

# CropBooster-P

*Roadmap to future-proof  
Europe's plants*

## WP4: International Cooperation

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## Work package 4: International Cooperation [Months: 1-36]

INRAE, WR, VIB, WU, CNR, EPSO, UDUS, UNOTT, CNRS, UCPH, ULANC, USAMV CLUJ, ESA, ACTA

**Task 4.1.** This task aims to map the existing research communities using existing formal and informal EU networks (M1-M18).

Task leader: UDUS; other partners: WR, VIB, CNR, EPSO, UNOTT, CNRS, UCPH, INRA, ULANC, USAMV, ESA, SORBONNE, ARVALIS

- **Research communities** (physiologists, geneticists, breeders, modellers, agronomists, socio-economists, pathologists, etc...) who are mostly coming from **academic organisations** (Research Institutes and Universities).
- Create a **network model of existing or lacking interactions** from the mapping of national or international communities and projects, and their distribution within Europe.
- **Applied Research communities** (Private companies, R&D services of Cooperatives, Technical Institutes, networks of Experimental Stations etc.).
- Selecting people from all partners at European level (including 13 SHG members) to assemble an **expert panel**.



## Aim of first step:

- **Research communities** (physiologists, geneticists, breeders, modellers, agronomists, socio-economists, pathologists, etc...) who are mostly coming from **academic organisations** (Research Institutes and Universities).

**Method:** Screening of the scientific production (**WoS**) during five years (**2015-2019**)

**Proof of concept:** Use of the > 600 publications referenced during **WP1 (database)** to select traits (Yield, Sustainability, Nutritional quality).

Dominique Fournier, INRAE, Montpellier, France  
Jacqueline Martin-Laffon, CNRS, Grenoble, France  
Bertrand Muller, INRAE, Montpellier, France  
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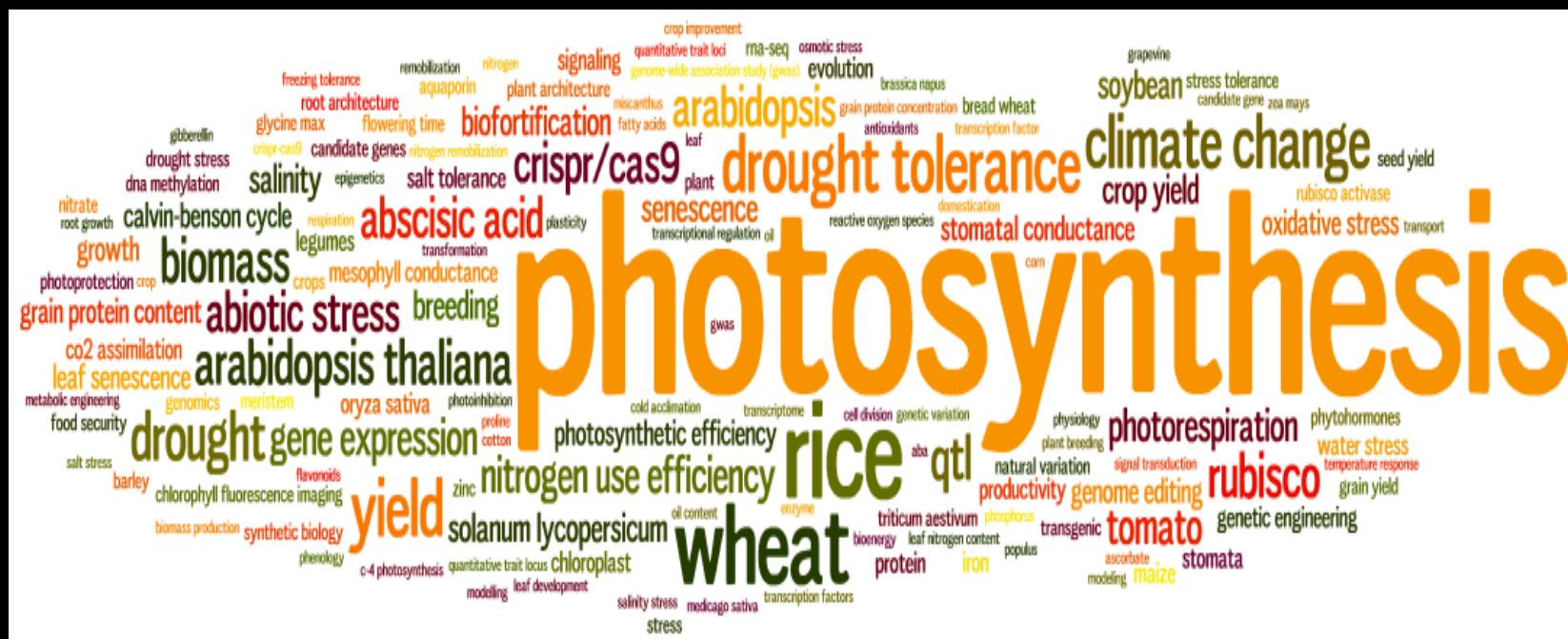
**Method:** Analysis of experts' publications 617 UT 612 publications referenced in the Web of Science and use of addresses to identify institutions and units

Main WoS Categories	Publications
Plant Sciences	390
Multidisciplinary Sciences	82
Biochemistry & Molecular Biology	73
Agronomy	62
Genetics & Heredity	56
Cell Biology	45
Biotechnology & Applied Microbiology	40
Horticulture	34
Biology	15
Agriculture, Multidisciplinary	8
Biochemical Research Methods	8
Ecology	8
Food Science & Technology	8
Chemistry, Multidisciplinary	7
Environmental Sciences	6
Energy & Fuels	5
Nutrition & Dietetics	5
TOTAL	852

## Research fields - WoS Categories

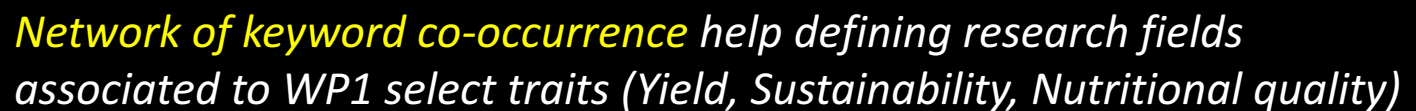
*852 > 612 since some publications are present in more than one category*

## Author Keywords



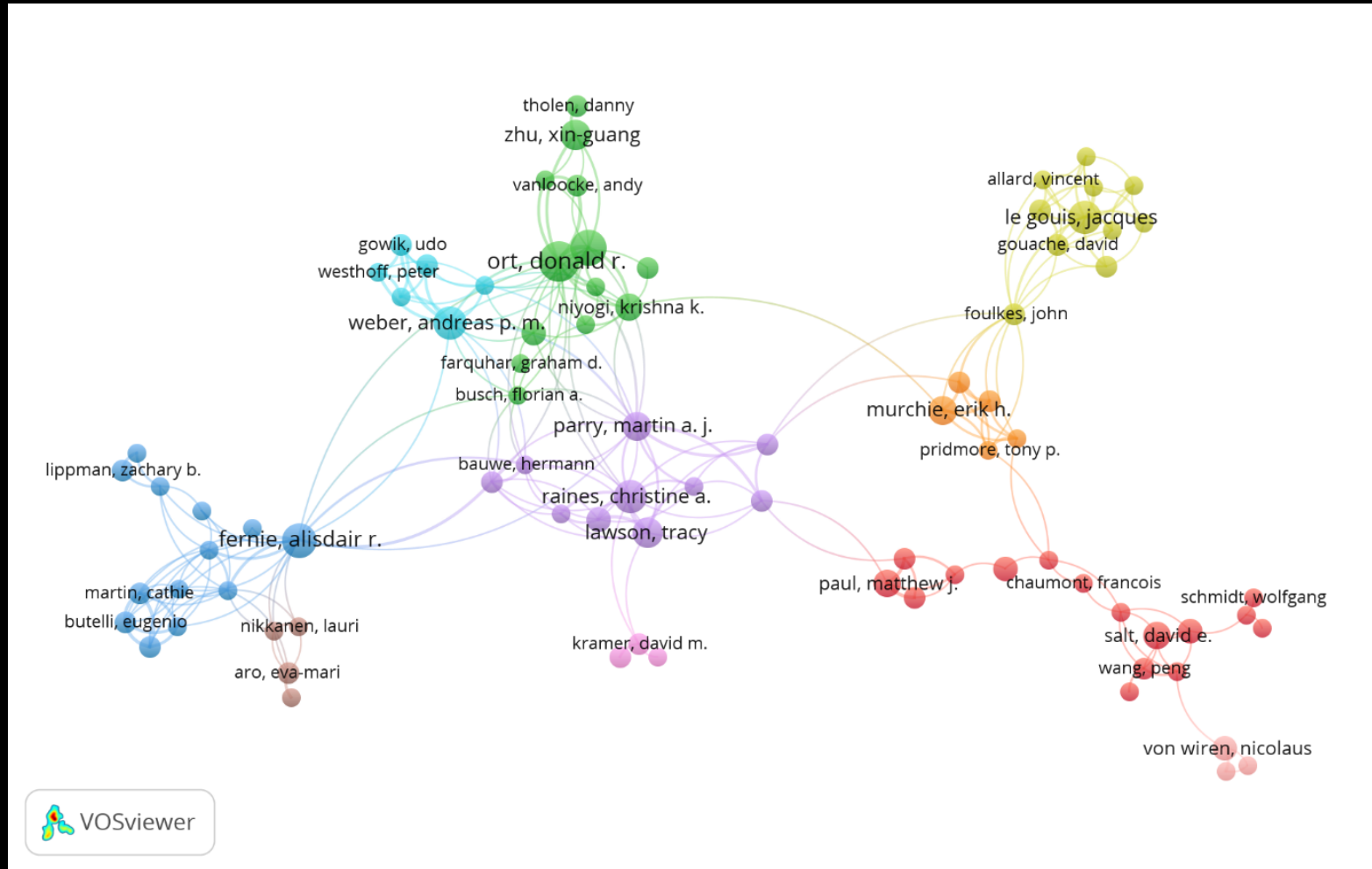
*Keywords associated to WP1 selected traits (Yield, Sustainability, Nutritional quality) as cited by authors of the > 600 publications present within the WP1 (database)*





## Authors

Co-publications between the **main authors** (at least 3 co-publications)



*Most main authors, in the WP1 database, are from an EU28 country*

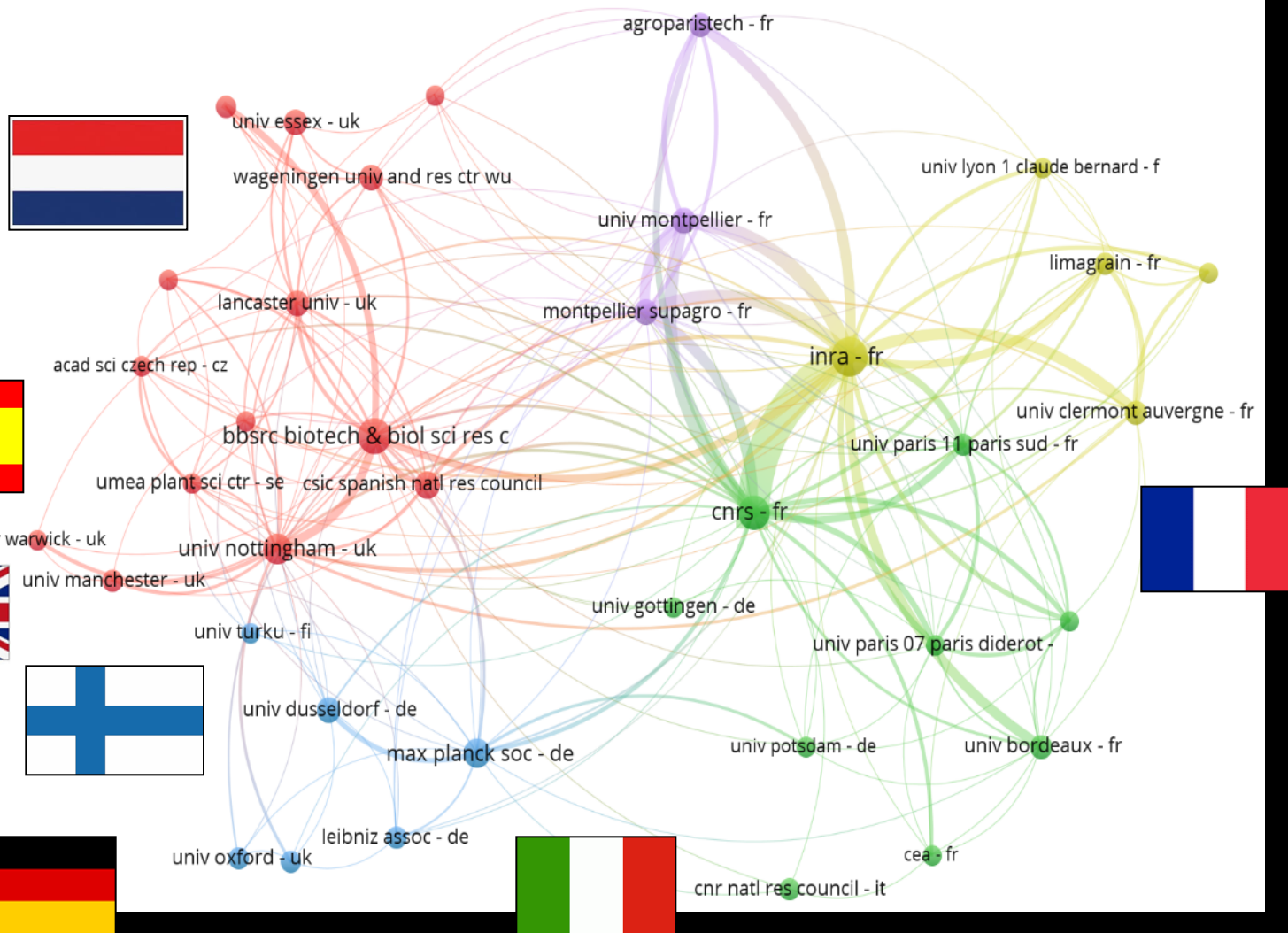
Country	Main institutions	Publications
FR	Inra - FR	86
UK	BBSRC Biotech & Biol Sci Res Council - UK	54
FR	CNRS - FR	47
UK	Univ Nottingham - UK	31
DE	Max Planck Soc - DE	23
ES	CSIC Spanish Natl Res Council - ES	17
FR	Univ Montpellier - FR	15
DE	Univ Dusseldorf - DE	14
FR	Montpellier Supagro - FR	14
UK	Lancaster Univ - UK	14
NL	Wageningen Univ and Res Ctr WUR - NL	13
UK	Univ Essex - UK	12
FR	AgroParisTech - FR	11
FR	Univ Clermont Auvergne - FR	11
FR	Univ Bordeaux - FR	10
FR	Limagrain - FR	8
DE	Leibniz Assoc - DE	8
FR	Univ Paris 11 Paris Sud - FR	8
UK	Univ Manchester - UK	7
IT	CNR Natl Res Council - IT	7
UK	Univ Sheffield - UK	7
UK	Aberystwyth Univ - UK	7
UK	Univ Oxford - UK	7
FR	ARVALIS Inst Végétal - FR	6
UK	Univ Glasgow - UK	6
DE	Univ Gottingen - DE	6
BE	Ghent Univ UGent - BE	6
UK	NIAB Natl Inst Agr Bot - UK	6
SE	Umea Plant Sci Ctr - SE	6
FR	Univ Paris 07 Paris Diderot - FR	6
FI	Univ Turku - FI	6
CZ	Acad Sci Czech Rep - CZ	5
FR	Univ Lyon 1 Claude Bernard - FR	5
FR	CEA - FR	5
FR	Univ Evry Val d Essonne - FR	5
DE	Univ Potsdam - DE	5

