



L'innovazione digitale e genetica: Il futuro dell'agricoltura

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Una Nuova Agricoltura : un sogno, un incubo o una possibilità?



The new agriculture paradigm

- Increased yield
- Pressure to improve resource efficiency and sustainability
- Changing consumer needs and expectations



The ongoing digitization of agriculture

- Increasing customer proximity
- Greater transparency into input value
- An enhanced customer experience



Industry consolidation and value chain shifts

- Increasing price pressure and competitiveness
- A stronger set of integrated competitors
- A blurring of boundaries between agricultural-supply sectors

Source: BCG analysis.

Agriculture plays a critical role in limiting the impact of climate change

The agriculture sector accounts for a **large, growing, and impactful** share of global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

Agriculture is larger than you think

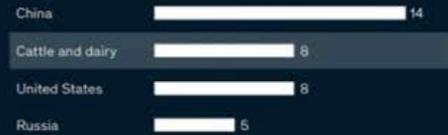
Agriculture is one of the highest-emitting sectors.
Total GHG emissions by sector, % (20-year AR5 GWP values)



¹ Including forestry, land use, fertilizer production, and electricity used in agriculture.

Cattle and dairy alone emit enough GHGs to put them on par with the highest-emitting nations.

2016 GHG emissions by country (top three GHGs), GtCO₂e² (20-year AR5 GWP values)



² Gigatonnes of equivalent carbon dioxide.

Major contributors to agriculture emissions include:



... growing faster than you realize

Demand for agricultural production over the next 30 years will likely be shaped by two primary factors:



As a result, agriculture emissions are likely to increase



³ Assuming current levels of production efficiency.

Agriculture
27% GHG

McKinsey
& Company

Agricoltura Sostenibile!!!!

2030 Targets for sustainable food production

PESTICIDES



Reduce the overall use and risk of chemical and hazardous pesticides

NUTRIENT LOSSES



Reduce nutrient losses by 50% whilst retaining soil fertility, resulting in 20% less fertilisers

