

# Have you "bean" here before? The LegValue project studies legume value chains across Europe

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## Introduction

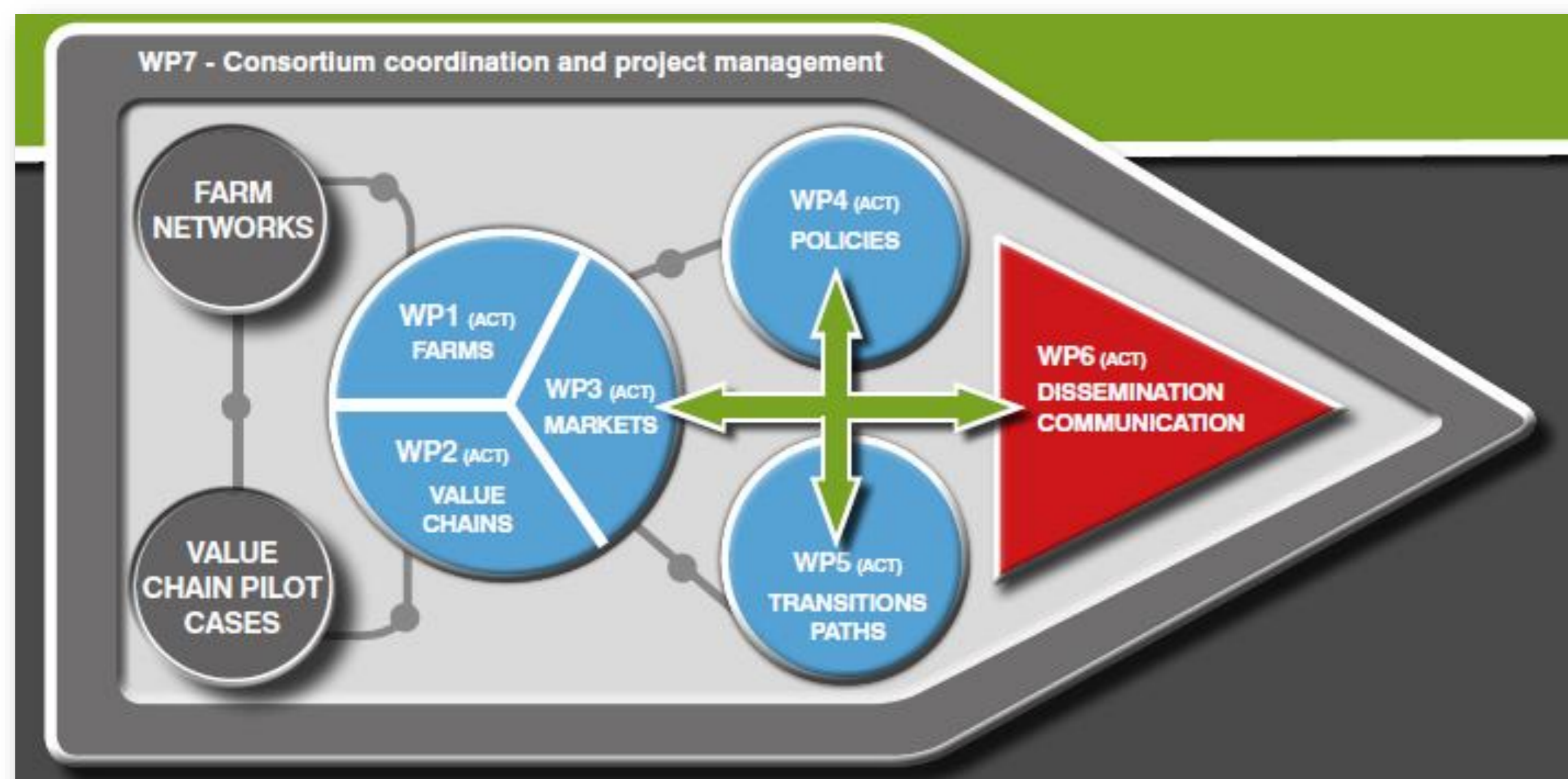
Currently, the EU agro industry is characterized by a massive import of legumes, especially some like soybean. This is the result of several self-reinforcement mechanisms that lock in this system.



## Objective

The objective of LEGVALUE is to promote the development of sustainable and competitive legume-based agricultural systems for animal and human feed in the EU. A significant driver of which is the perceived need to improve the protein autonomy of the European Union.