## Publications by European institutions



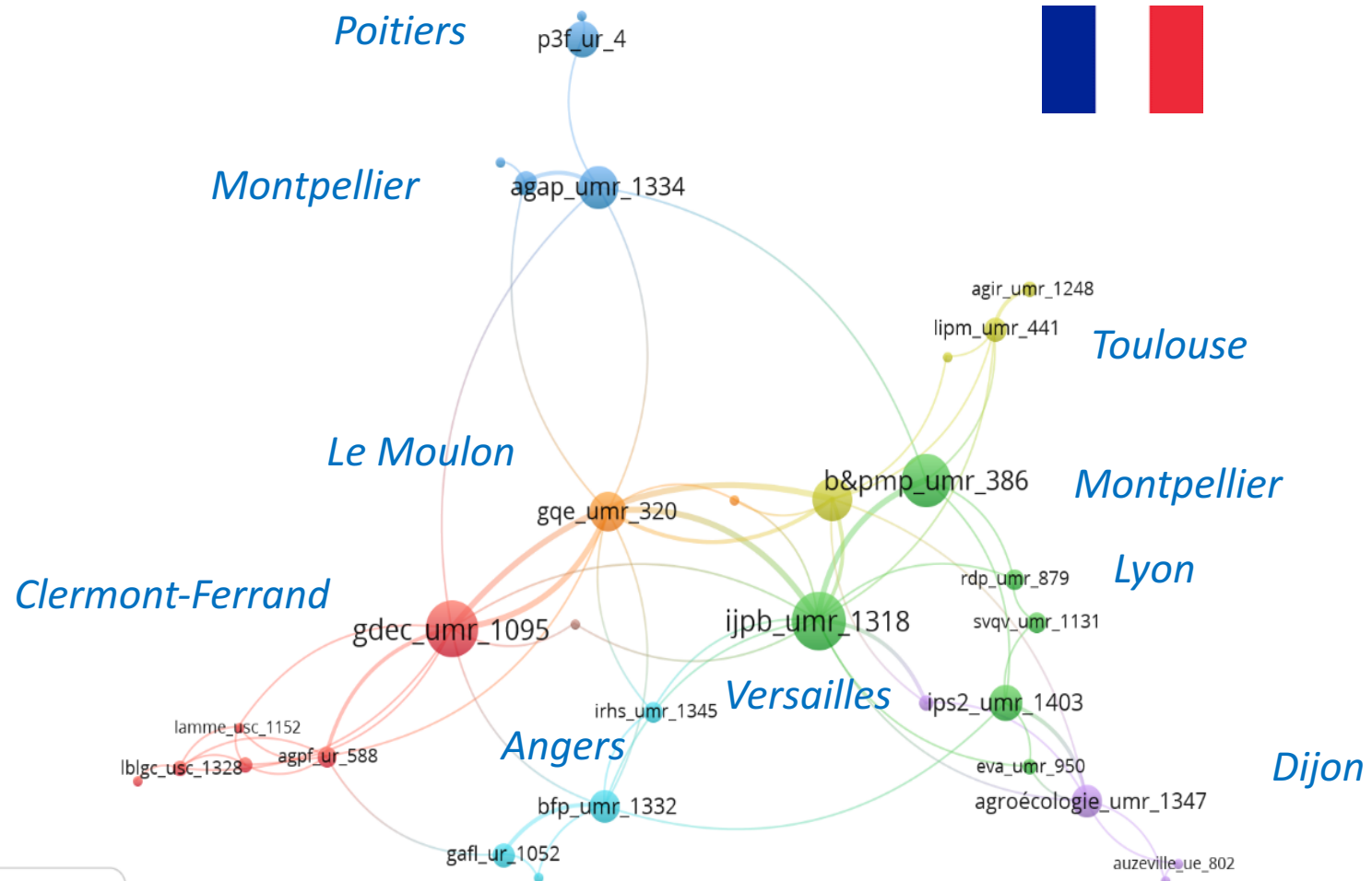
*From analysis of publications (WP1 database), it is possible to **identify main European institutions and Universities***

# Co-publications between European institutions



From analysis of co-publications, it is even possible to identify **networks of interaction between laboratories within an institution** (and thus to identify main actors in the fields)

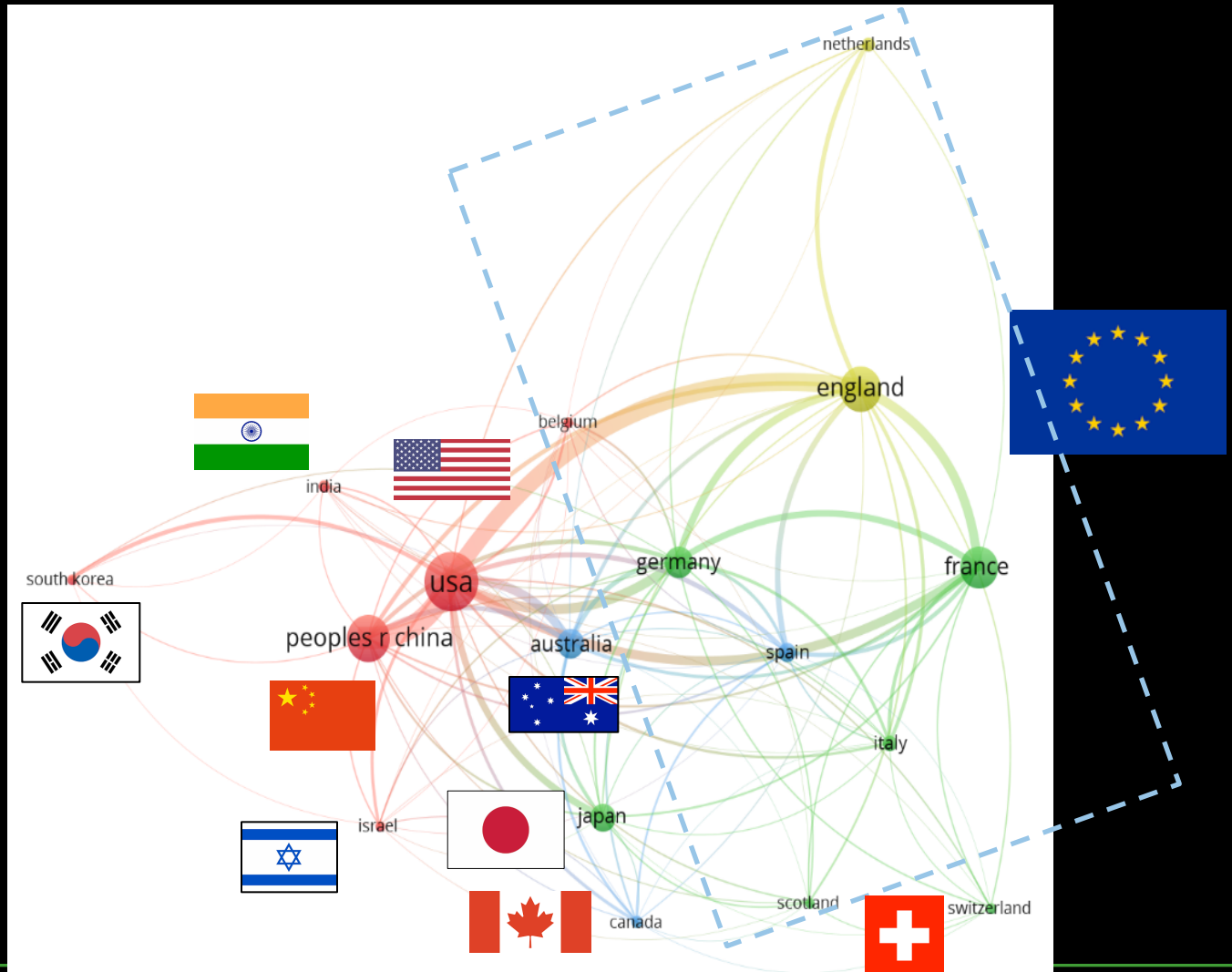
## Co-publications between French institutions



## Publications by countries

However, in the WP1 database, *only half (52%) of the publications are co-authored by an author from an EU28 country, and part of them were published before 2015)*

Country	Publications
USA	180
UK	133
China	129
France	107
Germany	71
Australia	62
Japan	58
Spain	34
Italy	25
Netherlands	21
Canada	16
India	15
Belgium	13
South Korea	12
Israël	12
Switzerland	12



# Analysis of publications Web of Science™ 2015-2019

## Aim of first step:

- **Research communities** (physiologists, geneticists, breeders, modellers, agronomists, socio-economists, pathologists, etc...) who are mostly coming from **academic organisations** (Research Institutes and Universities).

The aim of this study was to **identify the main European institutions** which publish in the fields corresponding to the different traits identified during **WP1** as being able to improve yield.

*Method: **Construction of thematic equations** based on the combination of an equation # 1 "trait" with an equation # 2 "plant production" and an equation # 3 "European country": cf. Annex*

*These equations were used to **query the Web of Science™** (Science Citation Index Expanded, Social Sciences Citation Index, Arts & Humanities Citation Index, Conference Proceedings Citation Index), the terms being searched for in titles (TI), summaries (AB) and keywords authors (AK).*

*The publications considered in this study are citable publications, such as Article, Review, Proceeding Papers and Letters.*

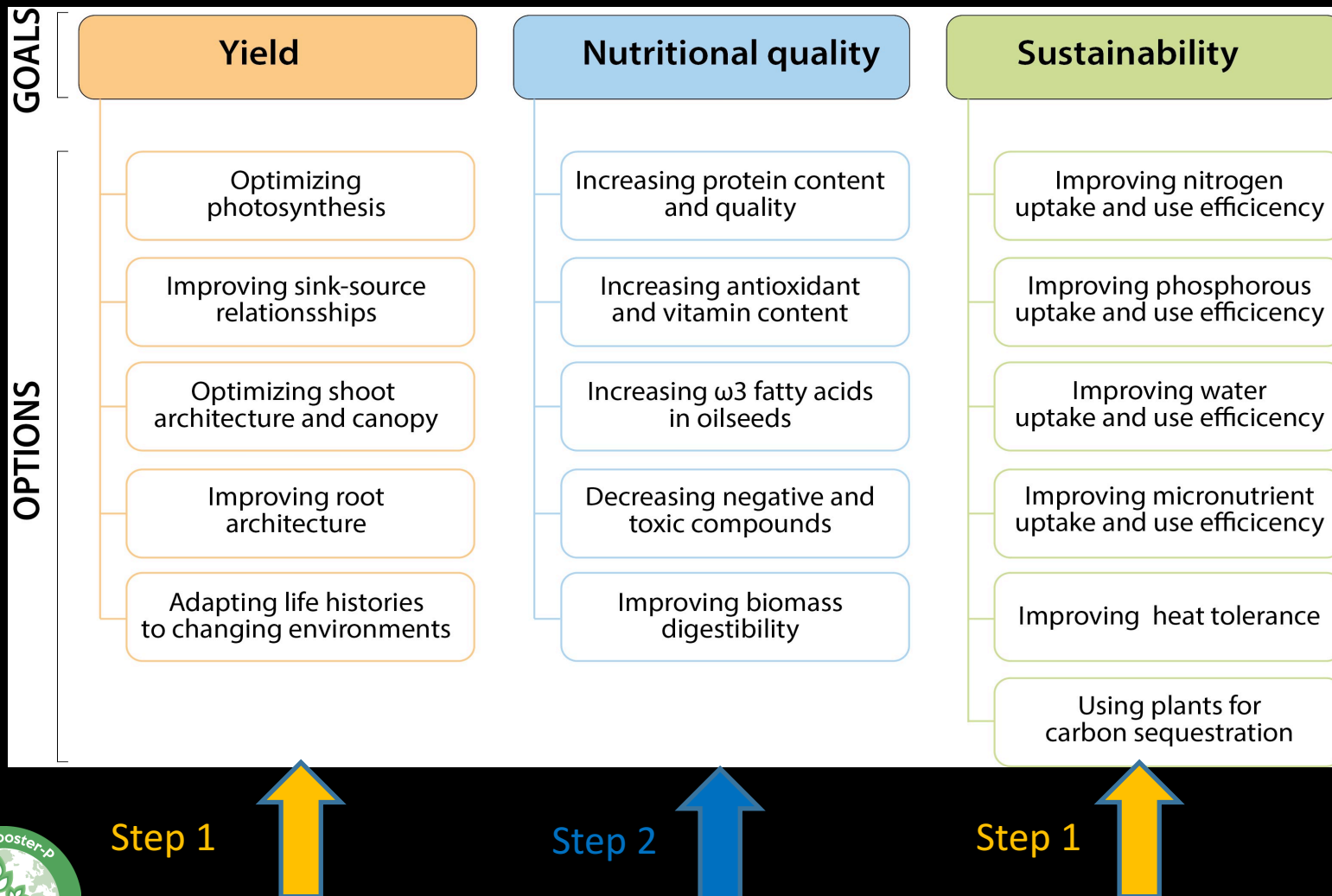
**A total of 14,053 publications were collected and analyzed for yield and sustainability (step 1) (+ > 10,000 publications for nutritional quality, step 2).**



# Selected traits for the literature screening

(According to WP1)

## Step 1: Yield and sustainability



Step 1

Step 2

Step 1

**Part of UE28 in the publications collected and analyzed**

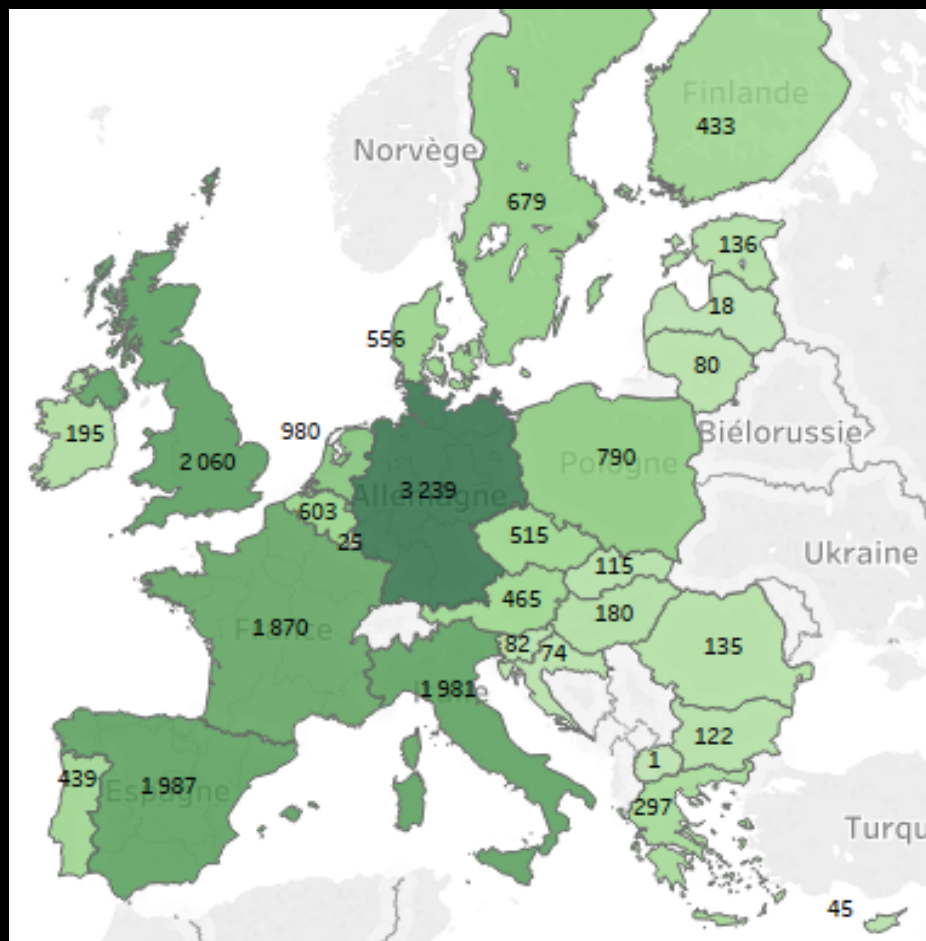
Traits identified by experts in WP1	Publications UE28	Publications World	Publications UE28 / World
Nutrient-uptake	3 070	8 822	35%
Secondary-metabolism	3 040	8 880	34%
Growth-rate	1 960	7 119	28%
Nutrient-metabolism-transport	1 655	5 585	30%
Biochemistry-carbon-assimilation	1 372	3 491	39%
water-use-efficiency	1 226	4 371	28%
Nutrient-use-efficiency	824	3 001	27%
Photochemistry	669	1 543	43%
Photoprotection	556	1 288	43%
Shoot-architecture	492	1 454	34%
Primary-metabolism	455	973	47%
Source-Sink Balance	414	1 209	34%
Leaf-anatomy	263	885	30%
Source Web of Science Clarivate Analytics – 2015-2019 – Treatment INRAE/CNRS 2020 - Article , Review, Proceeding Papers or Letters			



A total of 14,053 publications collected and analyzed for UE28. In these research fields, publications signed by EU28 scientists represent between 27% and 47% of global scientific production.



