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Agri-Food Value Chain Decision-Making under high risk and uncertainties; an H2020 grant to support joint EU and South American Agriculture strategies

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H2020 RUC-APS Project

- ✿ **Funding body:** EU H2020 Framework
- ✿ **Call:** H2020-MSCA-RISE-2015
- ✿ **Topic area:** “Marie Skłodowska-Curie Research and Innovation Staff Exchange (RISE)”
- ✿ **Project duration:** 48 months (started on 3/10/2016)
- ✿ **Overall Budget:** €1.3M
- ✿ **Web-site:** www.ruc-aps.eu

What is happening since....ALWAYS!!

Uncertainty and Risk conditions (Many variables and their interrelationships to consider)



Hail Storm



Wild Animals



Pesticide damage



Drought conditions

KEY DECISIONS

What, Where, when, how to produce? to deliver in the right quantity, time and quality to end customers?

Innovation in Agriculture Production Systems is a must

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Identify the Challenges in Agri-Food Supply Chains

- **What is not new**

- Farming and agronomic management of crops (regions, soil, climate)
- Agriculture production systems and post-harvest processes
- Unexpected weather conditions (climate change and diseases)
- Use of technologies to support Agri-Food Decision-Making
- Logistic and packaging requirements (picking, routing, delivery)



- **What still requires analysis**

- If all previous aspects are known, why there are still inefficiencies and waste in the Agri-Food Supply Chains domain?
- Why technology is not accessible 100% to every farmer?
- Why Innovations processes still seems far away from end-users requirements?
- Why Risk and Uncertainty is vaguely covered in Agri-Food?



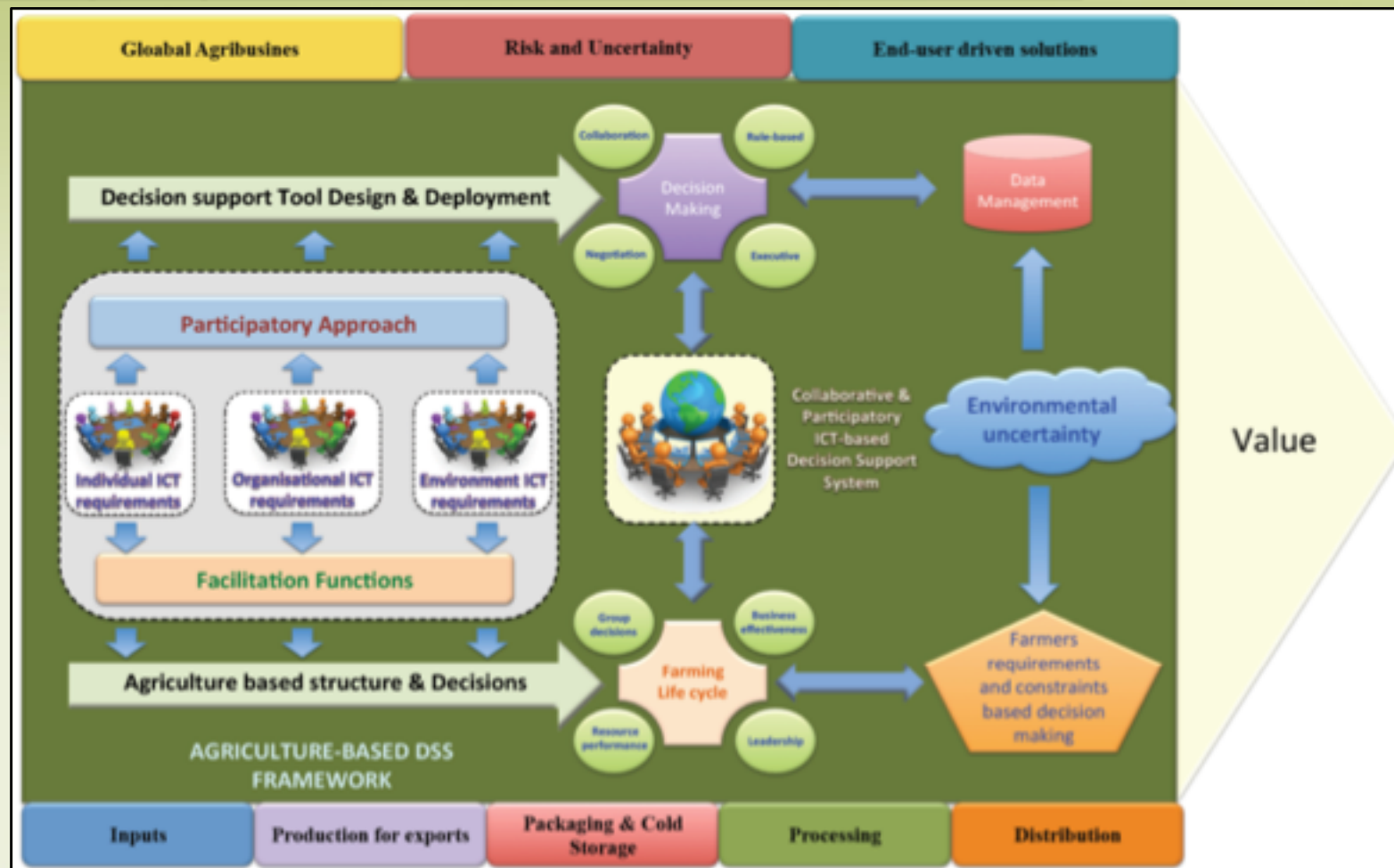
So, what is the real meaning of applied research?