## Methodology



## 5 levels of enquiry

- *Scientific*
- *Socio-technological*
- *Agricultural value*
- *Industrial agri-food chain*
- *Policy*

## Expected outcomes

- Maps of EU areas suitable for growing legumes and achievable yields;
- Knowledge of the agroecological functions and ecosystem services provided;
- Identification of levers in the development of legumes in the EU;
- Identification of policy needs;
- Scenarios for legume value chain development across Europe;
- Knowledge on technological breakthroughs and new added-values in feed and food supply chains

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Geographic distribution of partners, farm networks and value chains

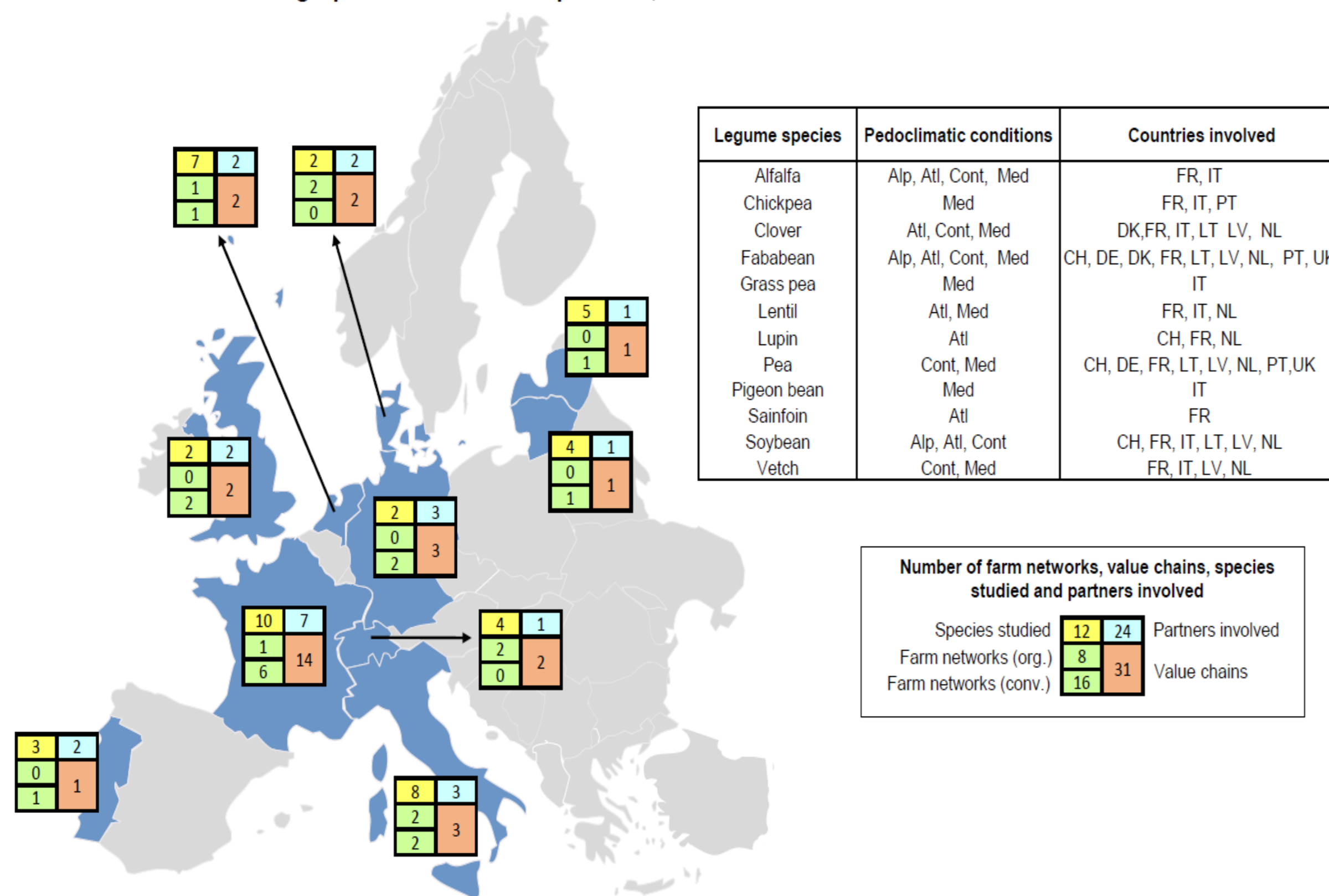


Fig. I: Graphic distribution of partners, farm networks and value chains