



Farming carbon

Mobilising farmers' groups in favour of the 4/1000 initiative



Association for the Promotion of a Sustainable Agriculture



Soil Conservation Agriculture (CA): a solution against climate change

- ✓ **3 pillars: no soil disturbance, permanent soil cover, diversification of cultivated species**
 - ✓ **A living soil** = + 53% of soil carbon sequestration, 6 to 10 times less GHG emissions, + biodiversity, – erosion
- ✓ **A positive impact on society and climate:** an agriculture which protects and produces, whilst being more resilient to environmental and socio-economic crises.

The challenge: The dissemination of Conservation Agriculture in the world

Although this **regenerative agriculture** represents a genuine **3rd pathway** between conventional and organic, its worldwide development is too slow. **Agronomical and economic obstacles** remain, which need to be tackled together with researchers and political decision-makers. Moreover, the difficulties of “**thinking differently**” and calling their farming practices into question also hamper the farmers’ decision to transition.



Set the farmers’ groups into motion: the actions of the APAD and the GCAN

- **Professionalise the farmers’ groups** to enable them to mobilise, train, and exchange with the stakeholders.
- **Stimulate the networking** between national farmers’ associations around the world.
- **Build national and international projects together with partners** in order to reference all the benefits of CA.
- **Raise awareness** among civil society and the agricultural community.
- **Proposing policy measures** adapted to soil conservation agriculture.



APAD
500 farmers,
10 local associations in France
1 international network:
the GCAN



The Agritomium project: 13 partners in 11 countries

- **Encourage the knowledge transfer between farmers.** *Enabling farmers to become integral parts of a sustainable rural development means **ensuring a transfer of knowledge and know-how** that allows them to **improve rapidly** in their farming techniques, to **mutualise their experiences and the risks they take**, and to **mobilise as a group**.*
- **Obtain technical, environmental and socio-economic data in pilot-farms.** *Characterise and reference the results (both environmental and economic) in farms and **in real operating conditions** will consolidate the conviction of the farmers themselves and of all the other community stakeholders as well, from the political decision-makers to the citizen.*

If you are interested in our Agritomium project, become partner or co-financer!
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Our ambition: Enable farmers to be the agents of today’s change, they will guarantee the improvements for the environment and the society of tomorrow.