ANTIMICROBIALS



Reduce sales of antimicrobials for farmed animals and aquaculture

ORGANIC FARMING



Increase the percentage of organically farmed land in the EU

#EUFarm2Fork

#EUGreenDeal



Tecnologie Emergenti in Agricoltura

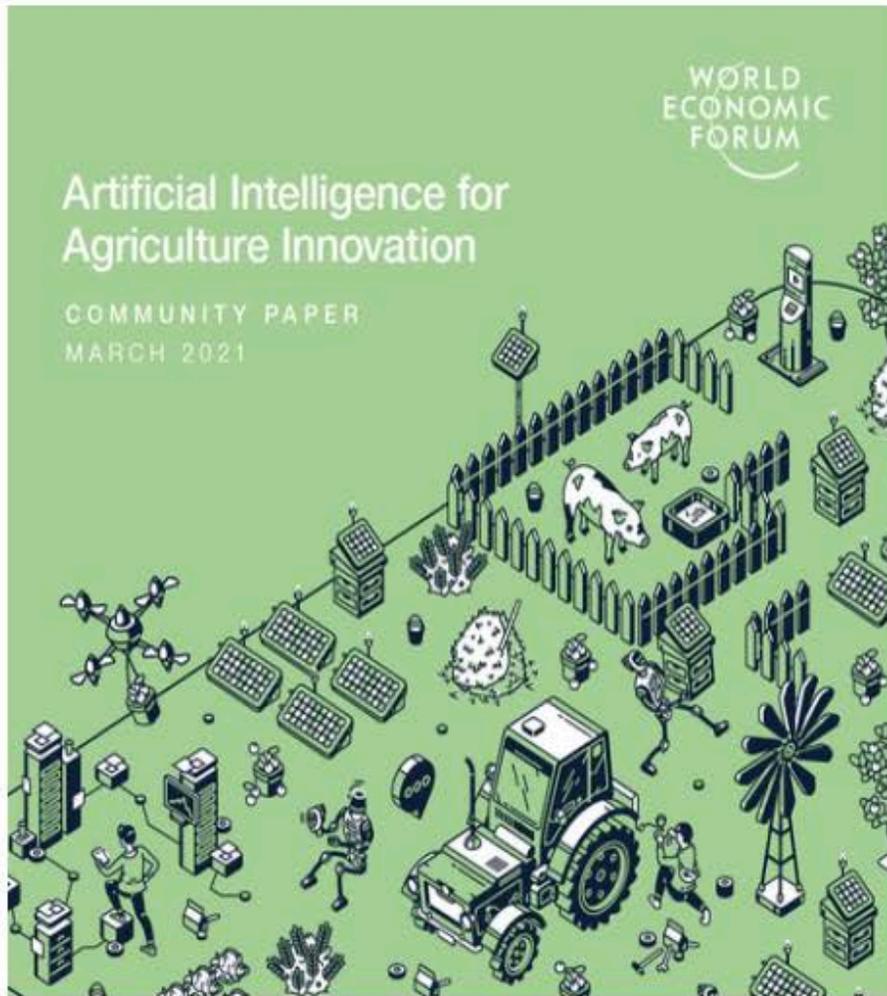


Tecnologie Emergenti in Agricoltura



Source: PwC

Intelligenza artificiale e innovazione in agricoltura

