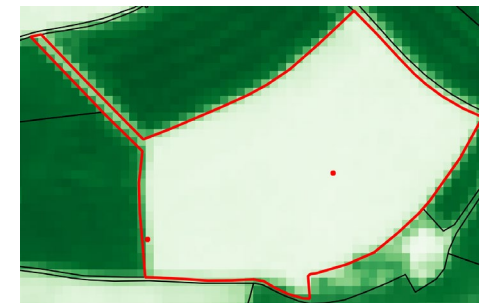
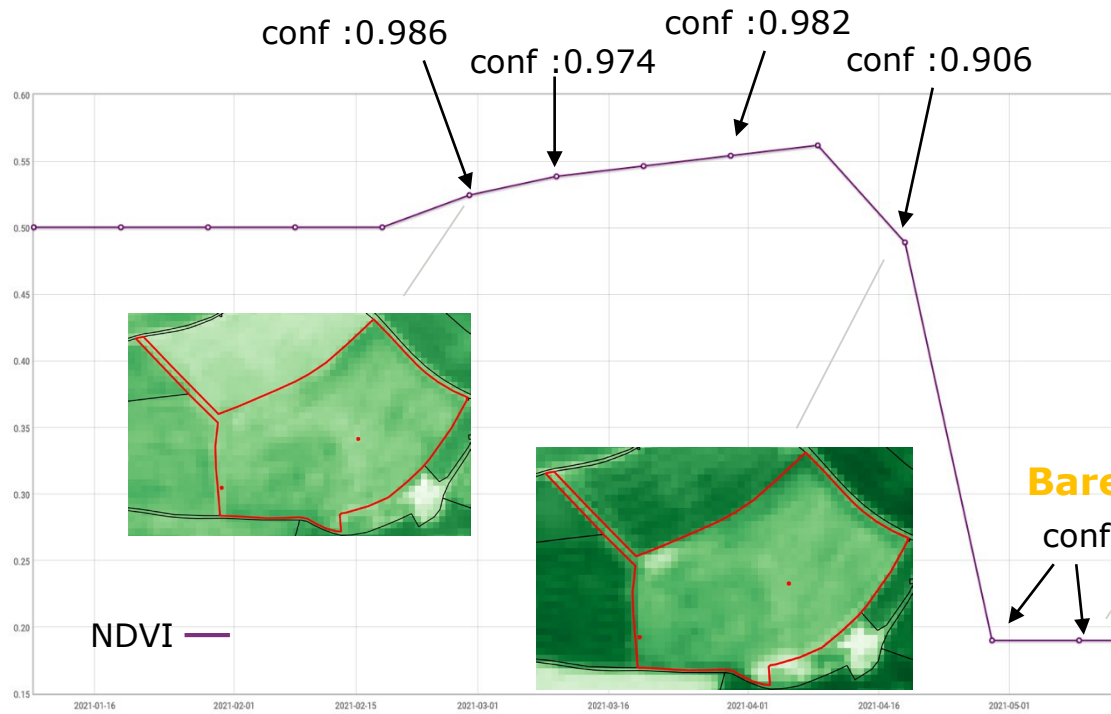
## Bare Soil in situ - Wallonia