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The proposed RUC-ASP framework



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The RUC-APS Strategy

REVIEW RUC-APS MISSION

“SUPPORT FARMERS DECISION-MAKING ONCE THEY ARE FACING HIGH UNCERTAINTY AND RISK WITHIN A VALUE CHAIN VIEW”

REVIEW RUC-APS VISION

“TO BE A CONSOLIDATED AND COMPETITIVE INTERNATIONAL AND MULTIDISCIPLINARY CONSORTIUM TO PROVIDE PARTICIPATORY AND COLLABORATIVE SOLUTIONS TO UP-TO-DATE AGRICULTURE VALUE CHAIN STAKEHOLDERS CHALLENGES AND REQUIREMENTS”

The RUC-APS consortium

Country	Acronym	Participant
	ULIV	Management School - University of Liverpool
	ULIV	Institute for Risk and Uncertainty - University of Liverpool
	ULIV	Integrative Biology Institute - University of Liverpool
	UoP	Business School - University of Plymouth
	IFA	Innovation for Agriculture, the Royal Agriculture Society of England
	RP	Riviera Produce
	ALSIA	Agenzia Lucana di Sviluppo e di Innovazione in Agricoltura
	CNR- ISPA	CNR - Istituto di Scienze delle Produzioni Alimentari
	AINIA	Food Innovation Technology Center
	FEDACOVA	Valencian Agri-Food Business Federation
	UPV	Universitat Politècnica de València

Country	Acronym	Participant
	BDI	Bretagne Development Innovation
	UL	TELECOM Nancy - University of Lorraine
	UTC1	Université Toulouse 1 Capitole
	ISBPAN	Intelligent Systems Laboratory - Systems Research Institute Polish Academy of Science
	INIA	La Platina - National Agriculture Institute of Chile
	INIA	Carillanca - National Agriculture Institute of Chile
	UNLP	Faculty of informatics - Universidad de La Plata
	UNLP	Faculty of Agronomy and Natural Sciences - Universidad de La Plata
	SV	ServiVerde