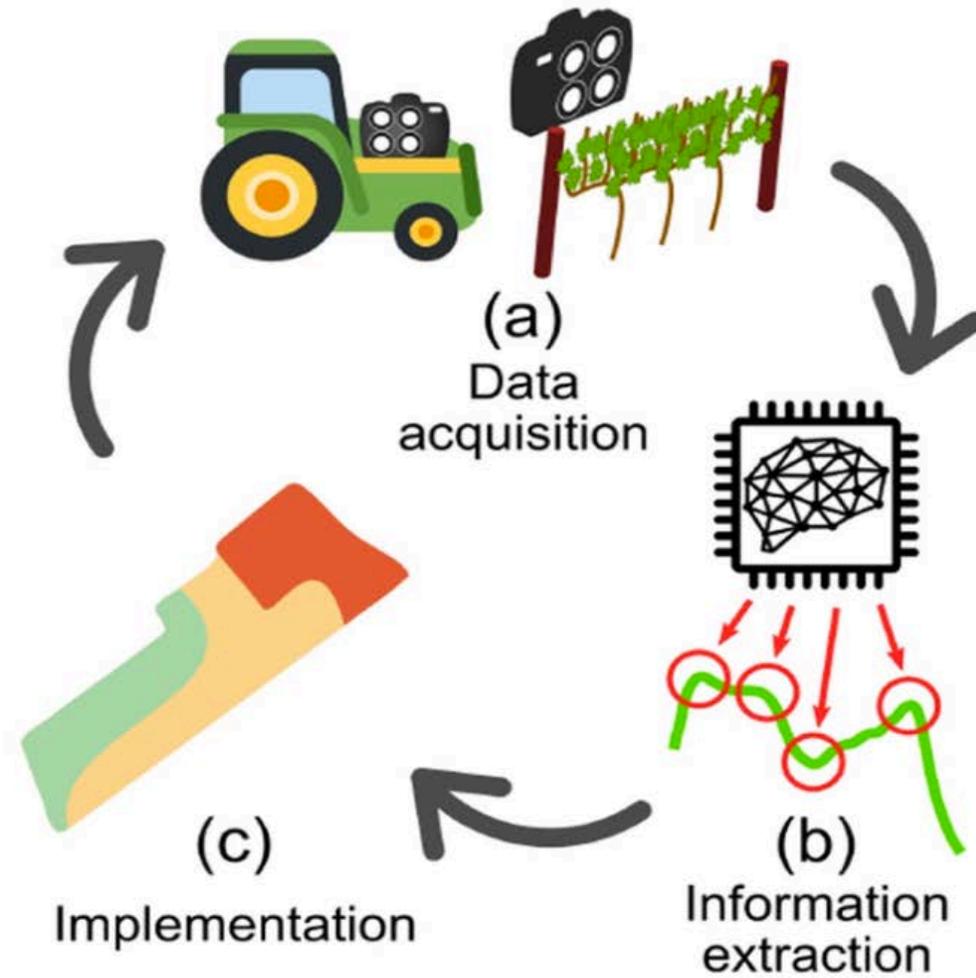


The Artificial Intelligence for Agriculture Innovation (AI4AI) initiative

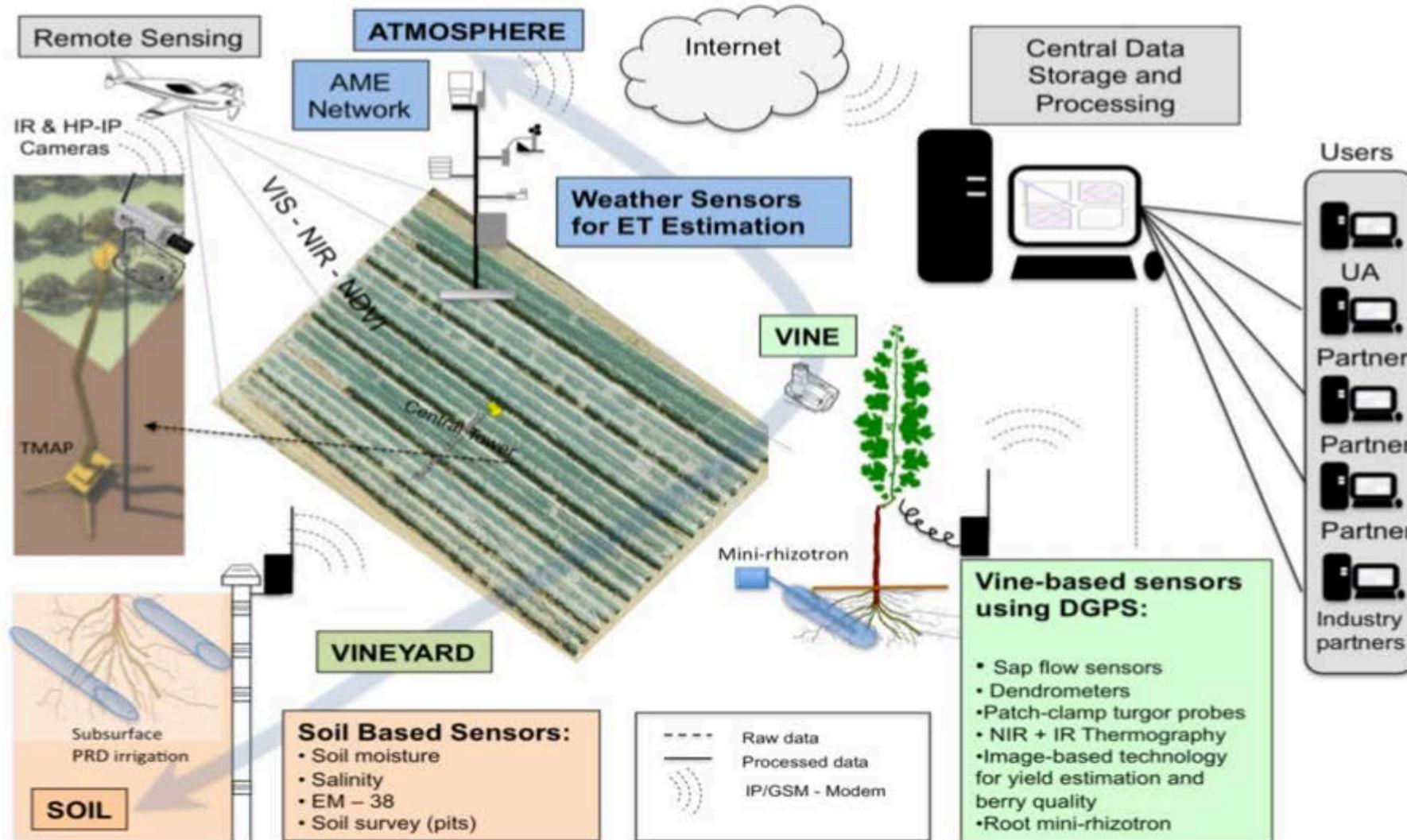


Emerging technologies from drones to digitalization have the potential to transform farming productivity, reduce environmental impact and boost farmers' incomes.

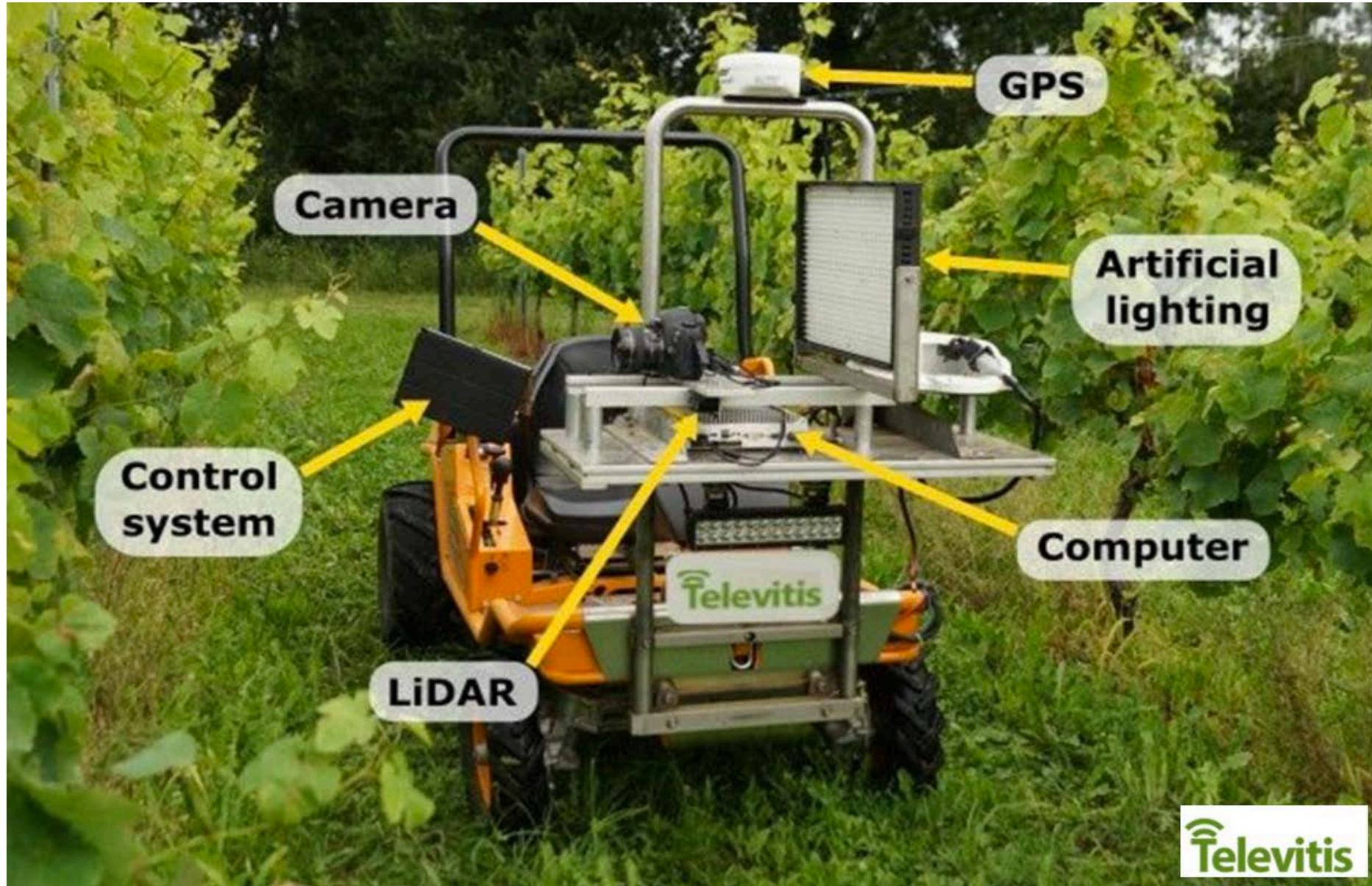
Viticultura digitale: viticoltura data-driven