## Origin of the 14,053 publications at EU28 scale

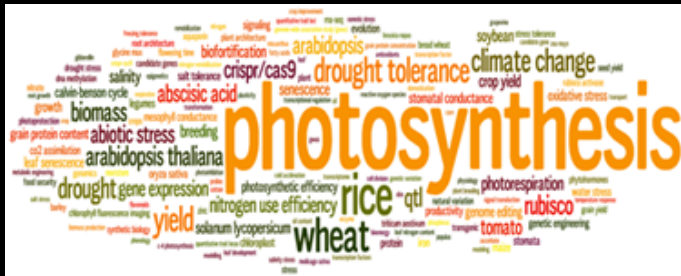


Analysis of publications Web of Science™ 2015-2019

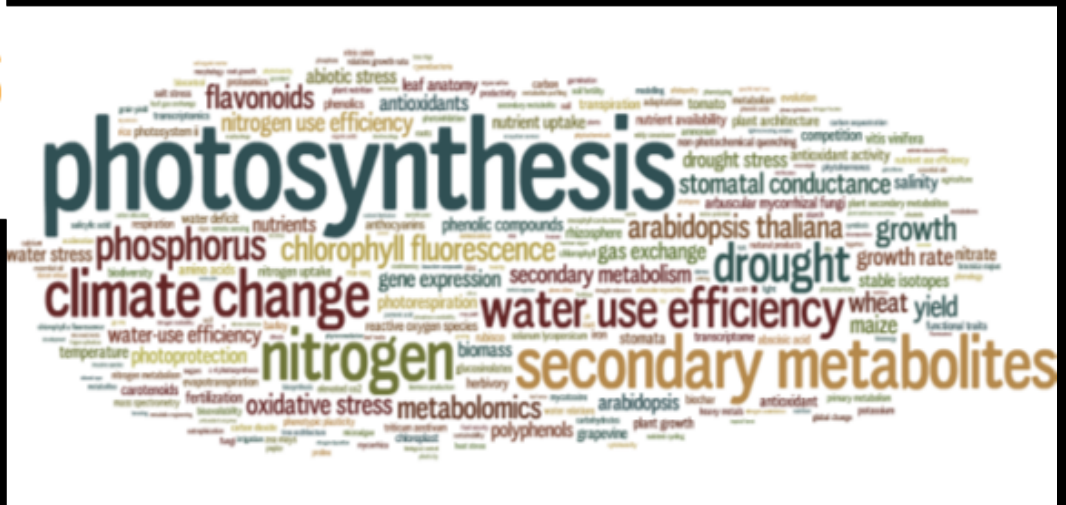


## Author Keywords

## WP1 database



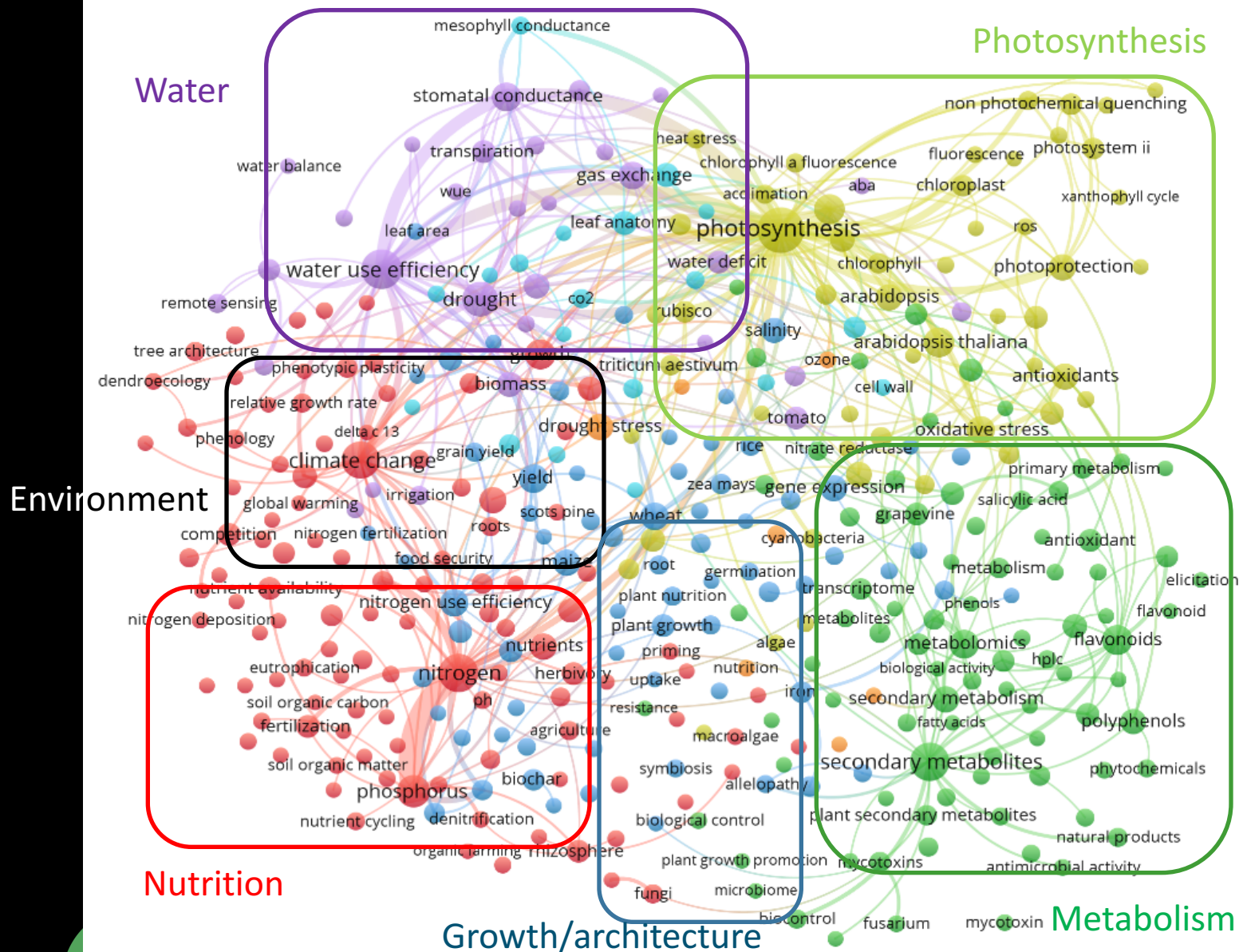
## WP4 literature screening



*Keywords (>24 occurrence) associated to WP1 selected traits (Yield, Sustainability) as cited by authors of the 14,053 publications published by UE28 institutions (2015-2019)*



# Network of keyword co-occurrence define main research fields



The network represents the co-occurrences of the main author keywords (minimum 20 occurrences, or 370 keywords) and the links indicate the existence of at least 5 publications with the 2 terms (threshold: 5, files Vosviewer network-Keywords-DE-20min-link-5-map.txt and network-Keywords-DE-20min-link-5-net.txt).



## 2.Enhancing photosynthesis by boosting light & carbon use efficiencies

→ Yield & Sustainability

### Main authors

Photochemistry

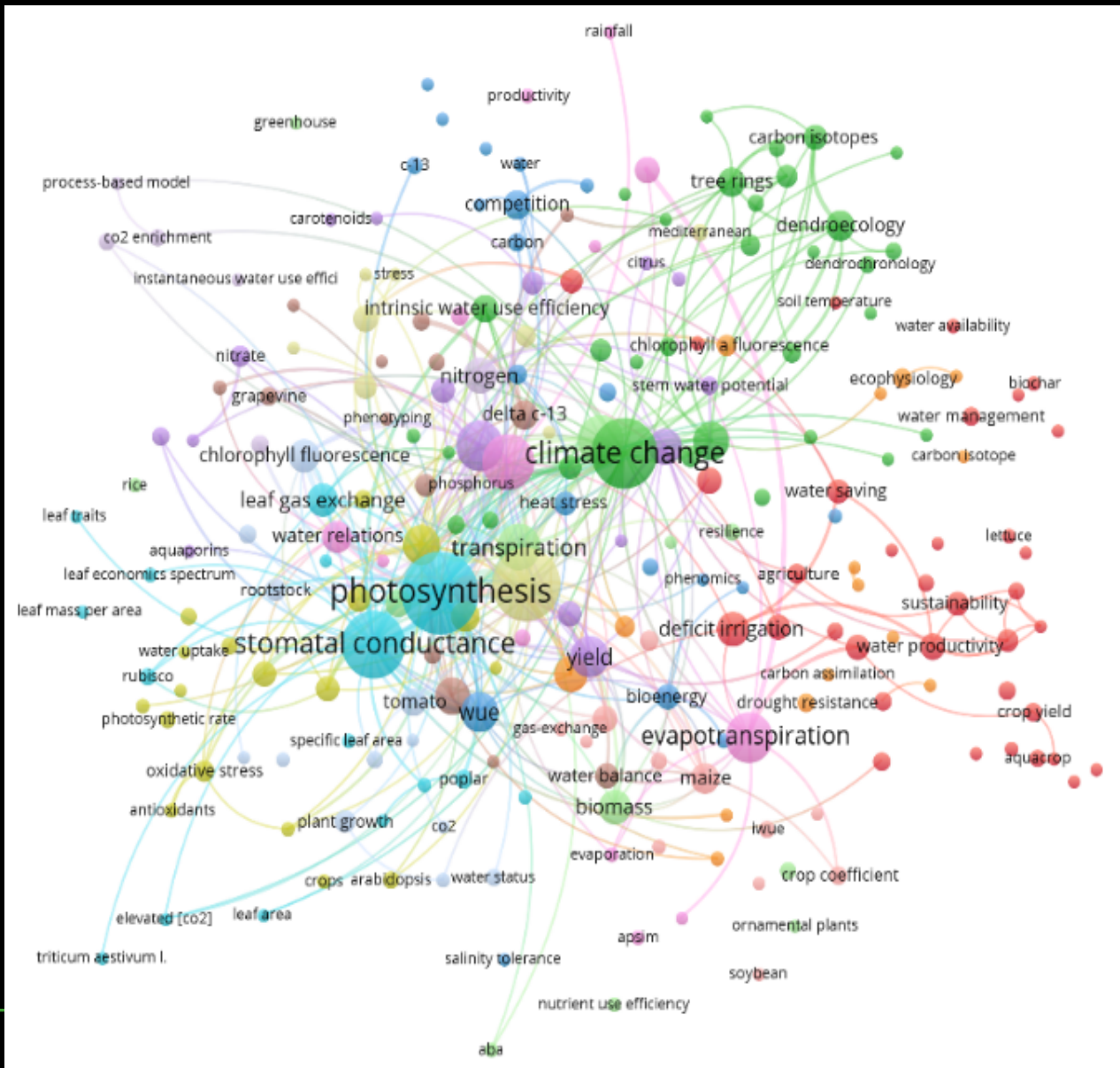
Biochemistry, carbon assimilation

Photoprotection

Author	Documents ▼	Citations	Total link strength
fernie, alisdair r.	39	614	74
ruban, alexander v.	38	774	64
croce, roberta	30	390	53
bassi, roberto	26	427	51
aro, eva-mari	23	471	51
van grondelle, rienk	23	200	34
bauwe, hermann	18	289	51
lawson, tracy	18	513	18
timmm, stefan	16	298	51
weber, andreas p. m.	15	261	30
tikkanen, mikko	15	355	29
tcherkez, guillaume	15	147	15
aranjuelo, iker	14	80	4
suorsa, marjaana	13	377	36
dall'osto, luca	13	178	32
moustakas, michael	13	163	16
gessler, arthur	13	115	7
brestic, marian	12	547	23
zivcak, marek	12	547	23
niyogi, krishna k.	12	567	21
urban, otmar	12	84	18
morosinotto, tomas	11	127	33
centritto, mauro	11	87	32
chmeliov, jevgenij	11	147	30
valkunas, leonas	11	147	30
haworth, matthew	11	132	25
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Keyword co-occurrence by traits  
e.g. Water-use-efficiency  
(threshold: 4 occurrences, links > 1)



# 1. Increasing the *use efficiencies of water* → Sustainability & Yield

Main authors

Water-use-efficiency

Author	Documents ▼	Citations	Total link strength
liu, fulai	15	104	6
julio camarero, j.	13	158	12
medrano, hipolito	10	228	26
haworth, matthew	9	132	20
korpelainen, helena	9	71	16
li, chunyang	9	71	16
niinemets, ulo	9	83	14
poni, stefano	9	75	13
battipaglia, giovanna	9	66	12
testa, giorgio	8	63	18
del amor, francisco m.	8	62	6
medlyn, belinda e.	8	138	5
rouphael, youssef	8	45	4
ciais, philippe	8	187	0
domec, jean-christophe	8	128	0
pou, alicia	7	188	21
tausz, michael	7	52	21
centritto, mauro	7	73	19
scordia, danilo	7	63	18
reichstein, markus	7	71	17
patane, cristina	7	77	16
loreto, francesco	7	57	14
flexas, j.	7	300	9
medrano, h.	7	315	9
cherubini, paolo	7	72	8
werner, christiane	7	79	5
canellas, isabel	7	75	2
lawson, tracy	7	145	2
campostrini, eliemar	7	54	1
tausz-posch, sabine	6	21	21
cosentino, salvatore l.	6	58	17
tortosa, ignacio	6	27	14
pallioti, alberto	6	30	11
sanguesa-barreda, gabriel	6	83	10

Etc...



# Main actors (institutions) in all fields



Publications by EU28 institutions (threshold: at least 200 publications, 2015-2019 period).

Main actors in UE28 (> 200 publications)	Publications 2015-2019	Publications with UE28	% publications with UE28
INRAE - FR	1012	351	34,7%
CNRS - FR	885	345	39,0%
CSIC Spanish Natl Res Council - ES	690	281	40,7%
Max Planck Soc - DE	574	271	47,2%
Wageningen Univ and Res Ctr WUR - NL	496	231	46,6%
Helmholtz Assoc - DE	413	194	47,0%
CNR Natl Res Council - IT	405	141	34,8%
Leibniz Assoc - DE	331	126	38,1%
Swedish Univ Agr Sci SLU - SE	323	159	49,2%
Univ Copenhagen - DK	297	118	39,7%
BBSRC Biotech & Biol Sci Res Council - UK	266	98	36,8%
Univ Gottingen - DE	247	64	25,9%
Acad Sci Czech Rep - CZ	245	118	48,2%
CREA Council Agr Res & Agr Economics - IT	215	60	27,9%
Univ Montpellier - FR	210	73	34,8%
Univ Napoli Federico II - IT	210	72	34,3%
Cirad - FR	206	40	19,4%
Ghent Univ UGent - BE	201	95	47,3%
Aarhus Univ - DK	200	80	40,0%
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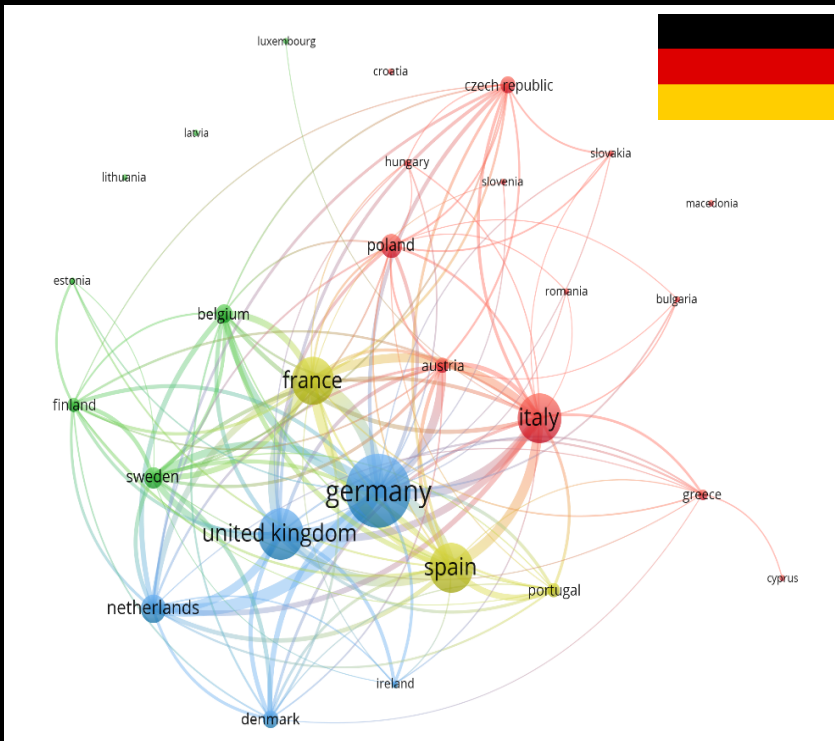
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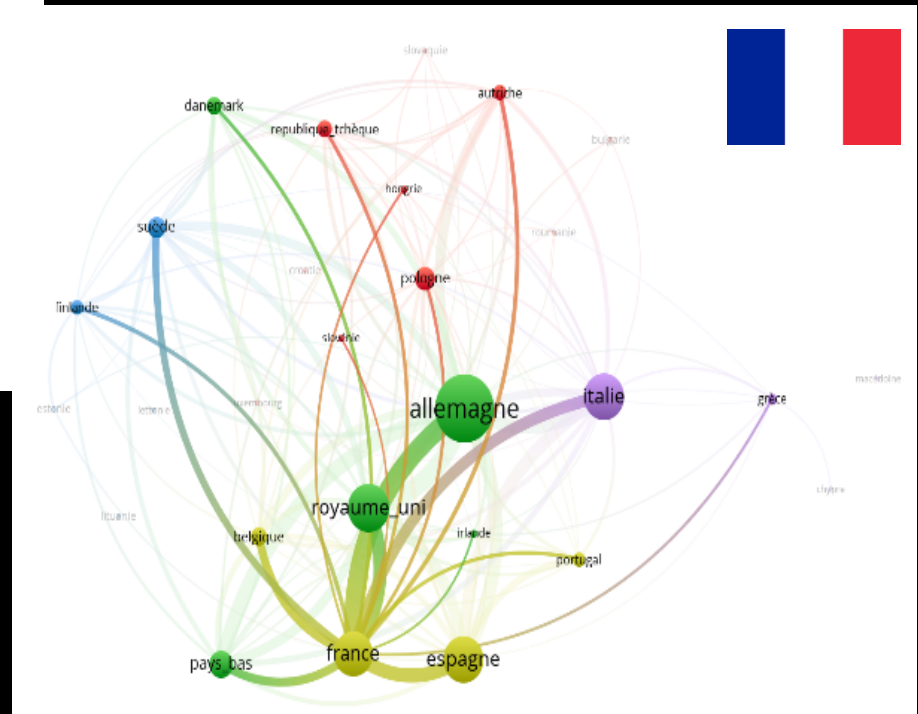