+ new Chilean institutions

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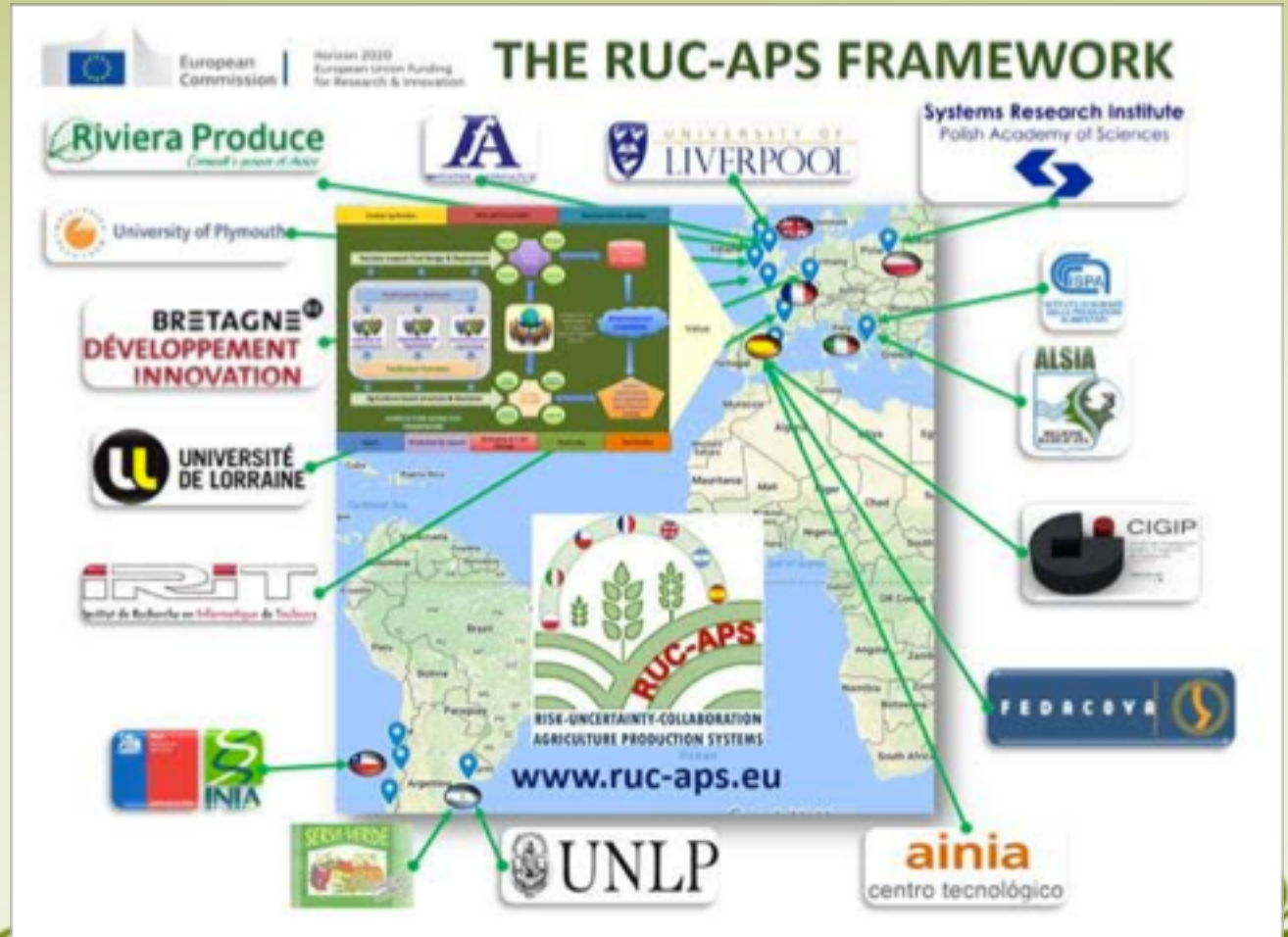


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INDUSTRY/PUBLIC SECTOR INVOLVEMENT

- ✓ 16 Institutions
- ✓ > 100 researchers
- ✓ 500 Agri-Food stakeholders
- ✓ Ministries and local governments in agriculture involved