Viticultura del futuro



Piattaforma mobile-sensing



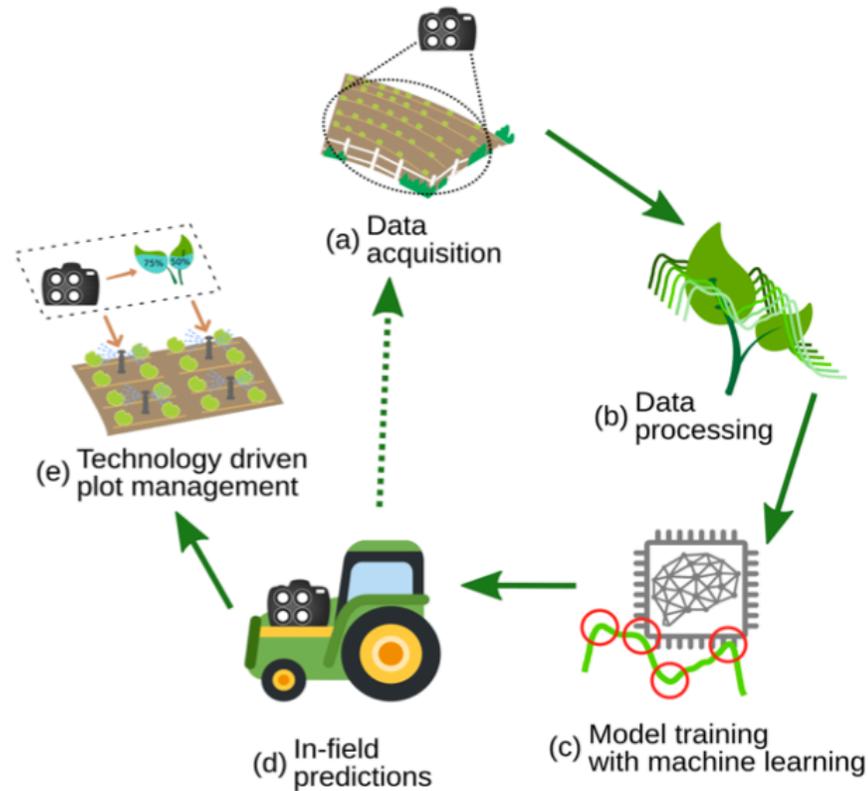
Robots in viticoltura



Robots in viticoltura



Data-driven viticoltura smart

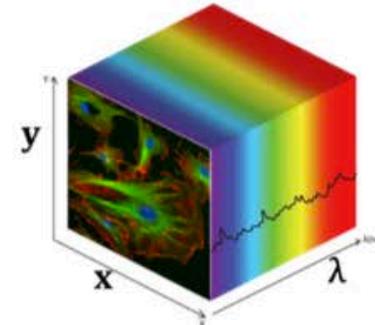


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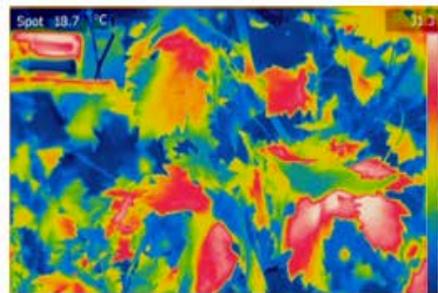
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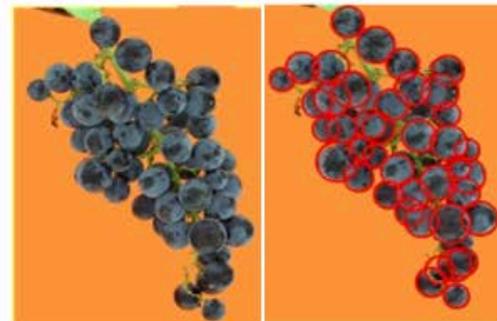
Spectroscopy