# Network of collaboration at country scale

*e.g.* Germany with UE28 countries



*e.g.* France with UE28 countries

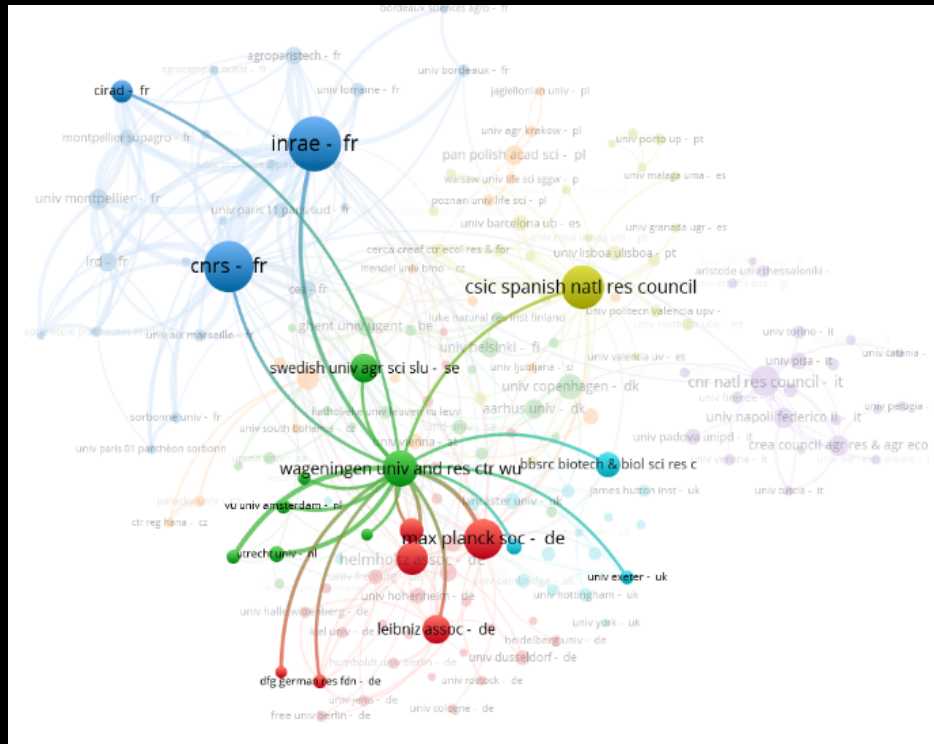


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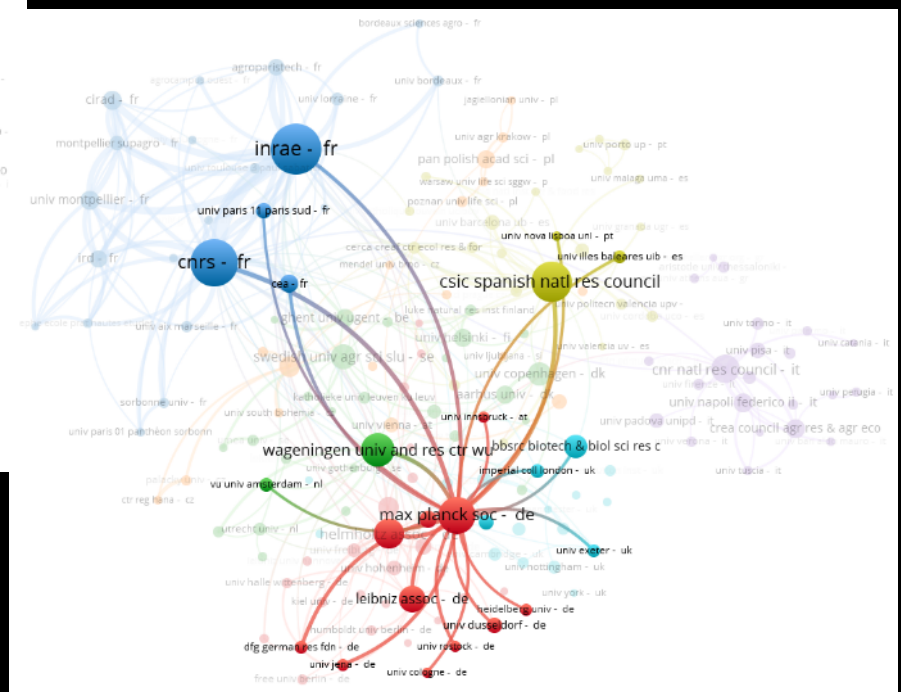


# Network of collaboration at institution scale

e.g. WUR with UE28 institutions



e.g. Max Planck Soc with UE28 institutions

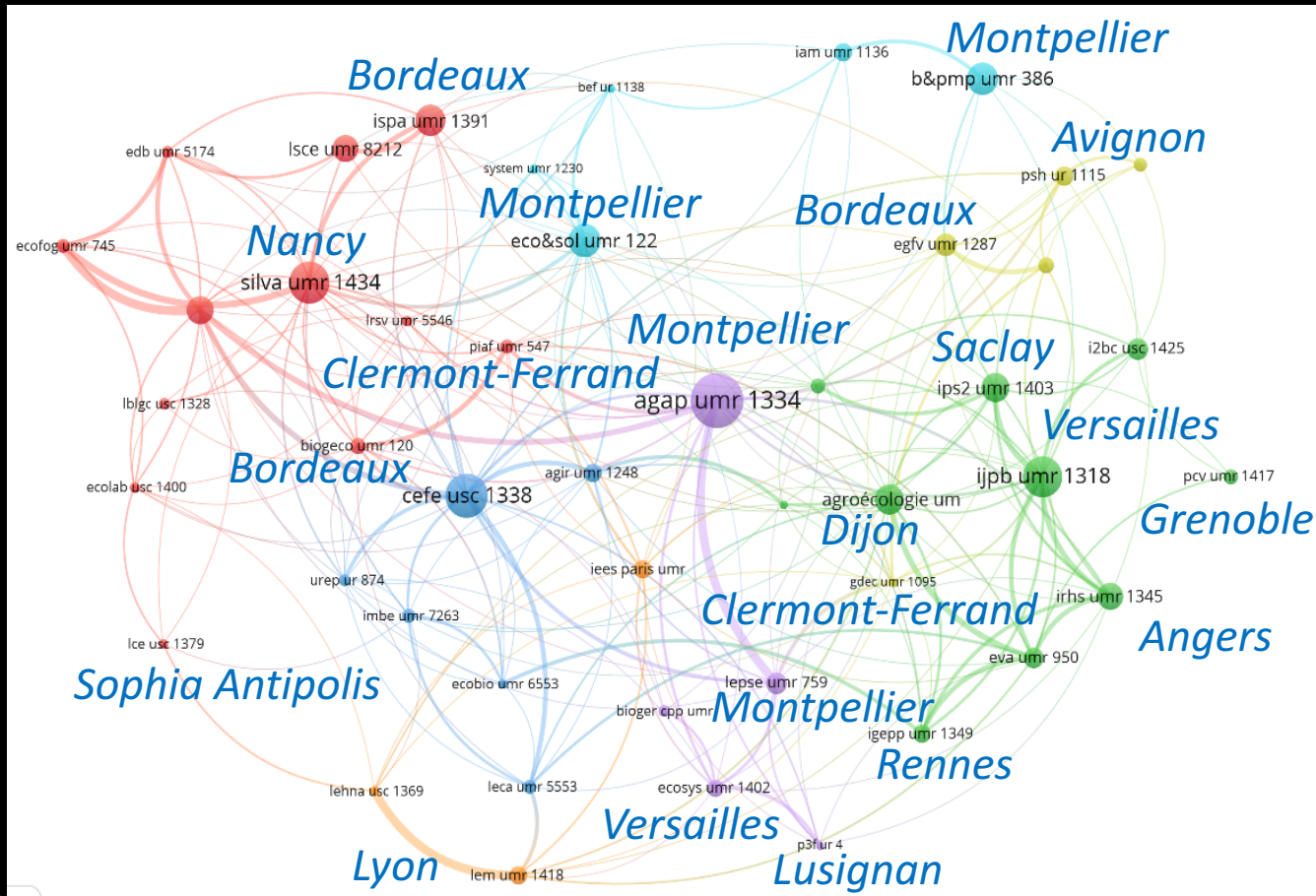


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# Network of collaboration at laboratory scale within an institution helps identifying main scientists in each field

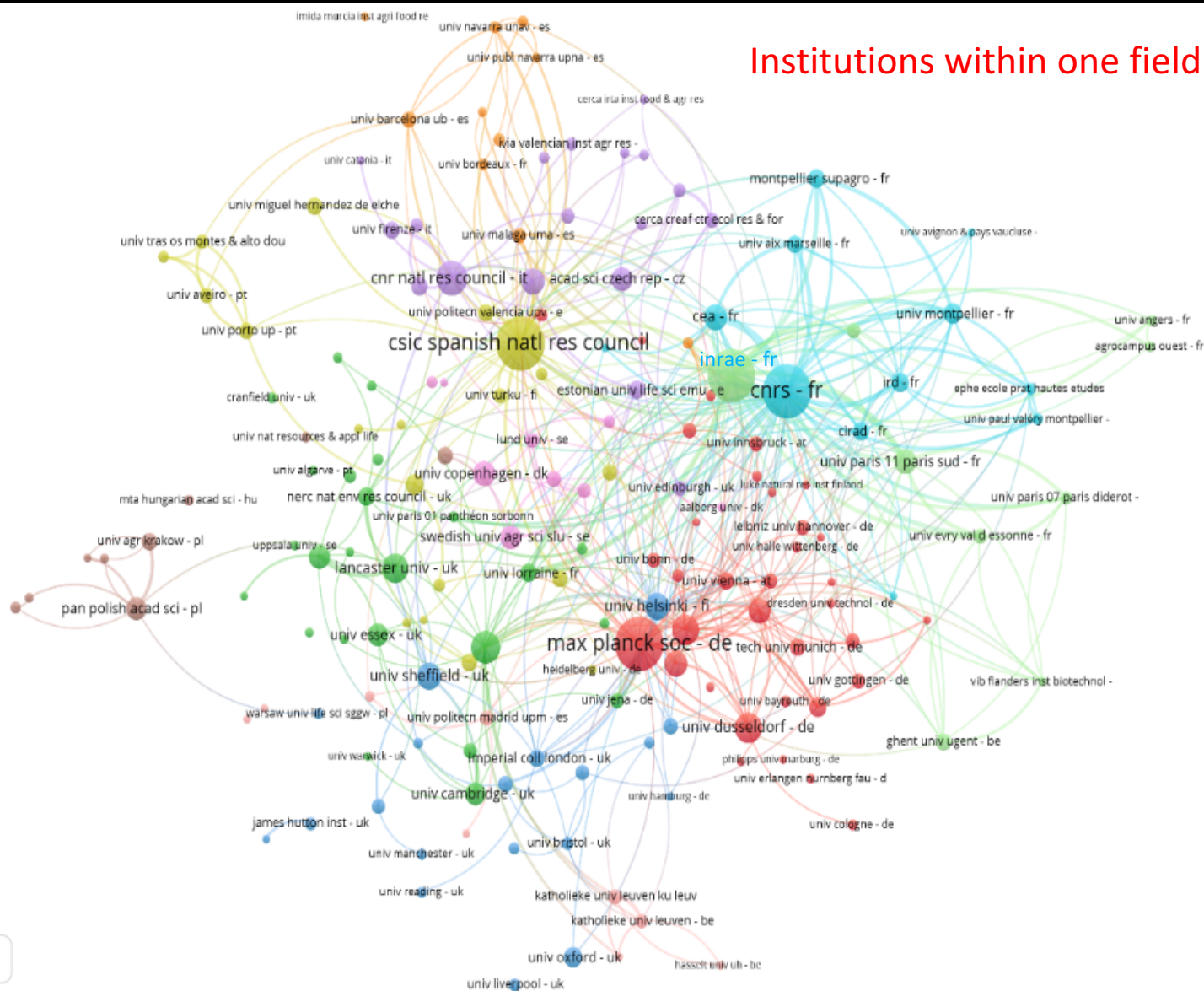
*e.g.* INRAE laboratories with INRAE laboratories



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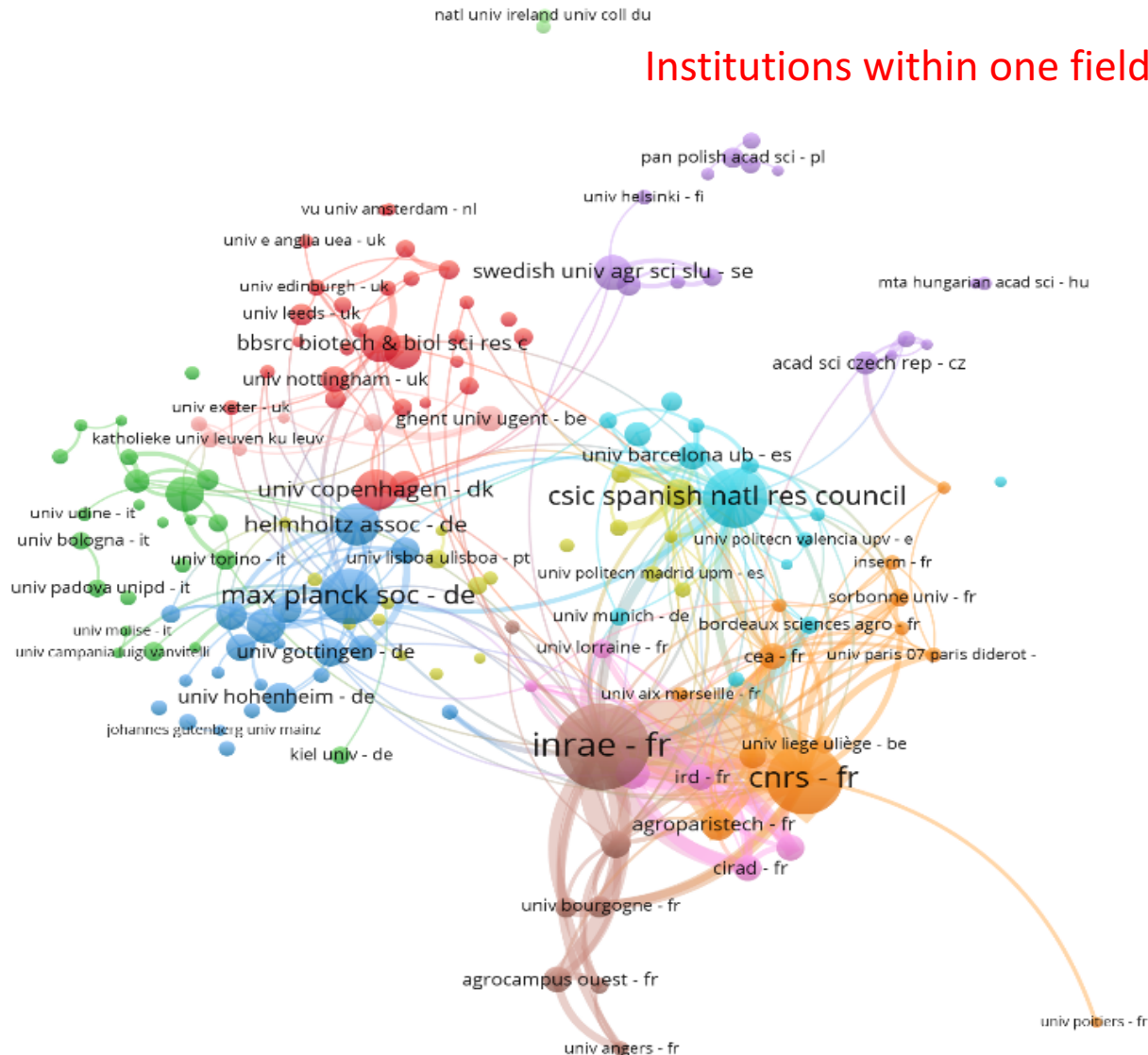
UE28 institutions with other UE Institutions within a field  
*e.g. Biochemistry-Carbon-Assimilation*  
 (threshold: 5 occurrences, links > 1)



