

Joint programming seminar (19-04-2017)

# Sharing experience of ERA-NET projects

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# ERA-NET projects: **SOQ projects**

## ■ **Projects within our group:**

- COREorganic
  - FertilCrop → Economic affairs (EZ)
  - Lijbert Brussaard, Ron de Goede
- Biodiversa
  - Ecoserve → NWO
  - Lijbert Brussaard, Gerlinde De Deyn

## ■ **FertilCrop/Ecoserve**

- Consortium composition → international contacts

# ERA-NET projects: **opportunities**

- Strengthen international cooperation/network
    - Soil scientists in Europe and China
    - PhD in other EU project with same partners
  - Pooling expertise/facilities → WUR:
    - Molecular biological lab facilities
    - X-ray Tomography facilities
    - Bio-indicator development
  - Hands-on experiences with different land-use/climatic conditions
- This strengthens our own (international) position
  - This allows us to explore new technologies

# ERA-NET projects: **critical remarks**

## ■ Funding

- NWO (Ecoserve project)

- No PhD possible (1.0 fte for 4 yrs)
- PostDoc: Only 0.8 fte for 2 years and 5 months
- Project time = 3 yrs → financial gap
- No money for permanent staff

- EZ (FertilCrop project)

- Budget is about k€100 (but k€80 excl VAT)
- Project executed by permanent staff

## ■ Focus University is on education → PhD's, Postdoc's

- Funding is not 'sufficient'

# ERA-NET projects

Questions?