Hyperspectral imaging



Thermal imaging

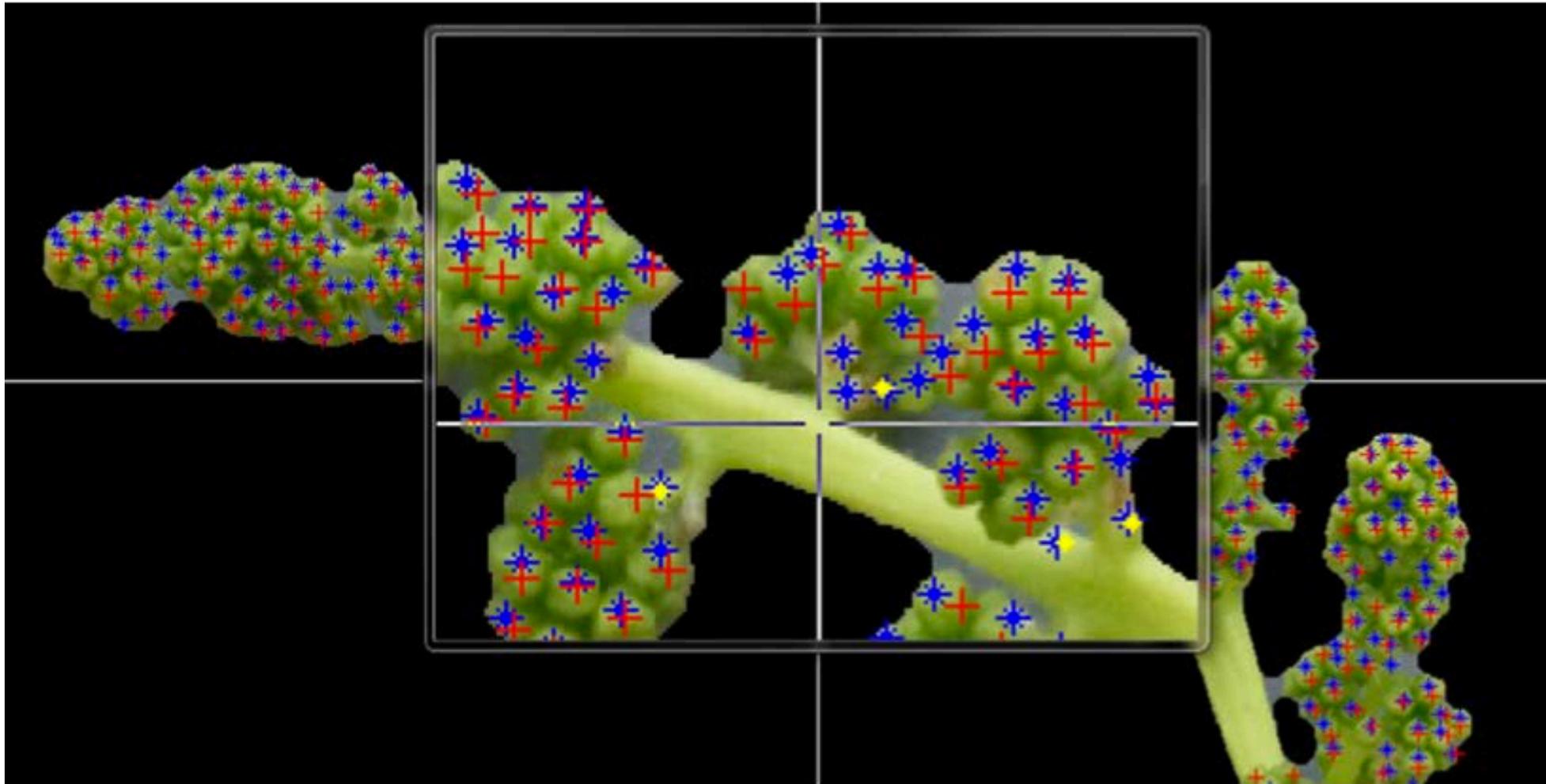


Machine vision

Applicazione in pieno campo



Immagine iperspettrale dal campo



Predizione della resa attraverso la visione computerizzata e AI



Deep learning e computer vision per il rilevamento e la valutazione del danno

a. Healthy



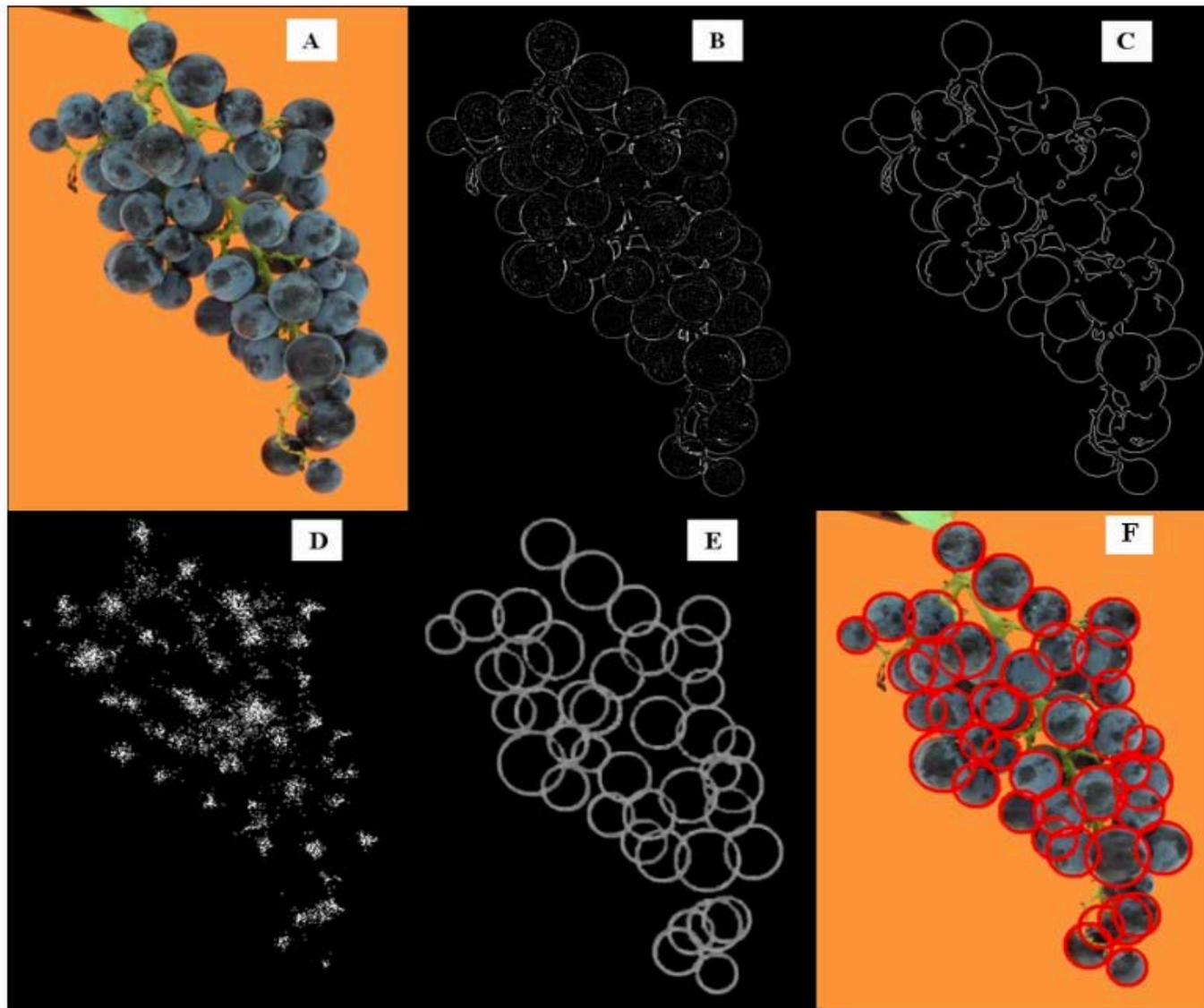
b. Spider mite



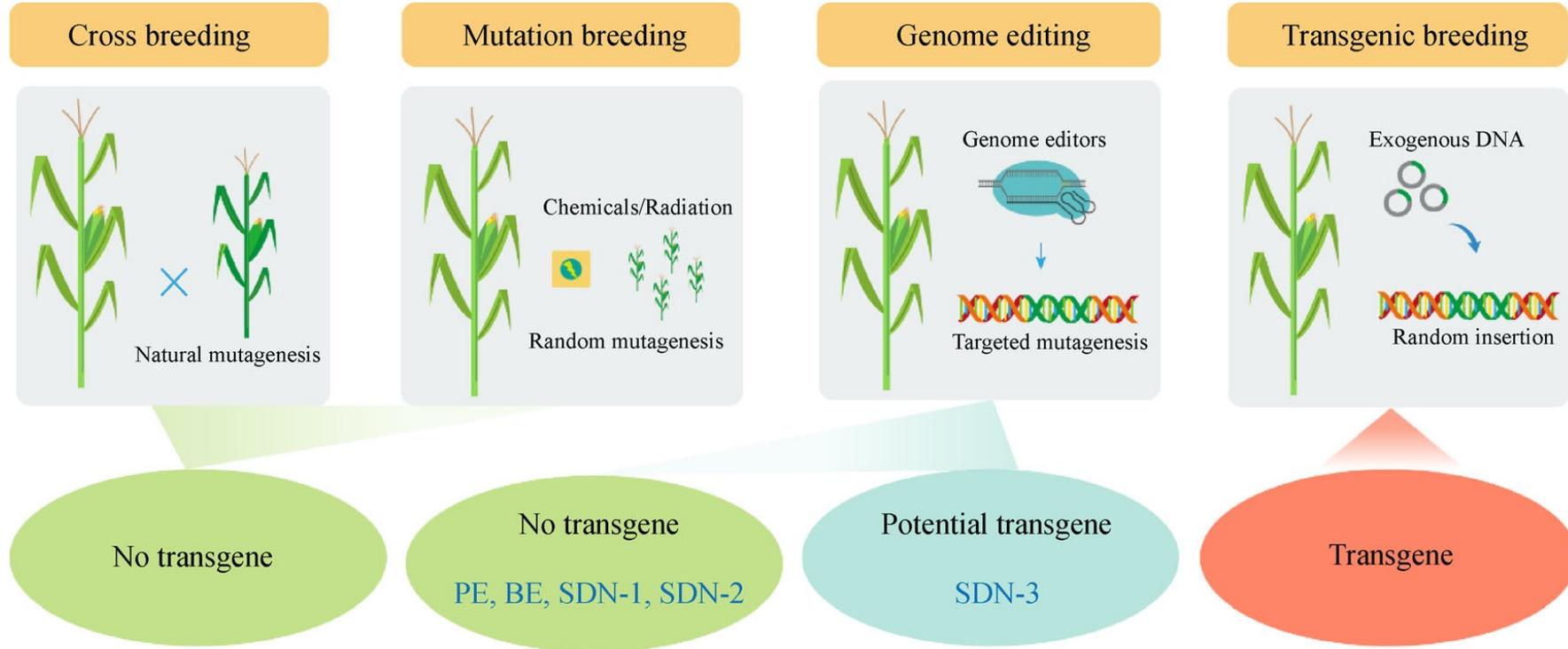
c. Downy mildew



Numero di acini per grappolo



Gli strumenti della genetica



* Suggested regulation

Not regulated



Potential regulated



Regulated



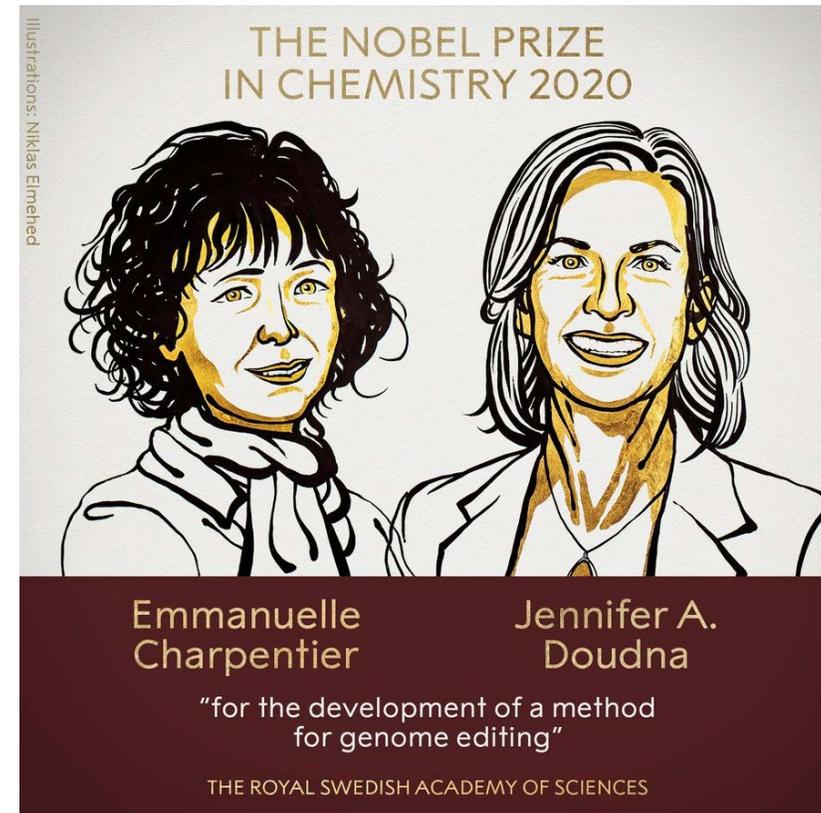
Innovazione: TEA

TEA= Tecnologie di Evoluzione Assistita

*Tecnologie che consentono
modificazioni precise e dirette del
DNA delle piante coltivate*

*Riproducono gli effetti dell'evoluzione
biologica: mutazioni del DNA e
scambio di geni fra individui che
possono incrociarsi.*