Relative impact  
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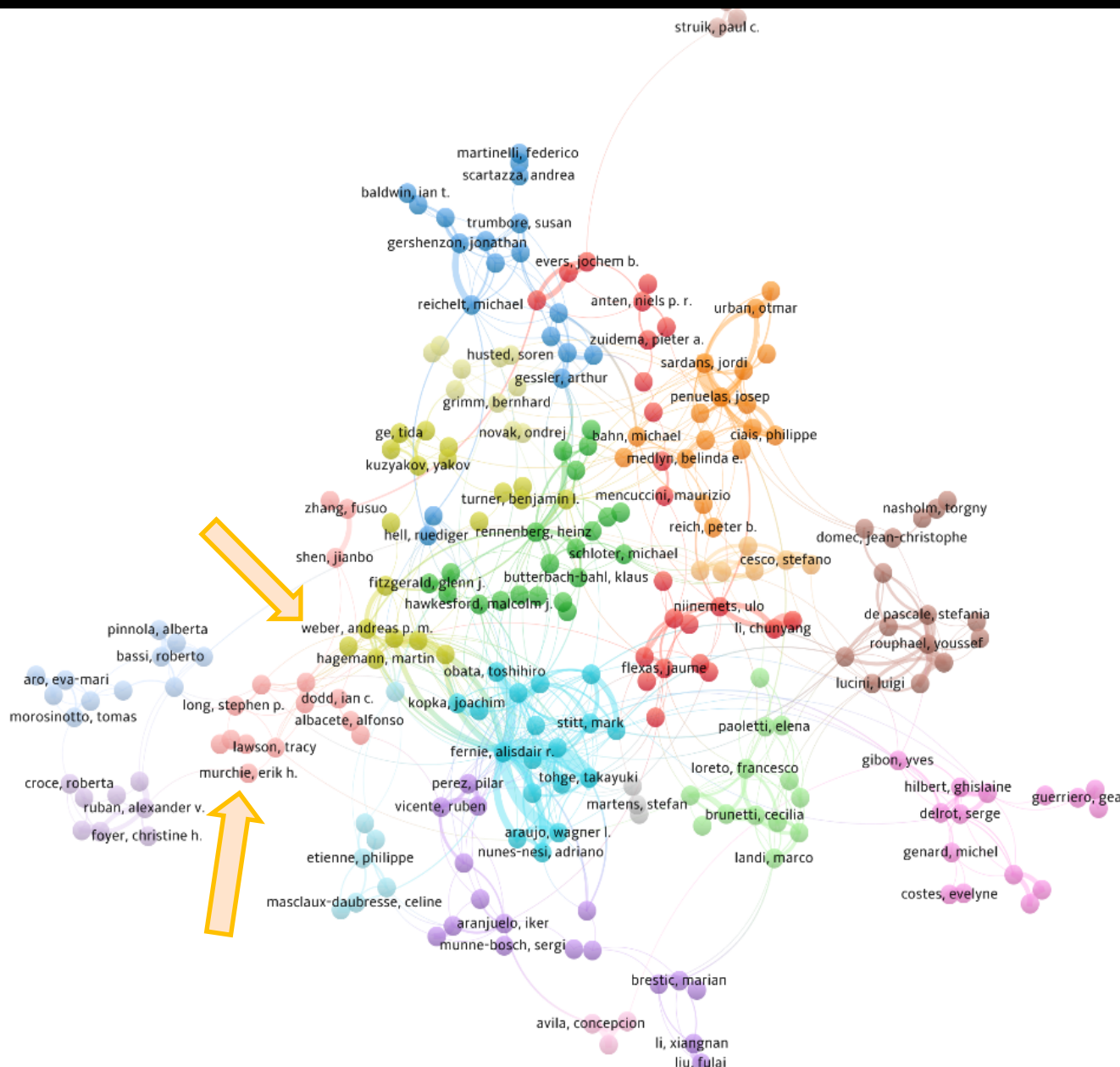
Institutions within one field



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# Mains actors in all fields (Yield, sustainability) and their interactions



At scientist scale  
in all fields

Mains actors in a specific field and their interactions  
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At scientist scale within a field: network of interaction in this field OK

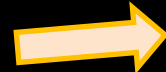
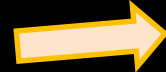


# Enhancing photosynthesis by boosting light & carbon use efficiencies

→ Yield & Sustainability

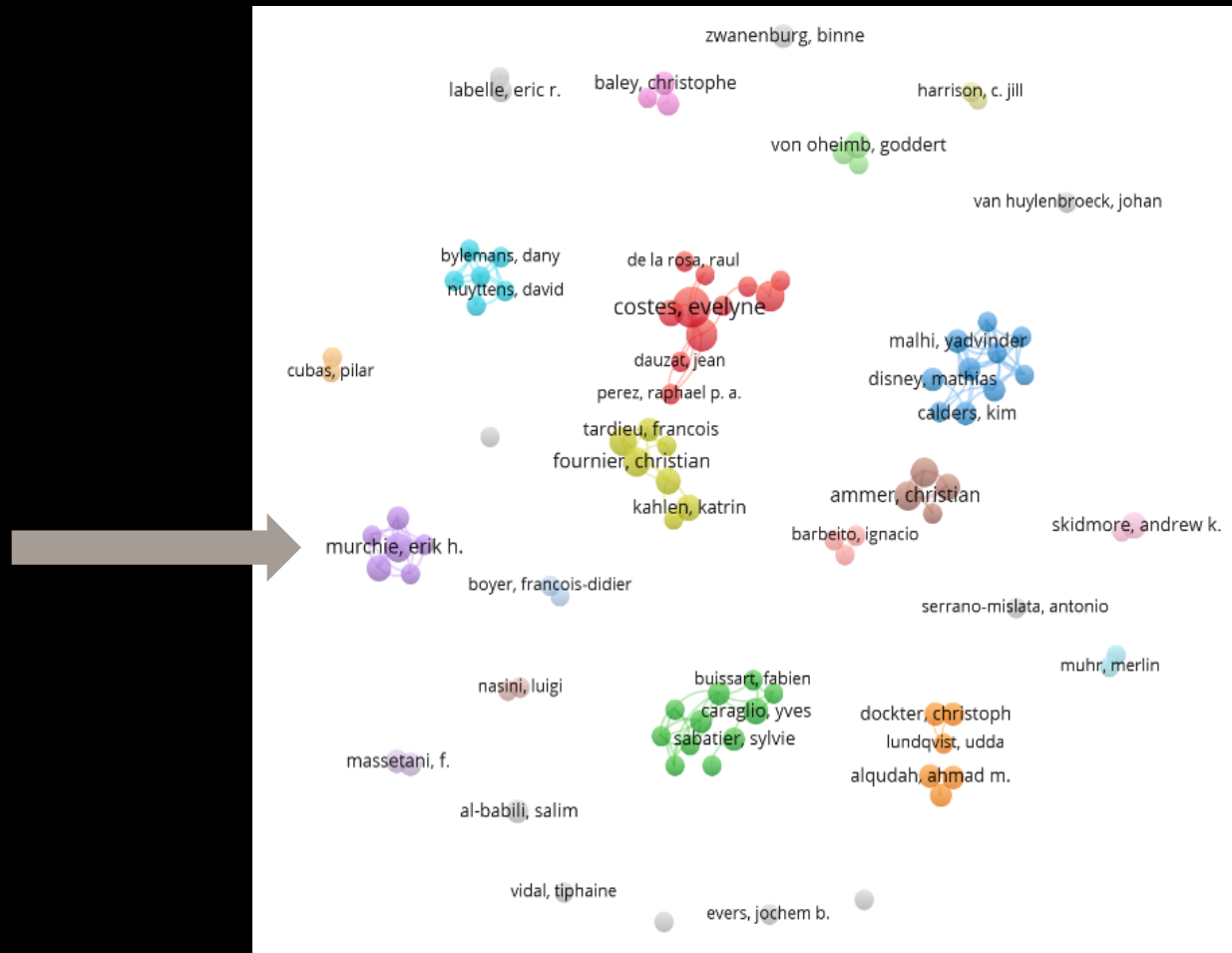
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## Mains actors in a specific field and their interactions *e.g. Shoot-Architecture* (threshold: 2 occurrences, links > 1)

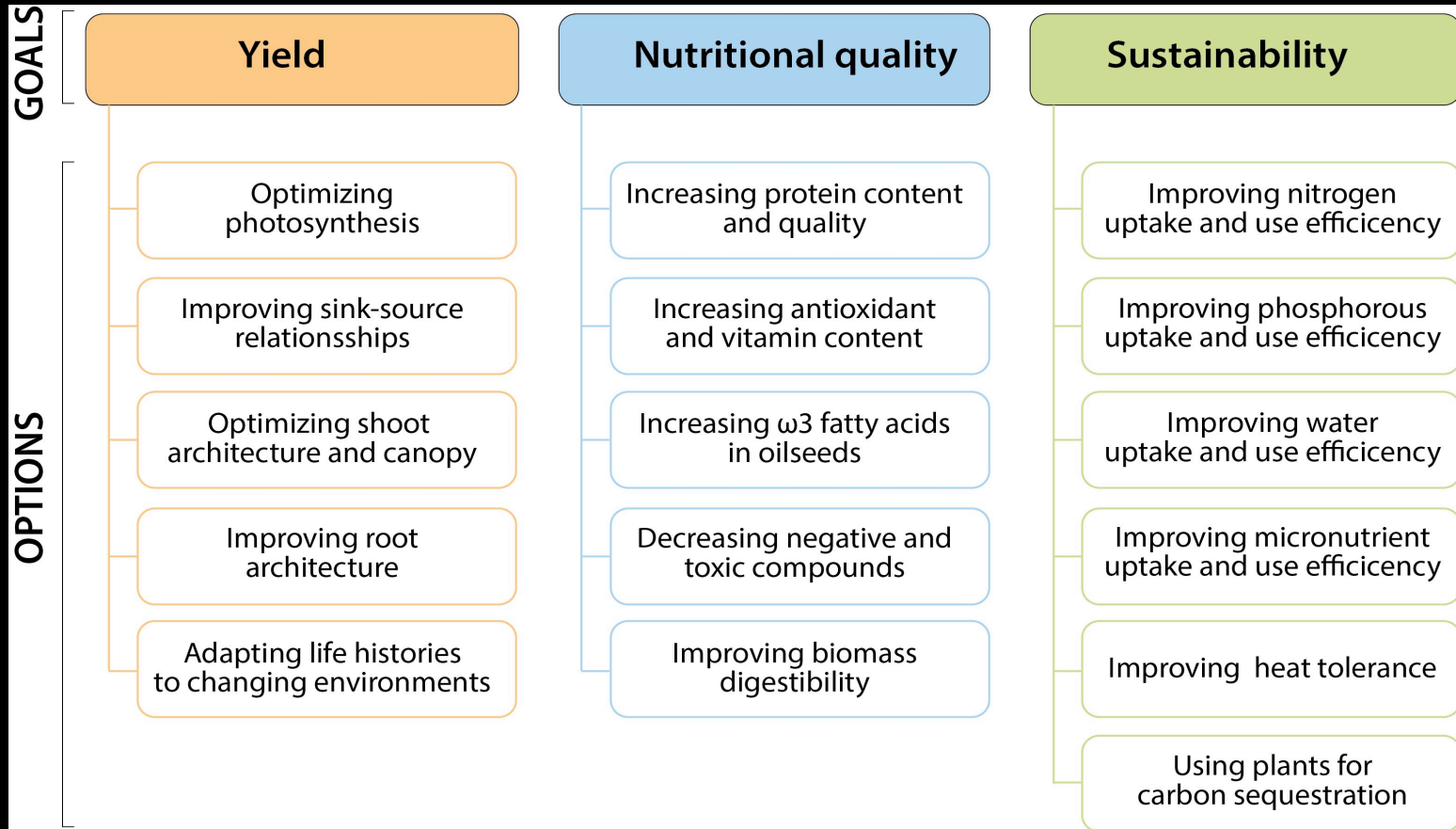


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Main actors within a field: lack of interaction in this field?

# Selected traits for the literature screening (According to WP1) Step 2: Nutritional quality



Step 1



Step 2



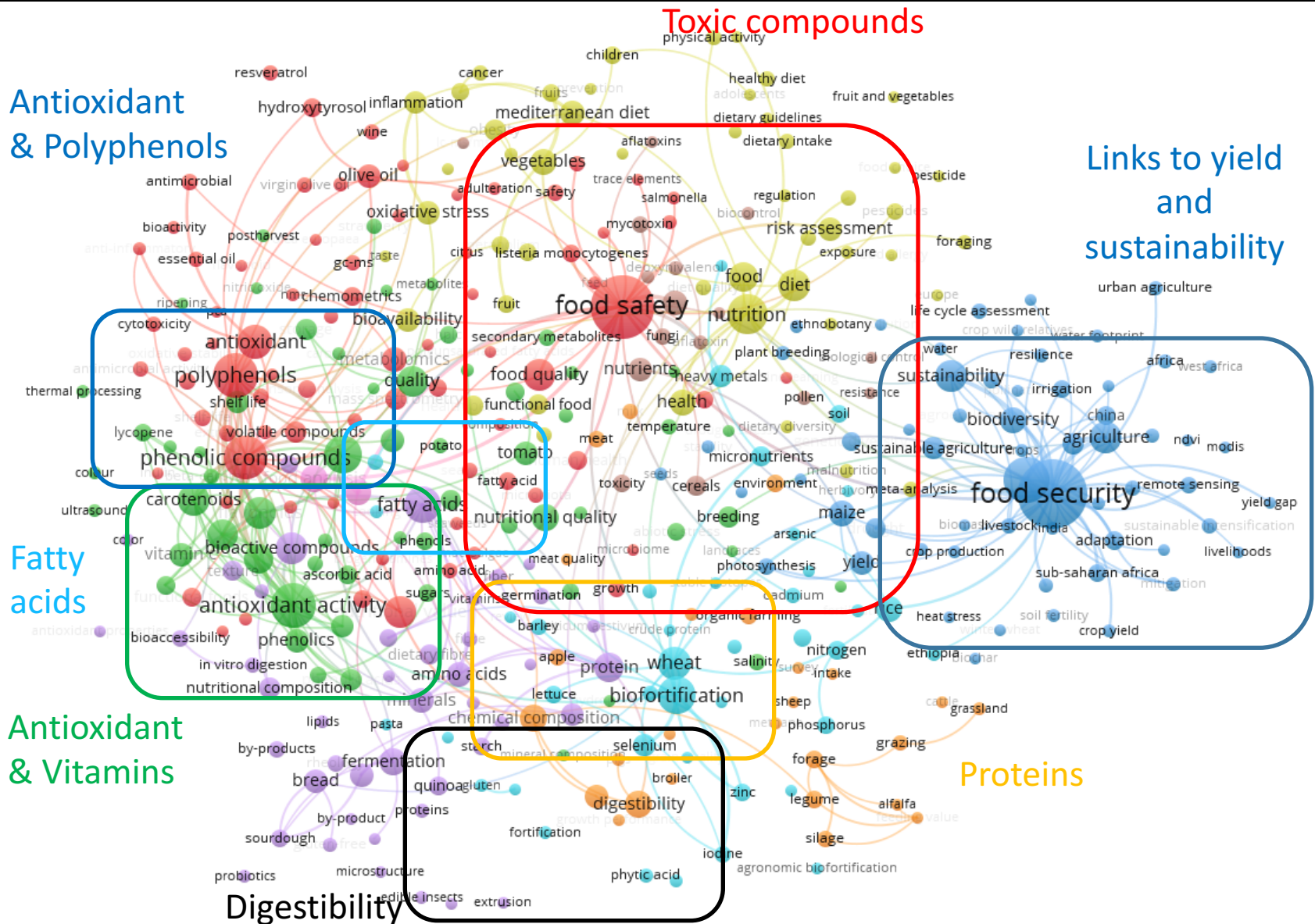
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- **Nutritional quality: General analysis (> 10,000 publications)**