# Preliminary results in Luxembourg



## Vegetation detected



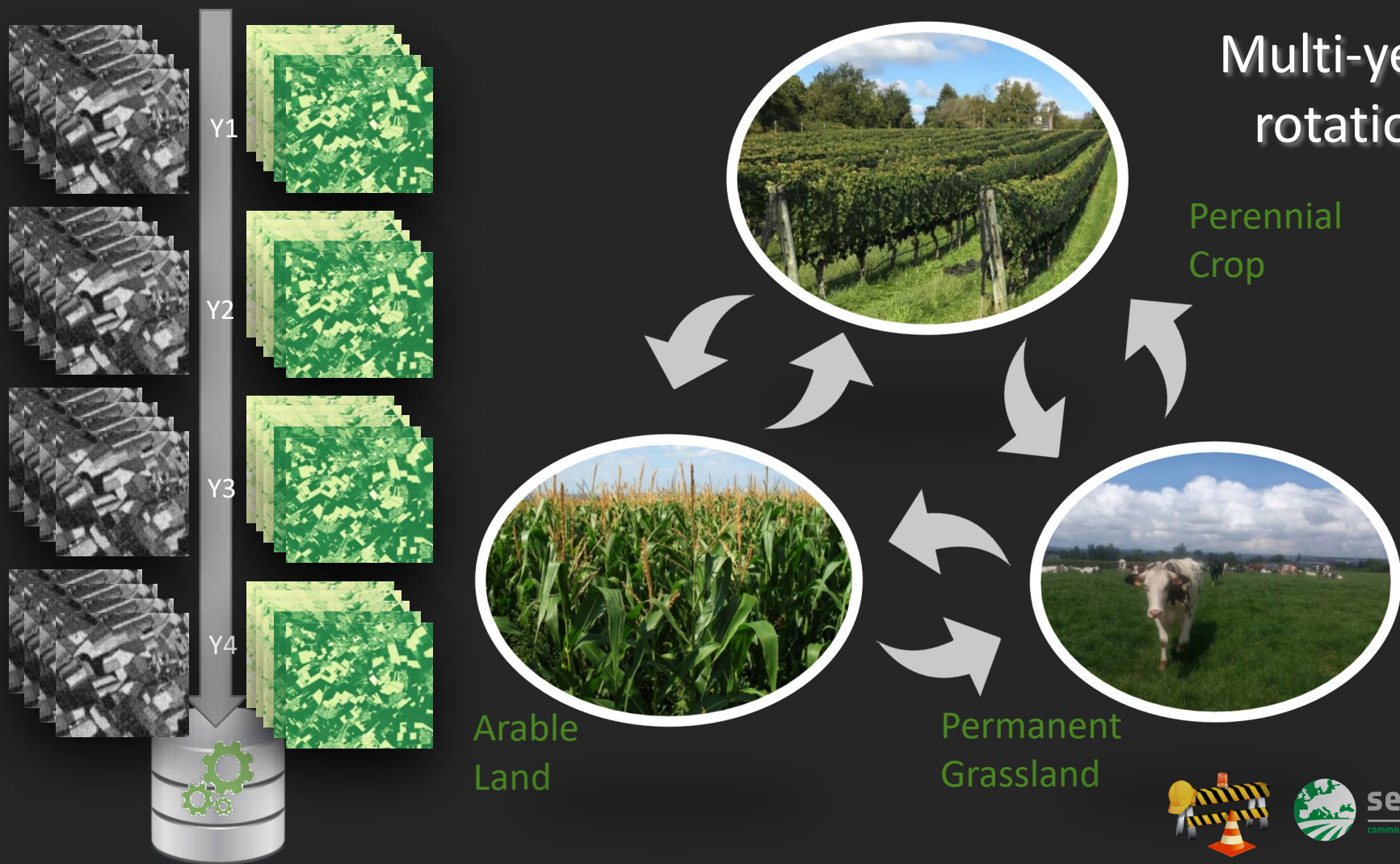
## Bare soil detected

conf : 1

Parcel of Maize  
→ destruction of the cover crop



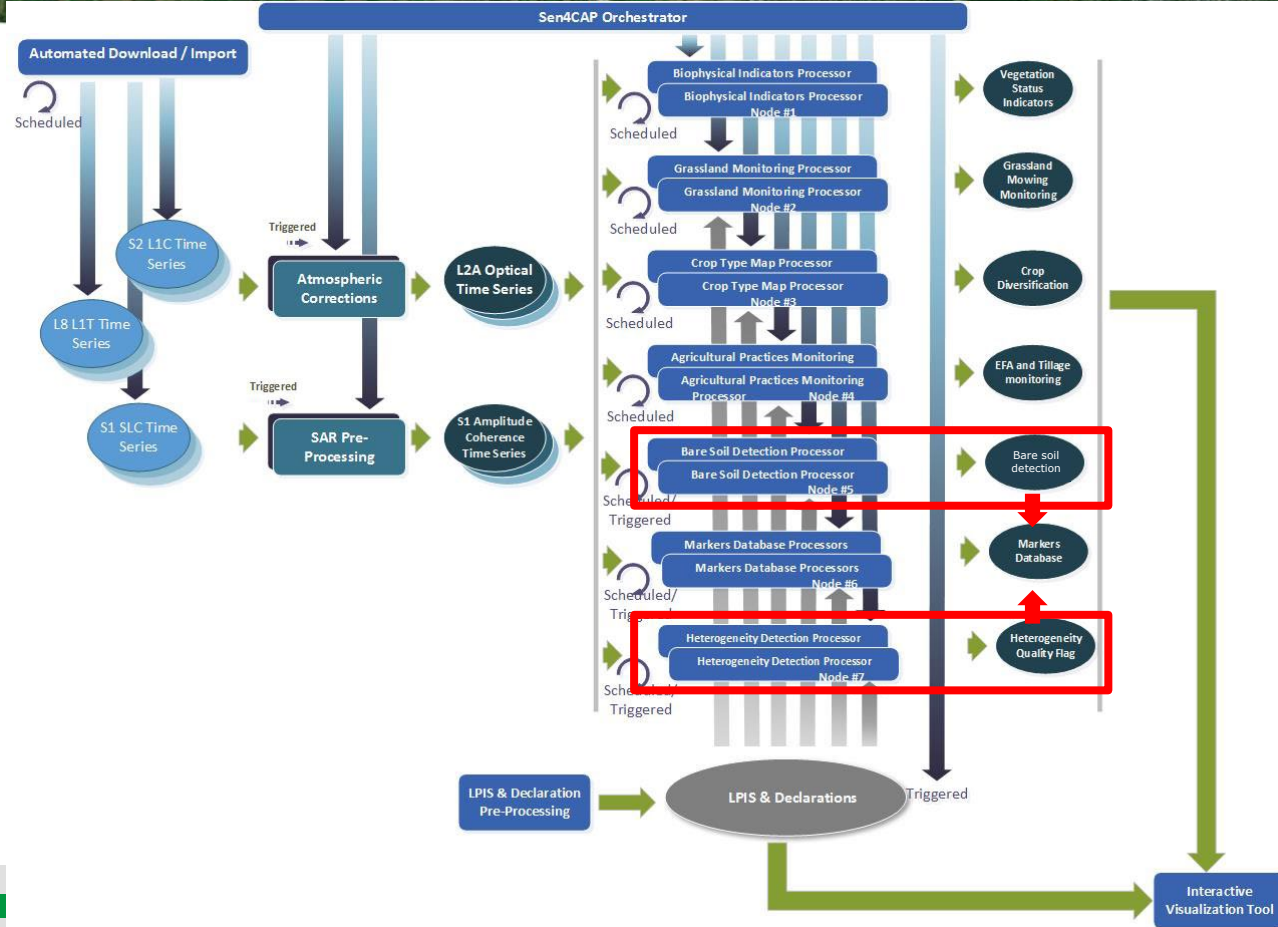
# Multi-year rotation





# Next steps

- Finalization of the R&D for the 2 first use cases and implementation in the system
- Conducting the R&D for the last use case
- Validation with users and algos adjustments



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- **Forum** for your questions about the system 3.1 (and other)
- **Workshop with pilot countries** for use cases 2022
  - Hosted by Czech State Agricultural Intervention Fund
  - On 24 November in Prague
  - Feedback will be shared with the whole community
- Next version **Sen4CAP 3.2**: end of November 2022
- Next webinar **13 December 2022**
- **Your questions ???**

**Thank you for your attention  
and your contribution**



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