EDITING GENETICO



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Editing genetico

Correzione puntuale del DNA

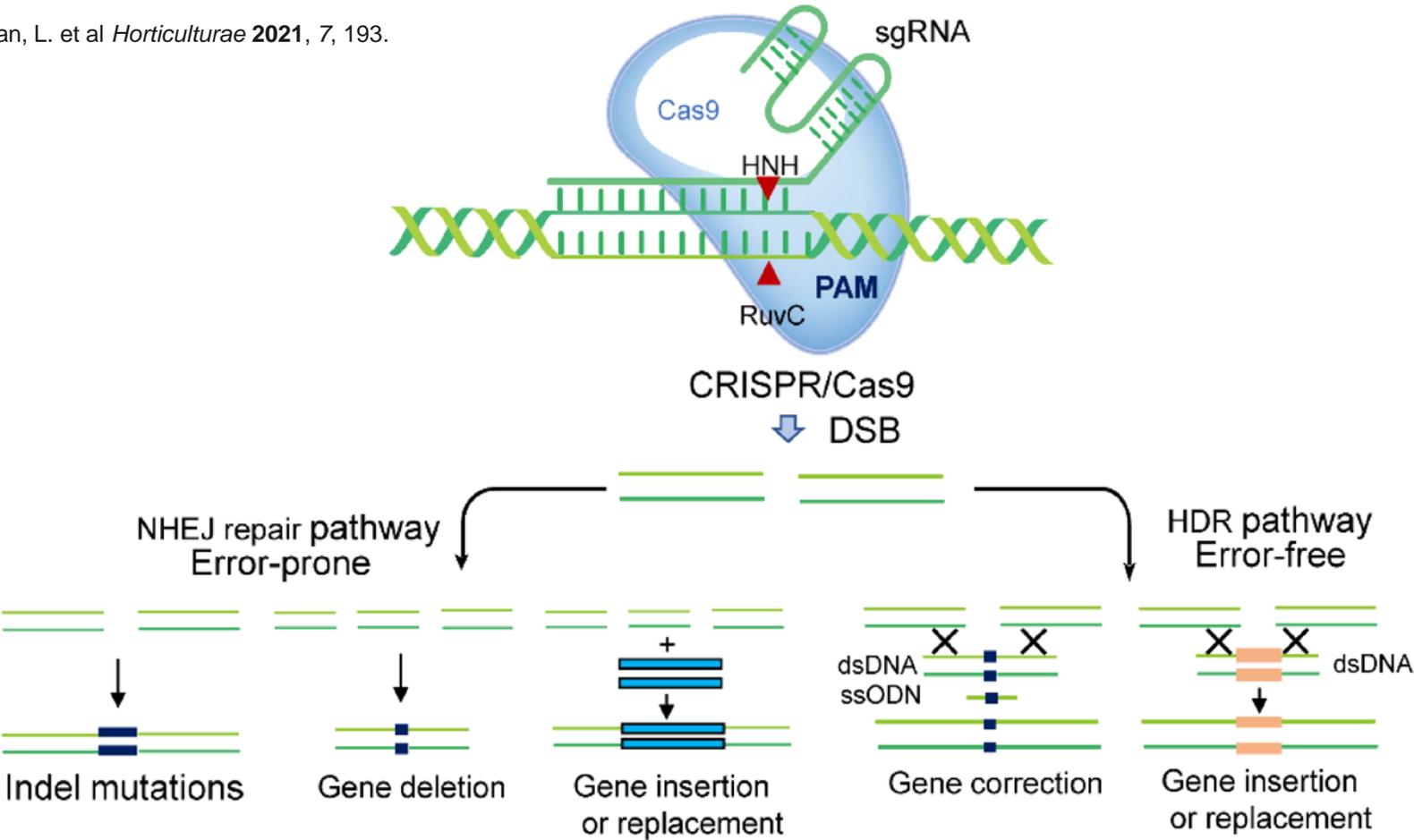


MUTAGENESI MIRATA
E
SPECIFICA DI UN GENE

PRODOTTI CHE POTREBBERO ESSERE OTTENUTI TRAMITE BREEDING CLASSICO
O MUTAZIONE NATURALE

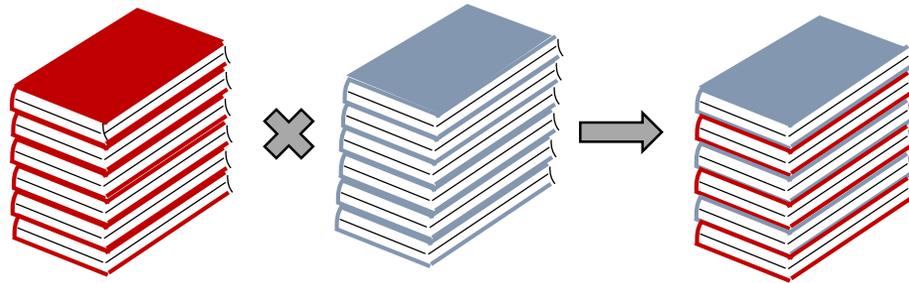
EDITING GENETICO: diversi prodotti possibili

da: Wan, L. et al *Horticulturae* **2021**, 7, 193.

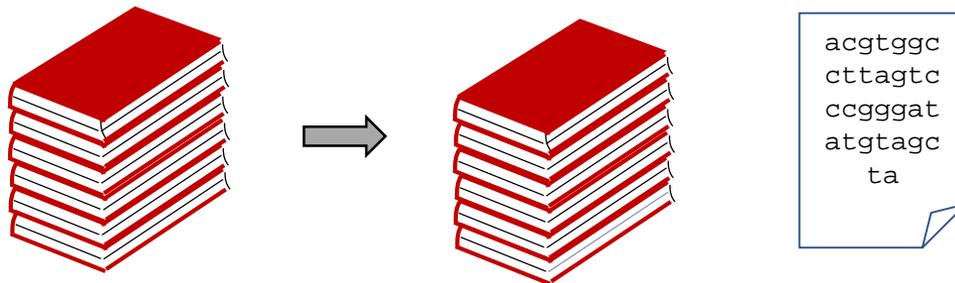


1. Inattivazione del gene –
2. Correzione del gene –
3. Inserimento di un nuovo gene

EDITING GENETICO: I vantaggi



Miglioramento genetico
per incrocio



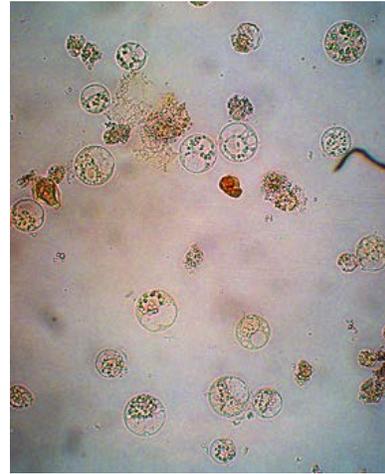
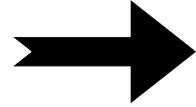
Miglioramento genetico
con editing genetico

- Il genotipo e il fenotipo della pianta editata sono del tutto simili a quelli originali, se non per un carattere > **ottengo un nuovo clone nel caso delle piante arboree**
- La **modifica** del DNA è **molto contenuta** (anche singolo nucleotide) e **precisa** (sito-specifica)
- La **rapidità**: si evitano i reincroci che richiedono parecchi anni in particolare in piante arboree

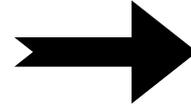
L'EDITING GENETICO: come si fa in pratica