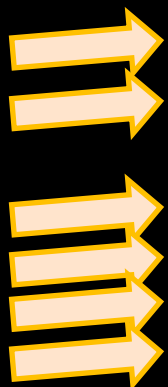
Keywords


Network of keyword co-occurrence define research fields



## - Nutritional quality: General analysis

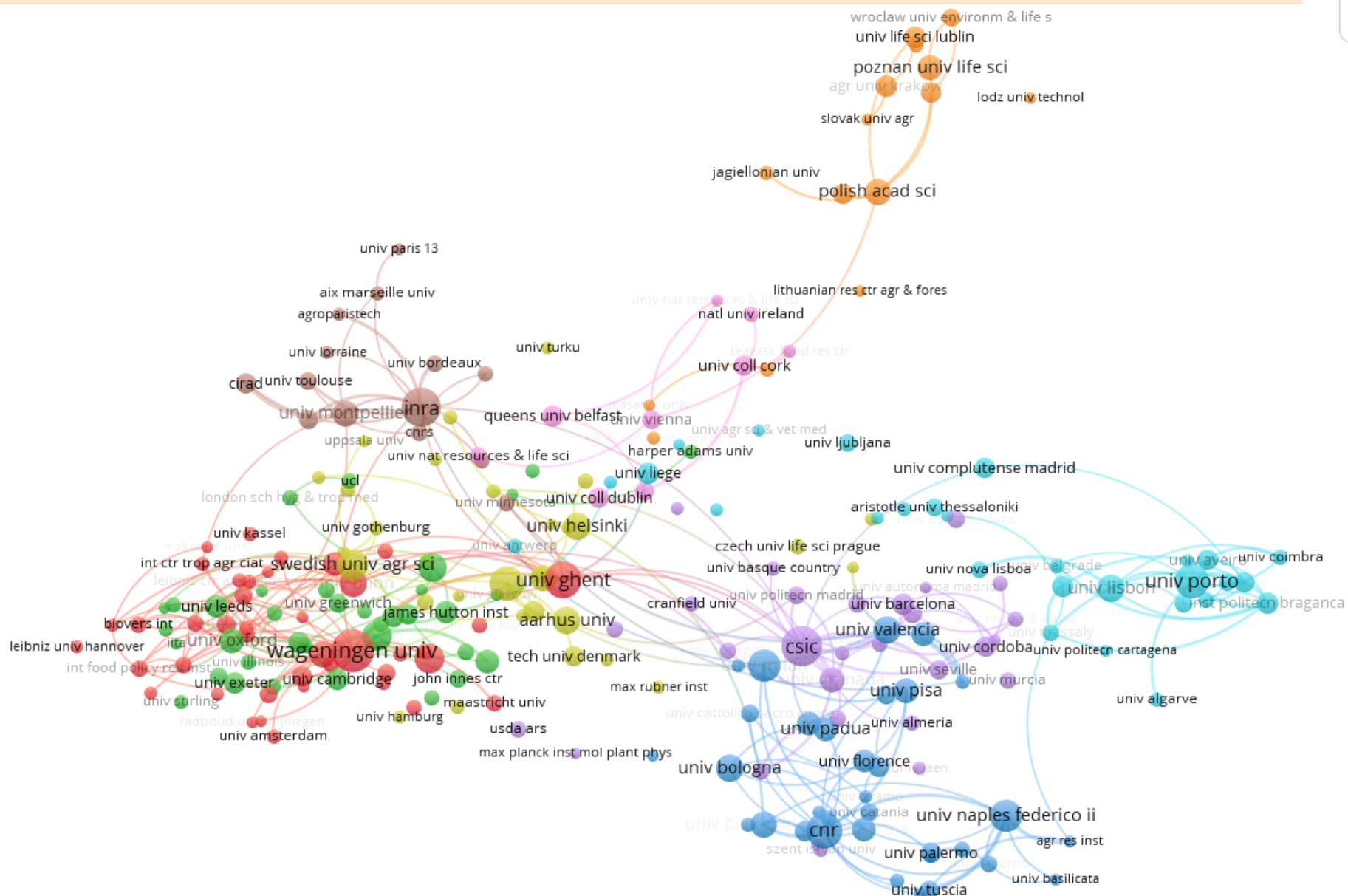
List of **main institutions** in all fields linked to **Nutritional quality**



	Name	Rank	Country/Region	▼ Web of Science Documents	Times Cited	Category Normalized Citation Impact	% Documents in Q1 Journals	% Docs Cited	% Documents in Top 1%
<input type="checkbox"/>	▶ INRAE	1	FRANCE	473	6,262	1.95	64.37%	85.2%	4.65%
<input type="checkbox"/>	▶ Wageningen University & Research	2	NETHERLANDS	431	6,079	1.98	70.87%	85.85%	5.8%
<input type="checkbox"/>	▶ Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC)	3	SPAIN	427	5,279	1.83	71.48%	82.44%	3.98%
<input type="checkbox"/>	▶ Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (CNR)	4	ITALY	266	2,768	1.5	55.56%	84.96%	3.01%
<input type="checkbox"/>	▶ Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS)	5	FRANCE	253	3,826	1.91	67.84%	82.21%	4.74%
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<input type="checkbox"/>	▶ University of Copenhagen	7	DENMARK	172	2,829	1.78	70.73%	86.05%	4.07%
<input type="checkbox"/>	▶ Universidade do Porto	8	PORTUGAL	169	3,094	2.22	73.21%	85.21%	2.37%
<input type="checkbox"/>	▶ University of Naples Federico II	9	ITALY	165	2,103	1.89	72.28%	81.82%	6.06%
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- **Nutritional quality: General analysis**

## **Main institutions in all fields linked to Nutritional quality and their interaction**



## - Nutritional quality: General analysis

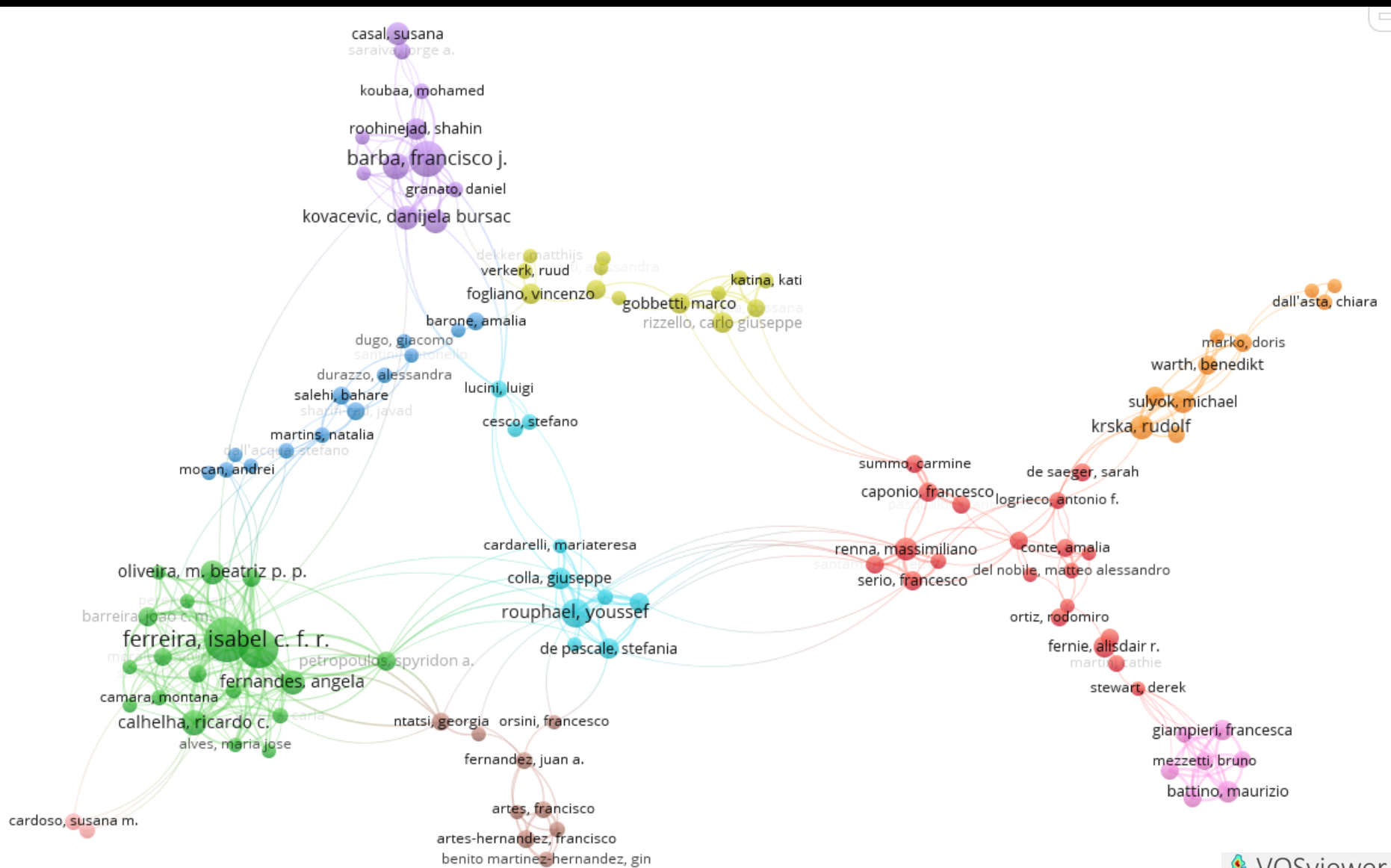
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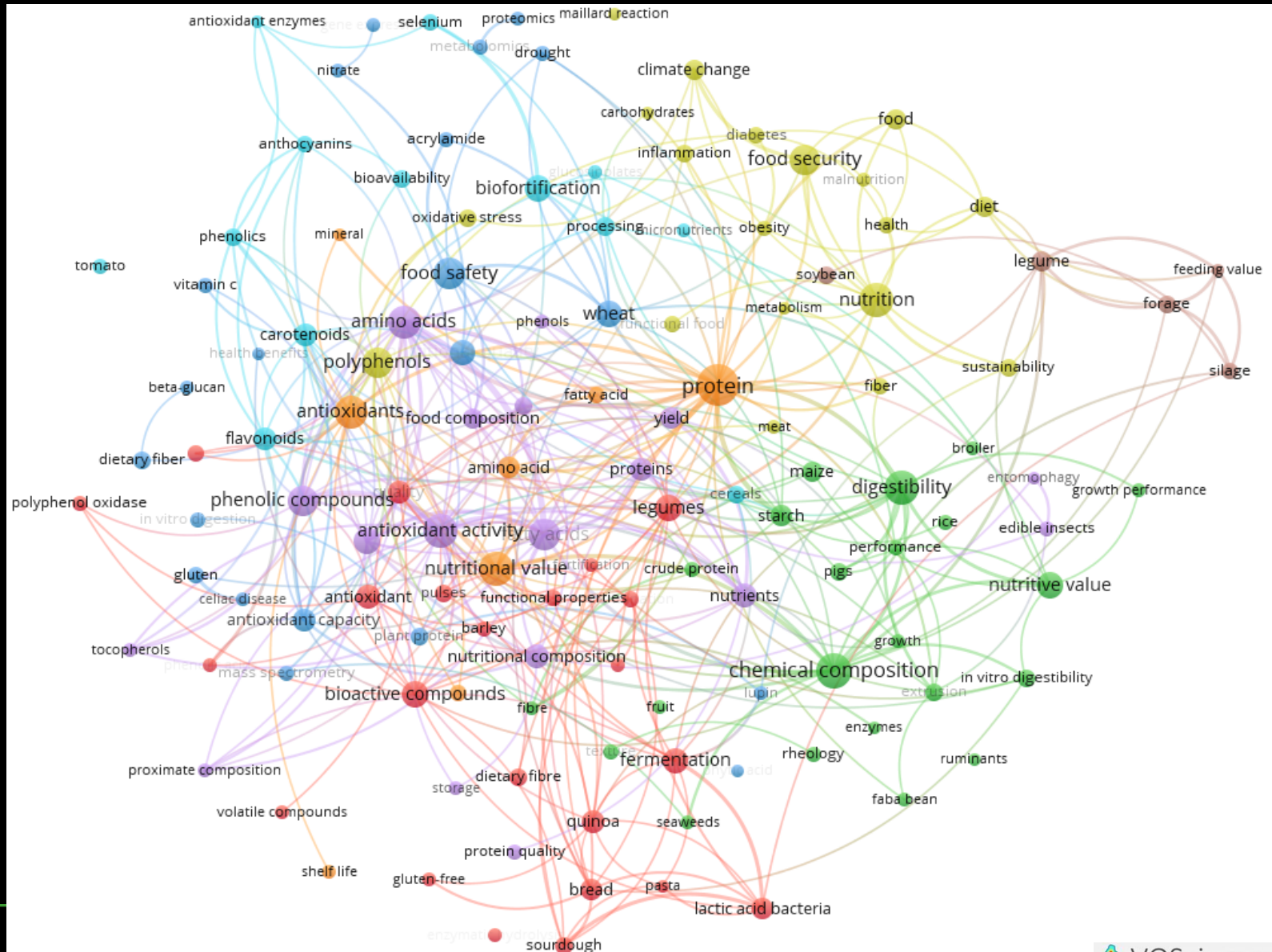
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**Main actors in all fields linked to Nutritional quality and their interaction**











## Keywords

Network of **keyword co-occurrence** *in the field "Proteins"*



- **Nutritional quality: Proteins**

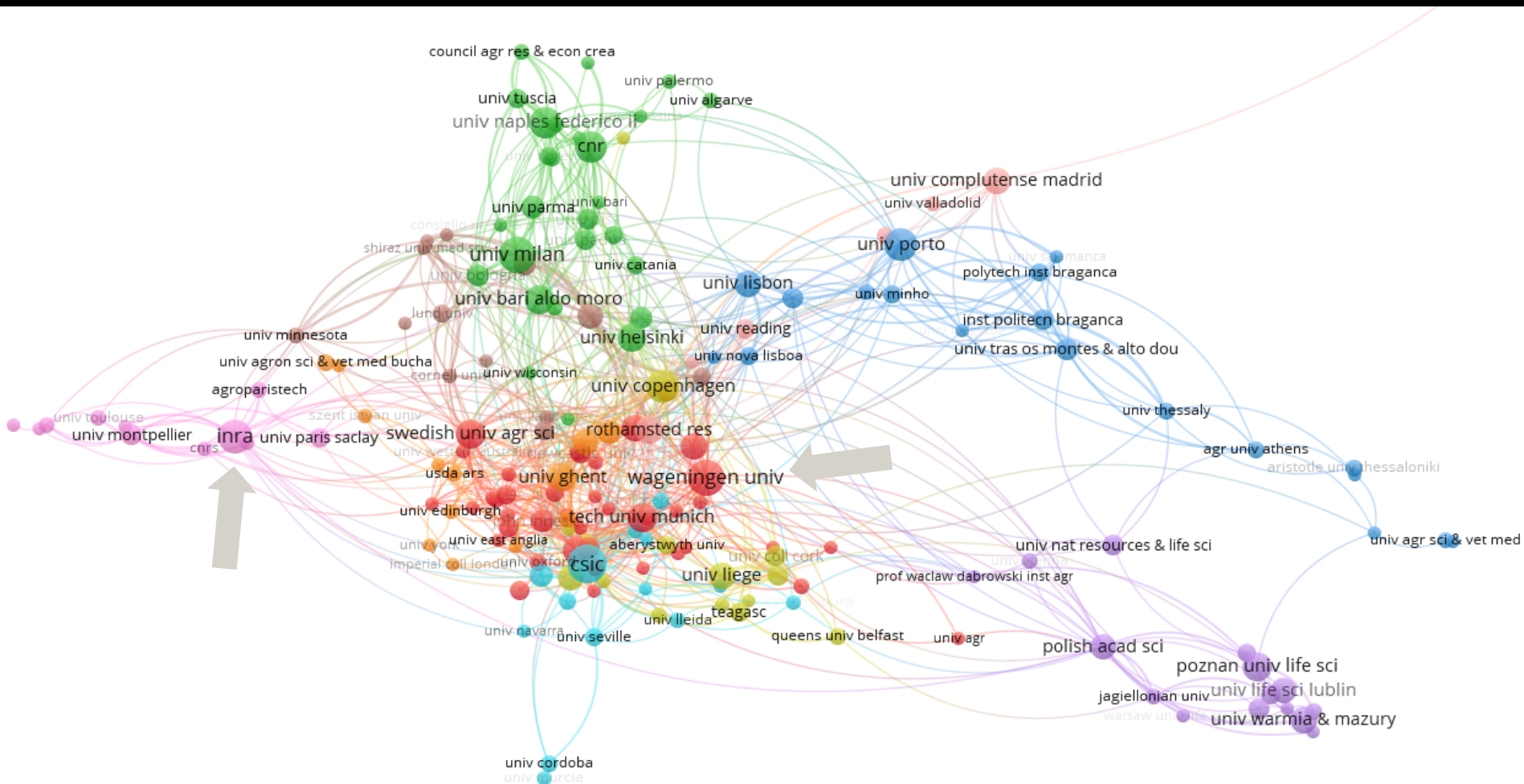
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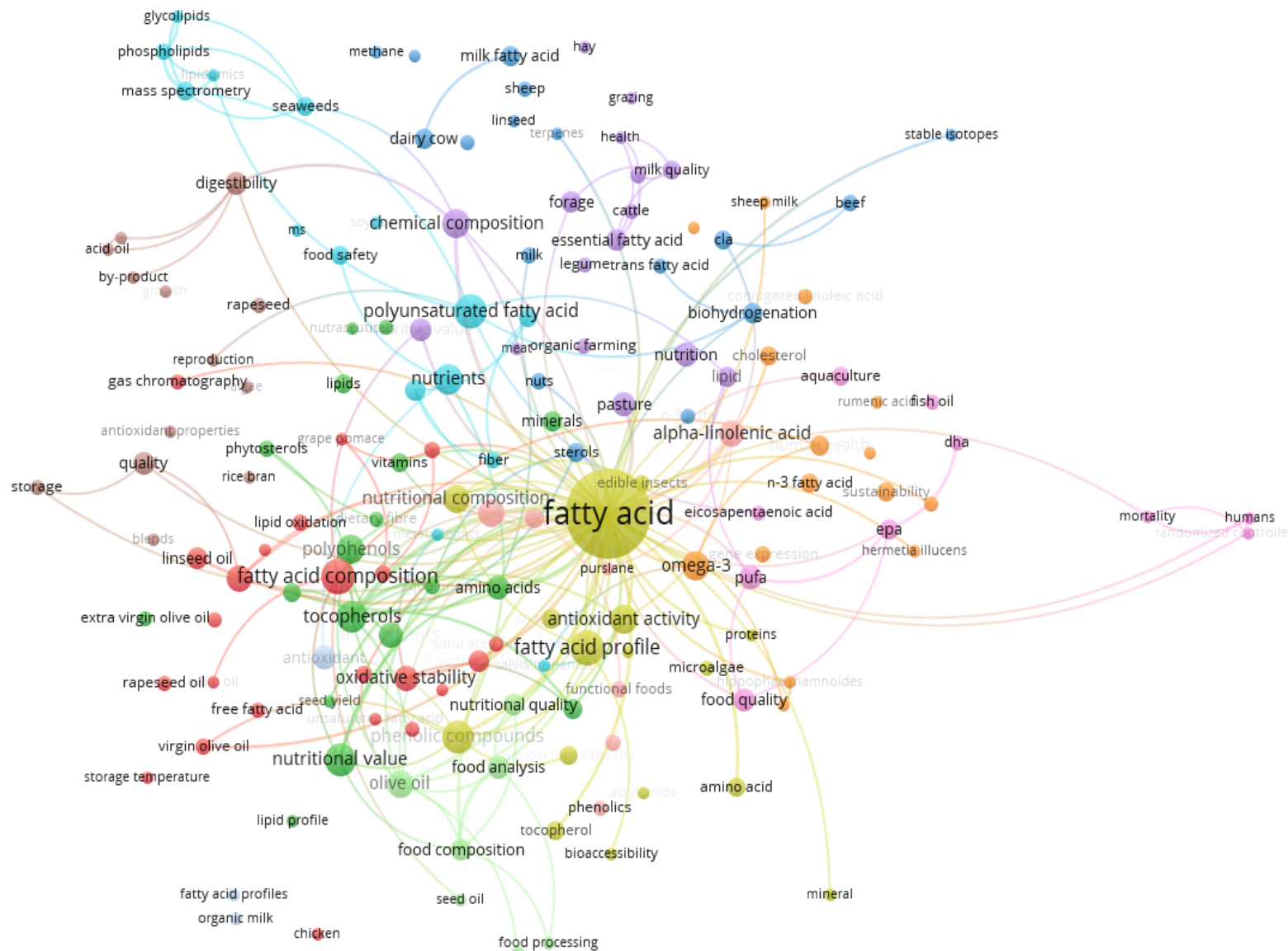
- **Nutritional quality: *Proteins***

