



EcoStack

Stacking of ecosystem services:

mechanisms and interactions for optimal
crop protection, pollination enhancement
and productivity



The Project

Agriculture has to face the great challenge of balancing the demand for high productivity, imposed by the global increase of human population, with environmental impacts and social acceptability of new production strategies.

EcoStack, a 5-year Research and Innovation Action, under the EU Horizon 2020 programme, has started on September 10, 2018, and includes 24 partners with complementary expertise, covering all major pedoclimatic production zones and major agricultural production systems in Europe.

The overall goal of the project is to develop and support ecologically, economically and socially sustainable crop production via stacking of biodiversity service providers and bio-inspired tools.

EcoStack will use transdisciplinary research methods and will promote active participation of multi-actor groups across Europe in order to create new knowledge, transfer the know-how, co-design new cropping systems, and use stakeholder-guided development of new agricultural concepts for generating economic and ecological benefits for farmers, biodiversity and society.

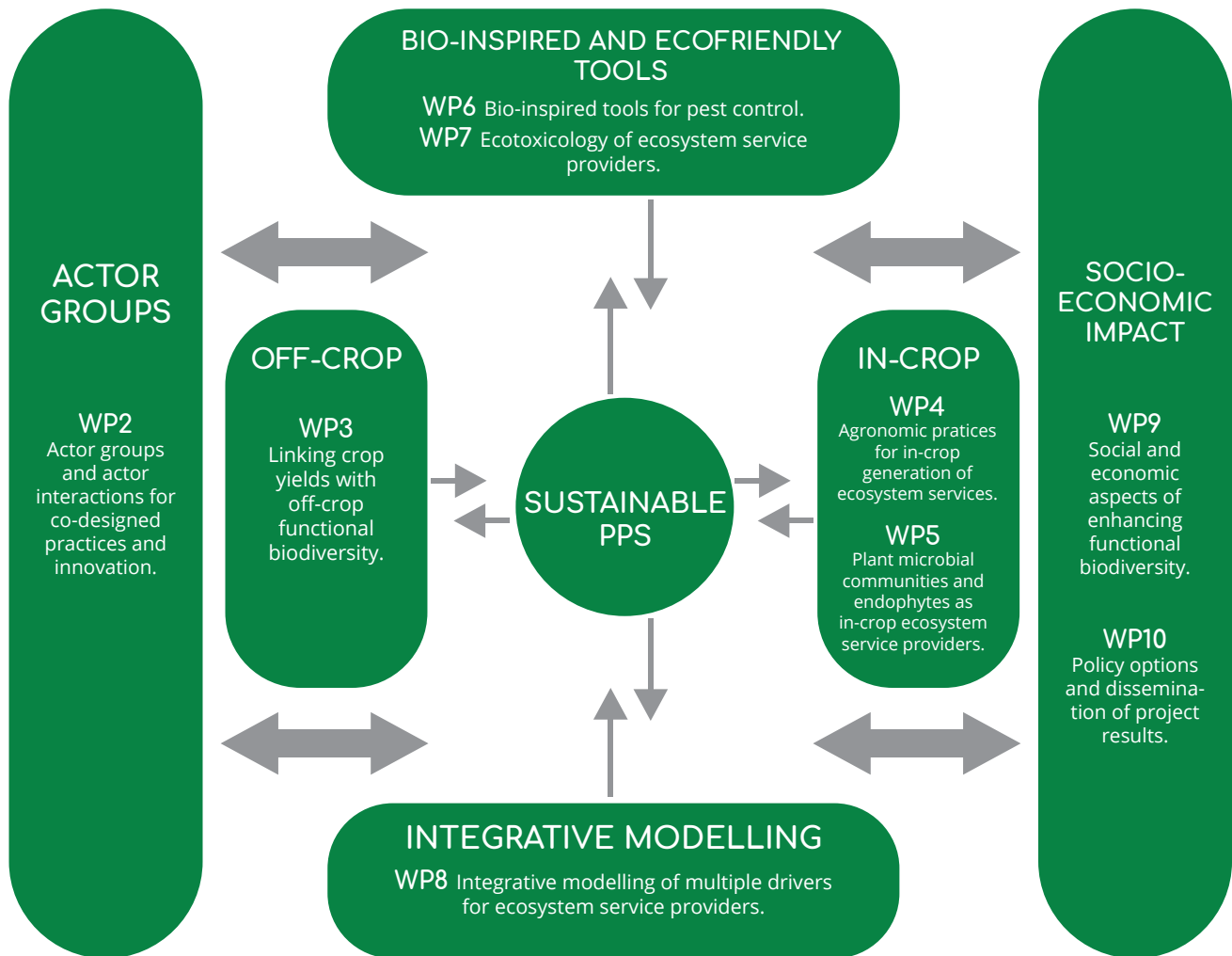
Objectives

EcoStack has four major objectives:

- Assess sustainable crop production needs, and EcoStack outcomes, based on functional biodiversity, using an interactive forum of actor groups and stakeholders, to achieve sustainable productivity gains
- Evaluate and optimise the role of main off-crop habitats supplying ecosystem services for crop production
- Design and test in-crop interventions, which support the generation of ecosystem services within the crop, and which may carry over to the next crop in the rotation
- Develop, design and implement integrated systems for optimised provision of ecosystem services and use of plant protection tools, with focus on ecological, economic and social sustainability of integrated systems

Structure

The structure of EcoStak includes 9 scientific Work Packages (WP), that are designed to develop sustainable strategies for plant production and protection strategies (PPS).





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