Embryogenic callus



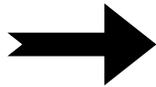
Protoplasts



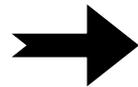
Mature Embryo



Germinating somatic embryo



Plantlet



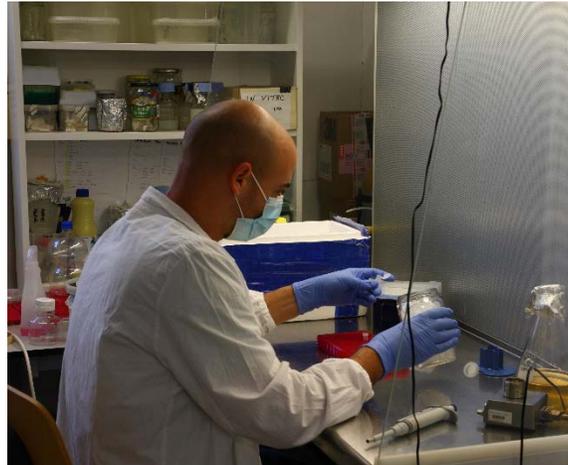
In-vitro plant



Plant



CAMPI SPERIMENTALI – SERRE – LABORATORI – 250 RICERCATORI



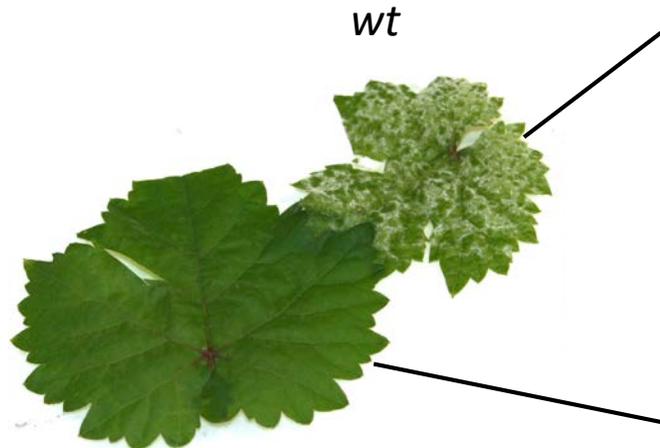
EDITING GENETICO: Esempio di vite



Infezione con oidio

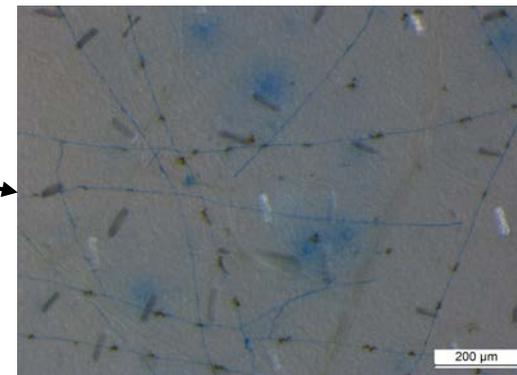
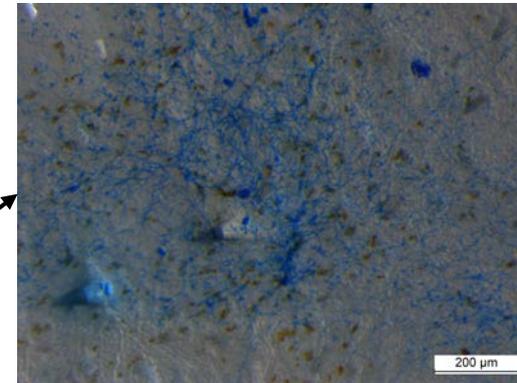


INATTIVAZIONE DI GENI
DI SUSCETTIBILITA' A
PATOGENI



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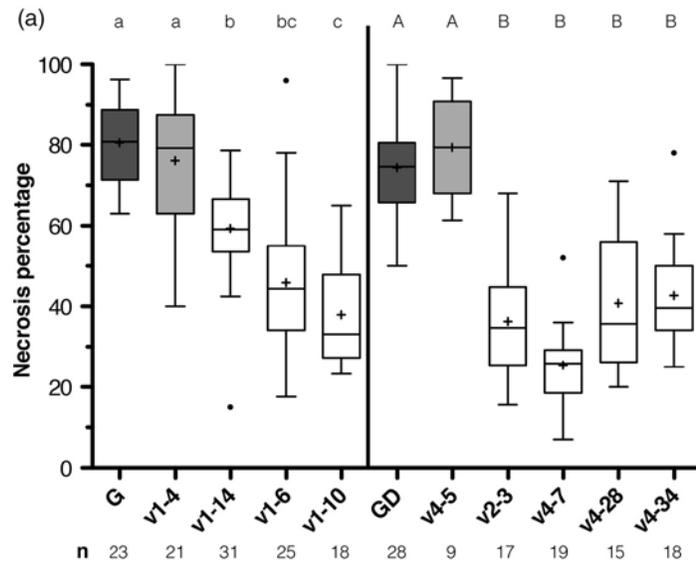
Riduzione uso fitofarmaci