***Institutions and their interactions in the field “Proteins”***




- **Nutritional quality: Fatty acids – Omega3**

**Keywords** - Network of **keyword co-occurrence** in the field ***"Fatty acids – Omega3"***



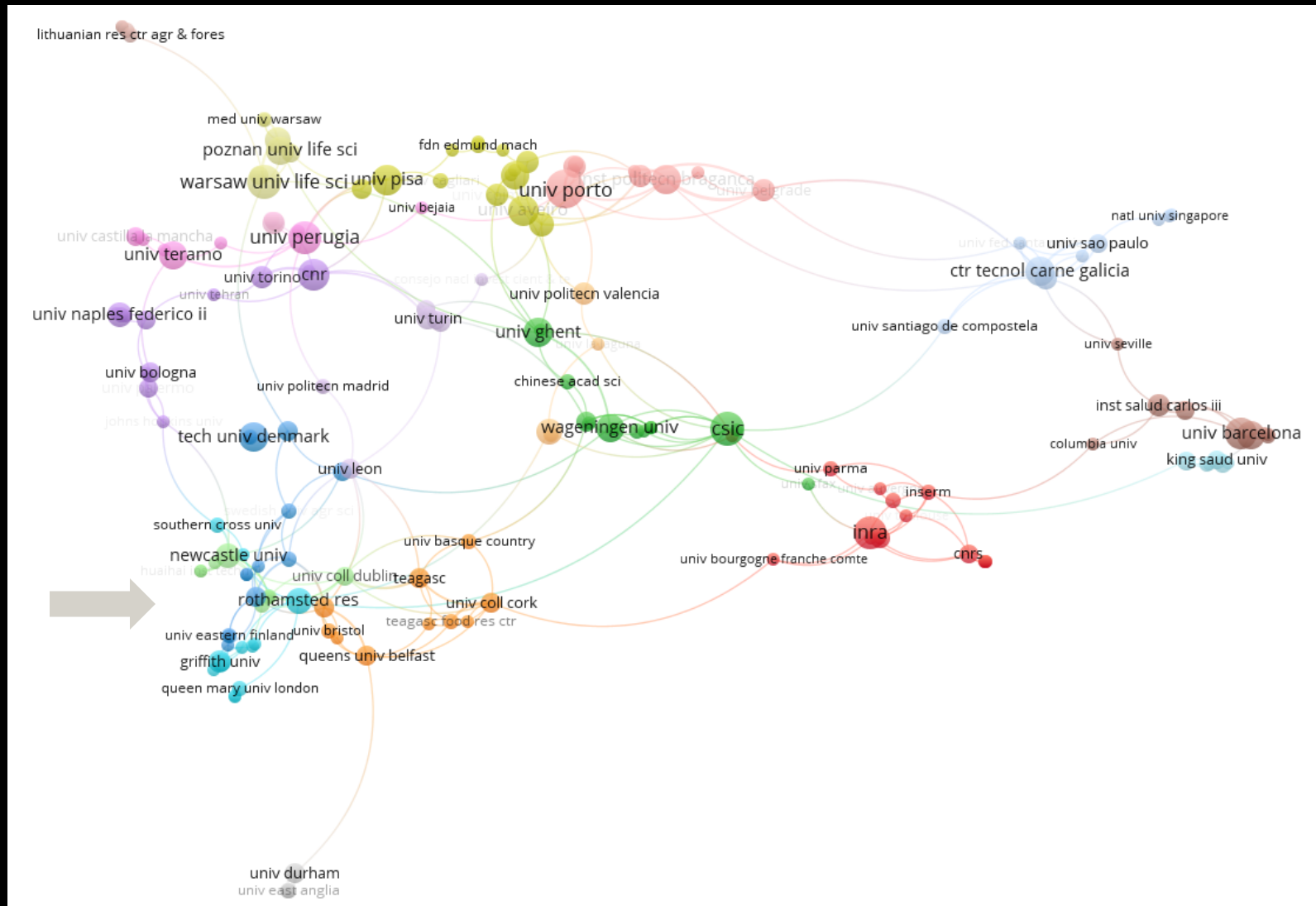
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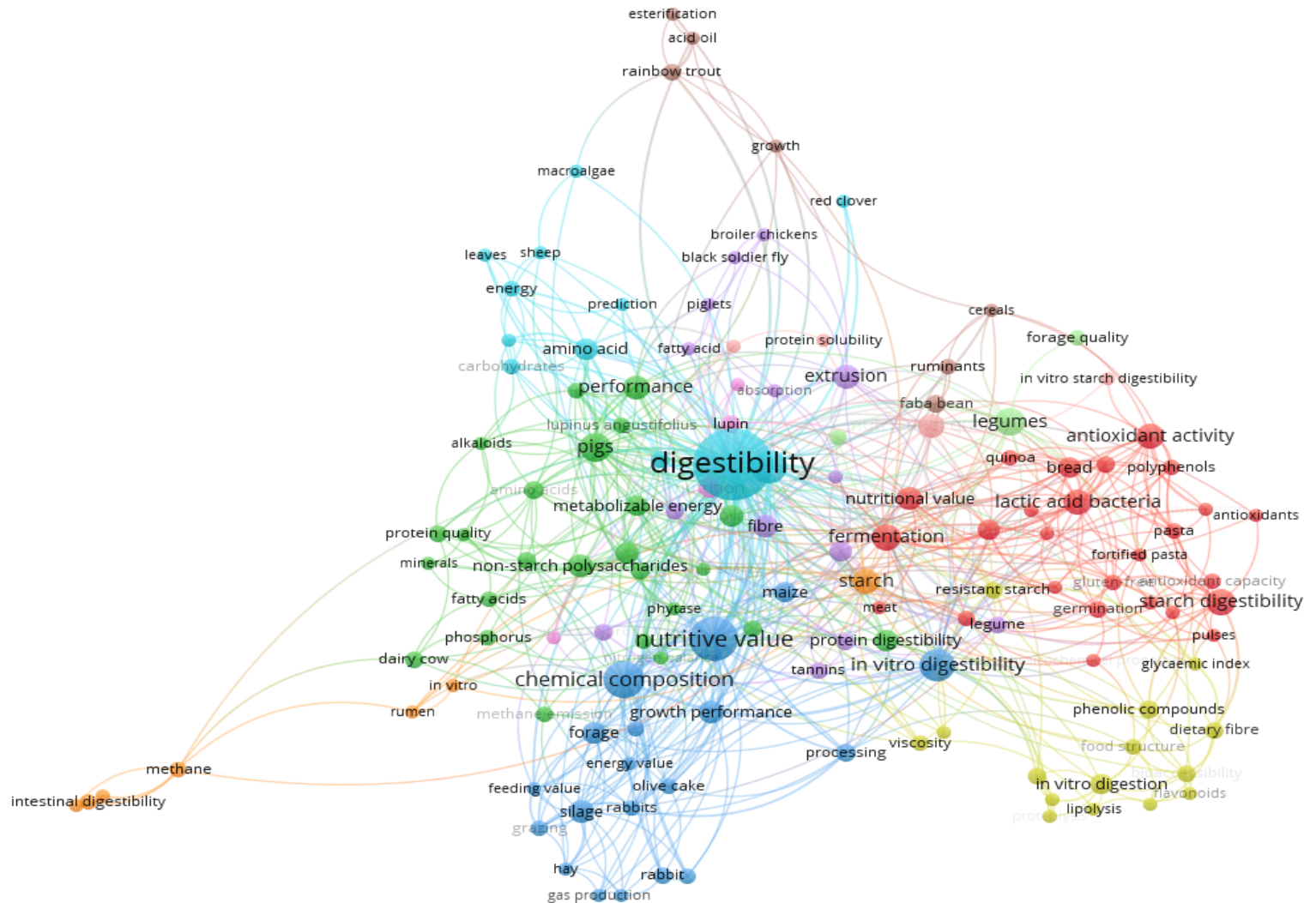
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- **Nutritional quality: Fatty acids – Omega3**

**Main institutions and their interactions in the field “Fatty acids – Omega3”**




Network of **keyword co-occurrence** *in the field* **"Biomass digestibility"**



- **Nutritional quality: Biomass digestibility**

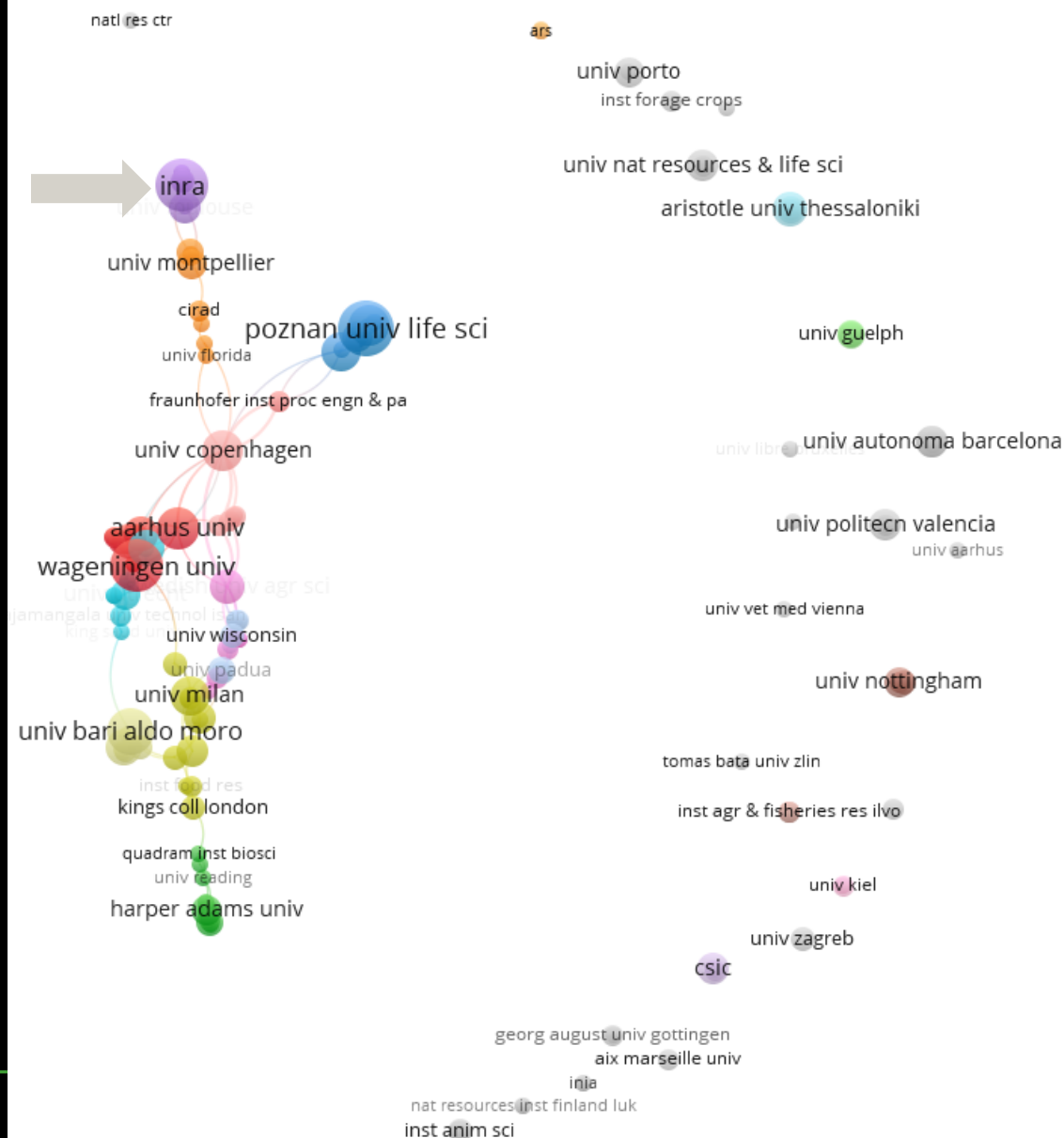
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## Nutritional quality: Biomass digestibility

