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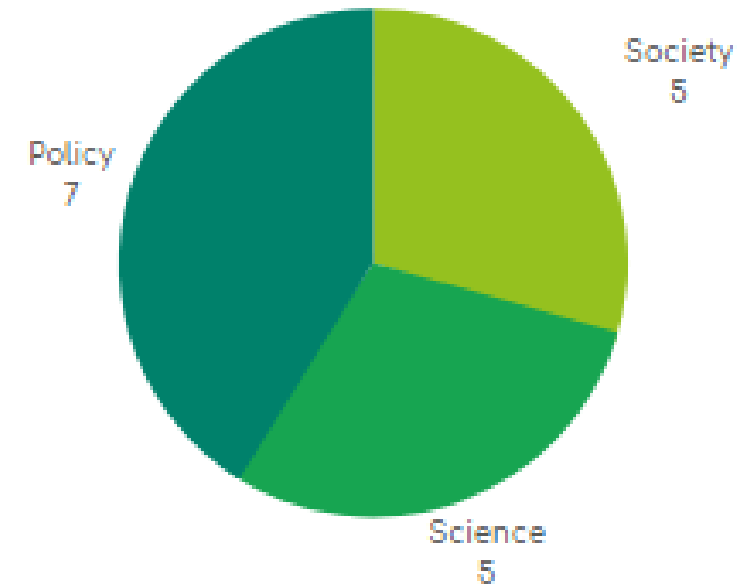


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About the MAP

- **Heterogeneous RAs** (plain/intensive + hilly-mountainous/extensive-depopulated)
- **Agri-food sector** is very relevant for regional and national economy
- MAP Composition (variable): 5 Science (research and consultancy), 5 Civil society, 7 Policy
- Work related to the topic of discussion:
 - Pilot on biodiversity
 - LTVRA
 - Climate change & environmental services

MAP membership





Main messages

- Result-based/result-oriented payments are considered an opportunity, but....
-they may be risky for farmers and pose significant challenge in terms of monitoring and evaluation;
- Practices that enhance C storage in soils are a priority for mitigation→ possibilities to create carbon credit markets should be exploited;
- The remuneration of env. services is perceived as an opportunity for the livelihood of predominately rural areas;
- Not only environmental services: RAs (multifunctional farms) may also provide several services linked to health, wellness, recreational activities and education.



Key actions

- To enhance environmental services a territorial approach is needed (e.g., in the design of policy instruments)
- Monitoring and evaluation of the env. services should be based on a few indicators easily understandable to farmers
- Farmers' training and education is key

Research gap:

- Need to improve the understanding of C dynamics in soils
- Need to show the possible connections between environmental protection and economic sustainability.

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