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RUC-APS FRAMEWORK

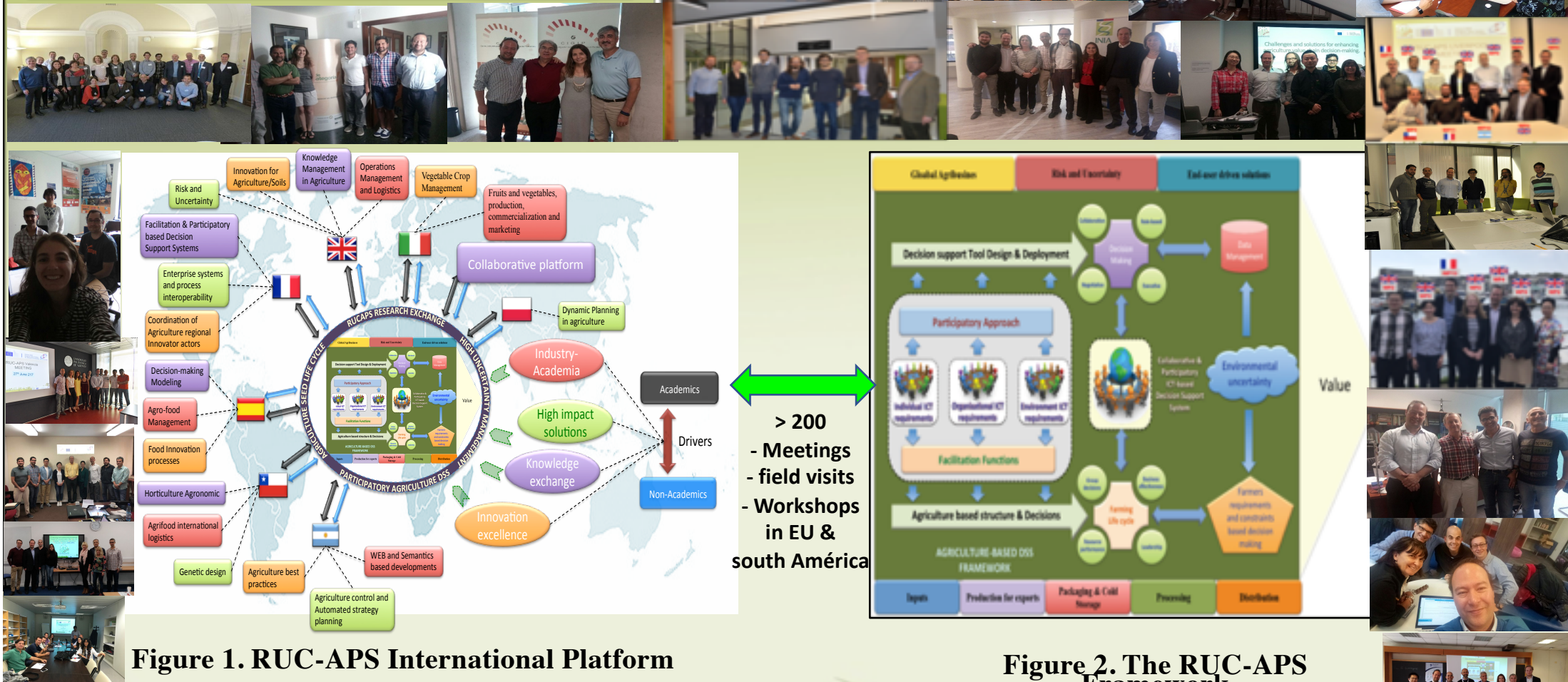


Figure 1. RUC-APS International Platform

Figure 2. The RUC-APS Framework

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EVIDENCE - Global challenges facing food and agriculture (FAO, 2017)

- Sustainably improving agricultural productivity to meet increasing demand.
- Ensuring a sustainable natural resource base.
- Addressing climate change and intensification of natural hazards.
- Eradicating extreme poverty and reducing inequality.
- Ending hunger and all forms of malnutrition.
- Making food systems more efficient, inclusive and resilient.
- Improving income earning opportunities in rural areas and addressing the root causes of migration.
- Building resilience to protracted crises, disasters and conflicts.
- Preventing transboundary and emerging agriculture and food system threats.

Key research Activities & outcomes

Journals Publications (ISI Q1)

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Key research Activities & outcomes

Book Chapters

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Conclusions

- Current growing in risk and uncertainty is affecting agribusiness stakeholders' decision-making, especially in terms of dealing with the key commodities, such as price.
- The major reasons causing information sharing issues are that producers not always have access to the right ICT, hence access to the right information, timely, is not that straight.

Conclusions

- Due to climate change, a higher need for collaboration is required to overcome the main uncertainties, in special amongst stakeholders from similar latitudes.
- Interoperability issues are still far away to be solved in agriculture, which is paradoxical considering the amount of technology available.



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