### Main institutions and their networks in the field “Biomass digestibility”



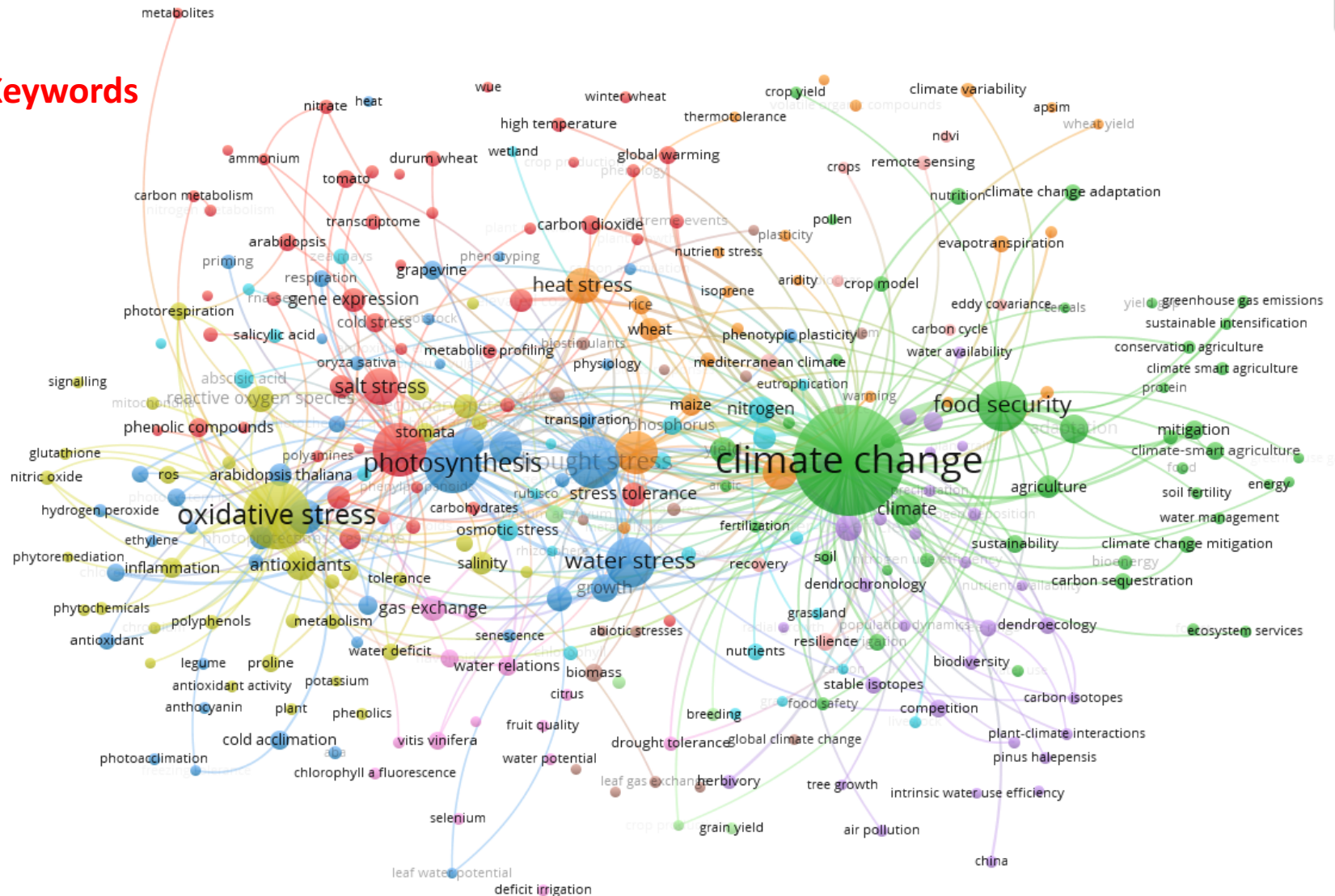
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→ Sustainability & Yield & Nutritional quality (*i.e.* >24,000 publications)

- **Climate change**
- **Stress**

**Keywords:** recent over-representation of keywords linked to climate change



→ Sustainability & Yield & Nutritional quality (*i.e.* >24,000 publications)

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# Major Players in Private-Public-Partnerships inside EU countries



● **Applied Research communities** (Private companies, R&D services of Cooperatives, Technical Institutes, networks of Experimental Stations etc.).

## Method:

- Screening of the scientific production (**WoS**) during **five years (2015-2019)** (funding e.g.

REMIX – H2020 – 727217, BACI – H2020 – 640176, FACCE SURPUS – H2020 – 652614, GoodBerry – H2020 – 679303, MycoKey – H2020 – 678781, PAPETS - FP7 – 323901, Innovine - FP7 – 311775, Watbio - FP7 – 311929...)

- List of actors coming from the biotechnology industries also inventoried using available **lists of previously funded projects by EU, DFG, ANR... + GABI** funded projects in Germany, **Biovegen** projects in Spain, private companies involved in the French Investments for the Future (**PIA**), private partners of the **French GIS-BV** (public private partnership for plant biotechnologies)...

Günter Strittmatter, Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf, Germany

Peter Westoff, Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf, Germany



Francesco Loreto, CNR, Roma, Italy



Erik Murchie, UNOTT, Nottingham, UK



Rene Klein Lankhorst, WUR, Wageningen, NL



Pablo Vera, IBMCP CSIC, Valencia, Spain



Gonzaga Ruiz de Gauna, Biovegen, Madrid, Spain

Peter Rogowsky, INRAE, Lyon, France



Norbert Rolland, INRAE/CNRS, Grenoble, France



Mathias Pribil, Univ. Copenhagen, Denmark

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# Major Players in Private-Public-Partnerships: Inside Germany, and interaction of German PPPs with EU countries



## 1 Germany/Private Sector

- KWS SAAT SE & Co. KGaA
- Saaten Union Biotech GmbH
- BASF SE
- Norddeutsche Pflanzenzucht  
Hans Georg Lembke KG
- Bayer CropScience AG
- Nordasaat  
Saatzuchgesellschaft mbH



## 1 Germany / Public Sector

- Leibniz-Institut für Pflanzengenetik u. Kulturpflanzenforschung Gatersleben
- MPI f. Pflanzenzüchtungsforschung Köln
- MPI f. mol. Pflanzenphysiologie Golm
- Heinrich-Heine-Universität Düsseldorf
- Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen
- Georg-August-Universität Göttingen
- Forschungszentrum Jülich
- Universität Hohenheim
- Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel
- Martin-Luther Universität Halle-Wittenberg



# Major Players in Private-Public-Partnerships: Inside France, and interaction of French PPPs with EU countries

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## France / Private Sector

- Bayer CropScience
- BASF SE
- Vilmorin
- Limagrain
- Innolea
- RAGT Semences
- Florimond Desprez
- Momont / KWS France
- Euralis/Caussade
- Syngenta
- Gautier Semences
- MAS Seeds
- Agri Obtentions
- Secobra
- Danone
- Nestlé
- Roquette
- Vegenov BBV
- Arvalis
- Vegepolys Valley
- Terres Inovia
- Sofiproteol
- Gnis



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## France / Public Sector

- INRAE
- CNRS
- Cirad
- CEA
- IRD
- Institut Agro  
(fusion of SupAgro and  
AgroCampusOest in Montpellier)
- Université Paris-Saclay  
(incl. AgroParisTech + Université Paris-Sud)

Etc...





# Public-Private-Partnerships in Europe: Summary

- Intensively used system in F, D, NL, DK, E, I, GB, B
- Strong interactions F/D, F/NL, F/E, NL/D, B/NL, D/GB, GB/NL, D/I, I/NL
- Independent organizations for steering in E and DK
- Major players visible in all countries, at public and at private level



## Work package 4: International Cooperation [Months: 1-36]

INRAE, WR, VIB, WU, CNR, EPSO, UDUS, UNOTT, CNRS, UCPH, ULANC, USAMV CLUJ, ESA, ACTA

**Task 4.1.** This task aims to map the existing research communities using existing formal and informal EU networks (M1-M18 ->M24).

Task leader: UDUS; other partners: WR, VIB, CNR, EPSO, UNOTT, CNRS, UCPH, INRA, ULANC, USAMV, ESA, SORBONNE, ARVALIS

- **Research communities** (physiologists, geneticists, breeders, modellers, agronomists, socio-economists, pathologists, etc...) who are mostly coming from **academic organisations** (Research Institutes and Universities).
- Create a **network model of existing or lacking interactions** from the mapping of national or international communities and projects, and their distribution within Europe.
- **Applied Research communities** (Private companies, R&D services of Cooperatives, Technical Institutes, networks of Experimental Stations etc.).
- Selecting people from all partners at European level (including 13 SHG members) to assemble an **expert panel** (see later, focus groups).



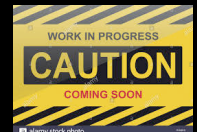
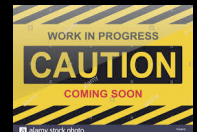
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**Task 4.2.** This task aims to link research communities identified during task 4.1 by organizing joint meetings between plant scientists (M12-M24 ->M28).

Task leader: INRAE; other partners: WR, VIB, WU, CNR, EPSO, UDUS, UNOTT, JKI, CNRS, UCPH, ULANC, USAMV, ACTA, ESA

- Organize networking activities with the different Research communities to identify experts for sustainable improvement of crop yield, and nutritional quality (link with WP1).
- Organize a joint meeting between European plants scientists from different disciplines and ongoing research programs to inventory areas of sustainable improvement of crop yield, and nutritional quality.
- Assemble an expert panel to review strategies (see task 4.3)



## Focus groups

- Organize **networking activities** with the different **Research communities** to identify experts for sustainable improvement of crop yield, and nutritional quality (link with WP1).

To limit the number of these “Focus groups”, and thanks to the literature screening and to the work performed in the frame of the WP1, **only seven “Focus groups” were originally planned:**

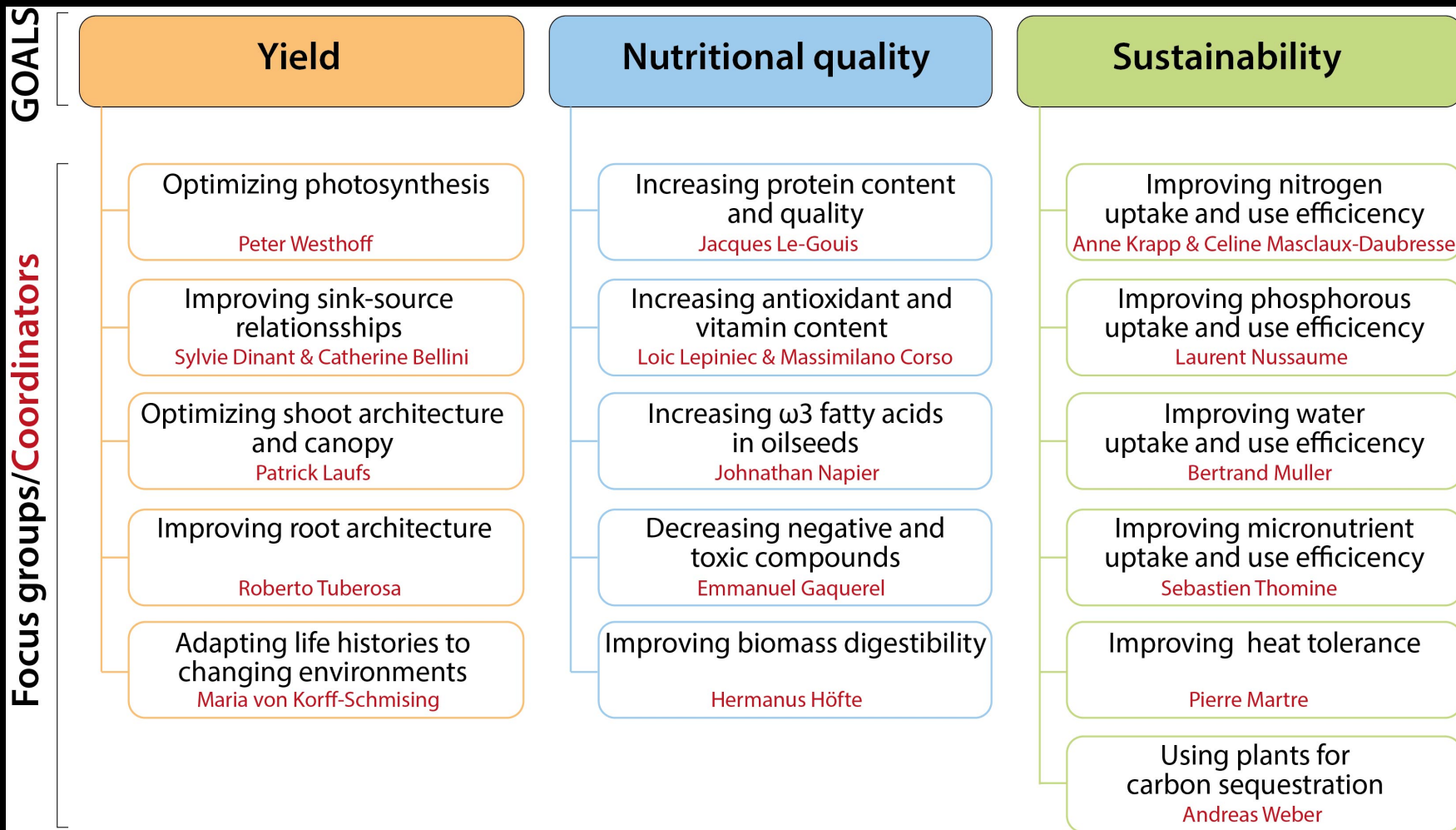
- Nutrient use efficiency
- Water use efficiency
- Photosynthesis: light capture and carbon assimilation
- Nutritional quality and secondary metabolism
- Shoot and root architecture and the canopy
- Source/sink balance
- Environmental abiotic stresses due to climate change: adaptation and mitigation

*However, first contacts performed at Germany and France (INRAE and CNRS) scale **did not allow to identify experts able to coordinate groups combining both nitrogen and phosphorus assimilation, or even, shoot and root architecture...***



# Focus groups & their coordinators

(According to WP1, WP2, and literature screening in WP4)



# Focus Groups: Tasks of Coordinators

## 1. Gathering a team of experts

- Organize networking activities with the different Research communities

## 2. Report (end of January 2021)

- Status quo of research in the field
  - Current know-how
  - Most relevant latest research results
  - Trends in research, new technology applied or potentially applicable
- Future challenges in the field to be addressed with high priority
  - What are the most relevant unsolved questions (questions scientific questions, societal and economic challenges)
  - Aspects/opportunities for application of research results
- Action points for a future research program in the field
  - What needs to be done to solve the scientific questions and to meet the societal and economic challenges ?
  - Projects with application relevance
  - What needs to be done to support the translation of research results into societal and economic value?

## 3. Presentation/discussion of report at Versailles-Meeting (23-25 March 2021)

- Organize a joint meeting between European plants scientists from different disciplines

## 4. Coming to a joint proposal of action points adjusted between all Focus Groups



# Perspectives (WP4, tasks 4.2 and 4.3)

## Goals of the focus groups

Identify research areas with innovation potential for the improvement of **yield** & **nutritional quality** of cultivated plants and of **sustainability** in agricultural production

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Discuss the research agenda with stakeholders to come to an adjusted strategy paper



## Goal of the strategy paper

Basis for WP5  
to focus and prioritize the strategic concept

- Organize networking activities with the different Research communities

- Organize a joint meeting between European plants scientists from different disciplines

- Assemble an expert panel to review strategies (see task 4.3)



# Participants

## Task 4.1

- Dominique Fournier, INRAE, Montpellier, France
- Rene Klein Lankhorst, WUR, Wageningen, NL
- Francesco Loreto, CNR, Roma, Italy
- Jacqueline Martin-Laffon, CNRS, Grenoble, France
- Bertrand Muller, INRAE, Montpellier, France
- Erik Murchie, UNOTT, Nottingham, UK
- Philippe Nacry, INRAE, Montpellier, France
- Mathias Pribil, Univ. Copenhagen, Denmark
- Peter Rogowsky, INRAE, Lyon, France
- Norbert Rolland, INRAE/CNRS, Grenoble, France
- Gonzaga Ruiz de Gauna, Biovegen, Madrid, Spain
- Günter Strittmatter, Heinrich-Heine-Univ. Düsseldorf, Germany
- Pablo Vera, IBMCP CSIC, Valencia, Spain
- Peter Westoff, Heinrich-Heine-Univ. Düsseldorf, Germany

## Task 4.2

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# Planning Milestones and Deliverables year 3

D4.1 Network map of research networks available for further scientific interactions. M22 (September 2020, End of November 2020)

MS10 (WP3) 1st social actor consultation. M24 (November 2020)

D5.4 Report describing the framework for expressing the moral correctness of the programme M24 (November 2020/February 2021)

MS18 (WP5) Research Plan Workshop organized. M25 (December 2020/May 2021)

D5.3 Report describing programme management structure M25 (December 2020/April 2021)

D3.1 Consultation report on the first consultation step. M26 (January 2021)

MS15 (WP4) Expert panel assembled to define scientific and technical strategies. M27 (February 2021 = Focus group coordinators Nov. 2020)

MS16 (WP4) Joint meeting organized between European plant scientists and expert panel identified. M27 (23-25 March 2021)

MS17 (WP4) Draft review papers and research visions to feed WP5. M27 (February 2021 = Reports of Focus group coordinators Feb. 2021 OK)

MS11 (WP3) 2nd social actor consultation. M28 (March 2021/April 2021)

MS19 (WP5) Draft report ready and sent for review. M28 (March 2021/September 2021)

D2.4 Integrated impact assessment outcomes report to the commission. M30 (May 2021/August 21)

D5.6 Research plan for a future European crop yield programme M30 (May 2021/November 2021)

MS20 (WP5) Draft white paper submitted to programme members and SHG for review. M32 (July 2021/January 2022)

D4.2 White paper and scientific basis of a strategic research agenda M33 (August 2021/November 2021)

D3.2 Consultation report on the second consultation step. M34 (September 2021)

MS21 (WP5) Revised version submitted to programme members and SHG for review. M34 (September 2021/February 2022)

D3.3 Recommendation dossier on mid-term outreach measures to increase public awareness and understanding of novel technologies. M36 (November 2021/February 2022)

D5.7 White paper describing the route to improved crop yields in Europe, including the future consortium M36 (November 2021/April 2022)