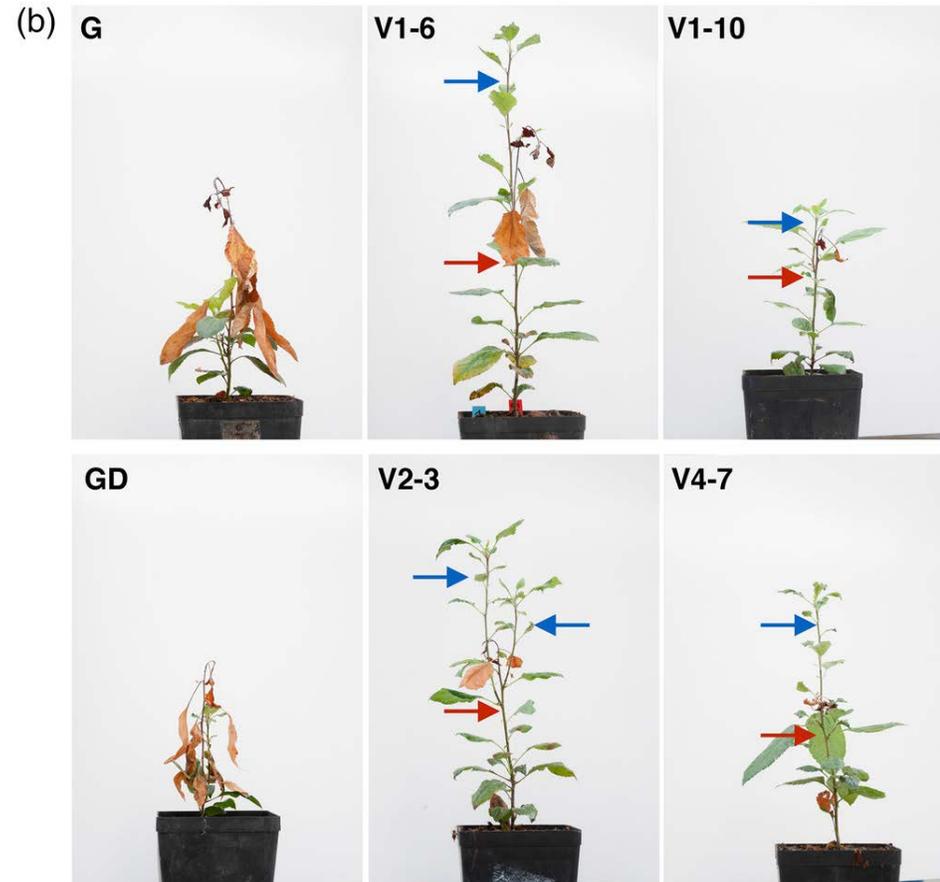
EDITING GENETICO: Esempio di melo



Colpo di fuoco batterico



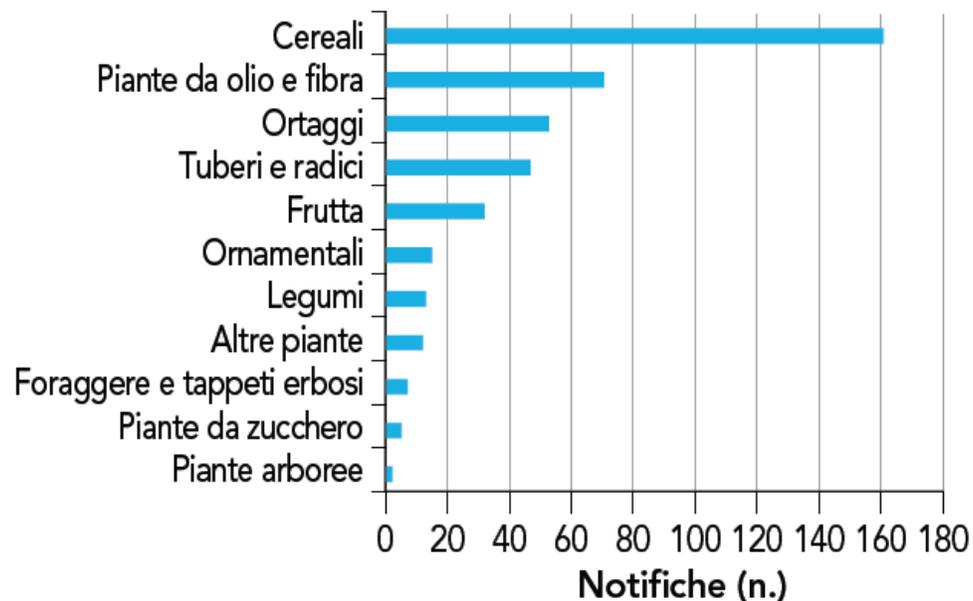
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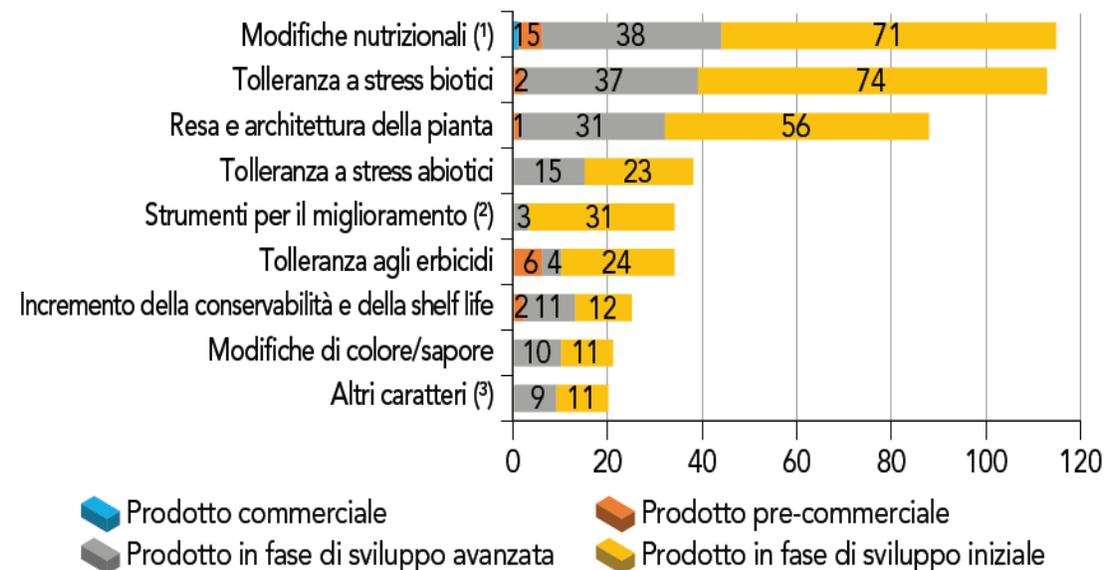
EDITING GENETICO: a che punto siamo in Europa

GRAFICO 1 - Notifiche di piante TEA depositate al giugno 2021



Su un totale di 444, 260 provengono da enti pubblici e 184 da enti privati.
Fonte: https://datam.jrc.ec.europa.eu/datam/mashup/NEW_GENOMIC_TECHNIQUES/index.html

GRAFICO 2 - Caratteri e fase di sviluppo delle notifiche di piante TEA



(1) Comprende le modifiche del contenuto di amido, oli, proteine, vitamine, fibre, sostanze tossiche e allergeni, incluso il glutine. (2) Comprende caratteristiche riproduttive come la maschiosterilità, l'autoincompatibilità e l'induzione di aploidi. (3) Comprende la produzione di molecole di interesse industriale, la modifica del periodo di fioritura e l'efficienza d'uso dell'azoto.
Fonte: adattato da https://datam.jrc.ec.europa.eu/datam/mashup/NEW_GENOMIC_TECHNIQUES/index.html

Prodotti già sul mercato:

- soia con profilo di ac. grassi modificato,
- patata che non imbrunisce e resistente alla ruggine

https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/13119-Legislation-for-plants-produced-by-certain-new-genomic-techniques/F_en



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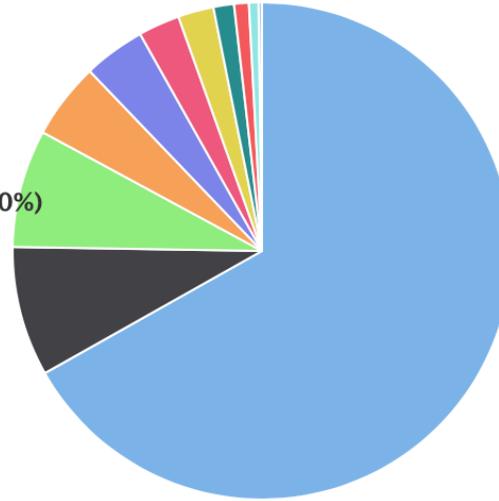
Topic Food safety

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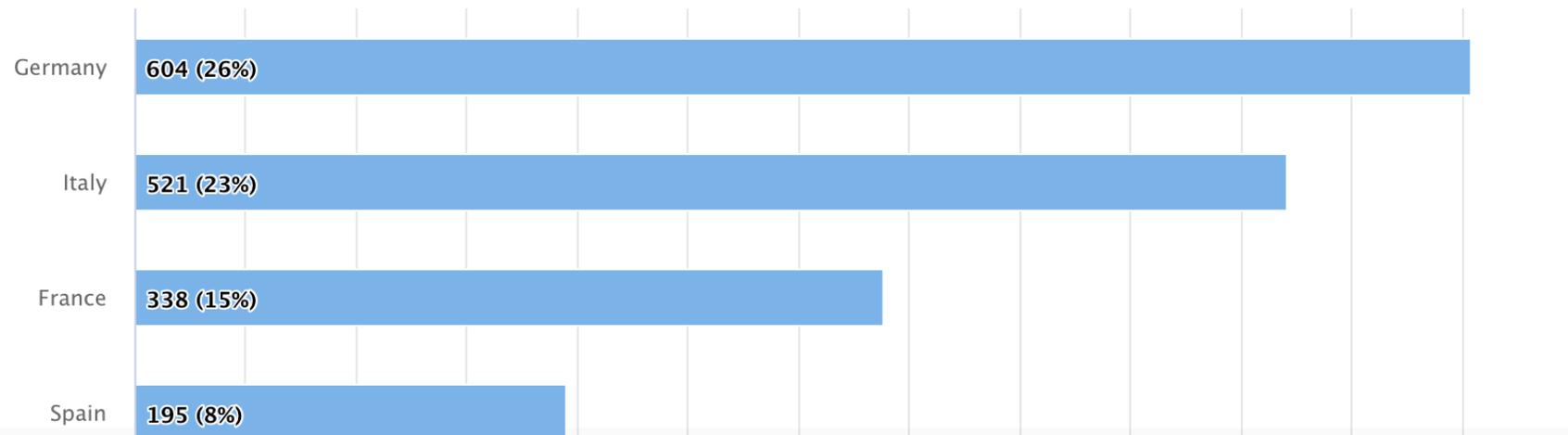
The initiative on plants produced by certain new genomic techniques concerns citizens and stakeholders (e.g. EU and national public authorities, breeders, farmers and other economic

By category of respondent

- EU citizen: 1537 (66.83%)
- Academic/research Institution: 194 (8.43%)
- Company/business organisation: 176 (7.65%)
- Business association: 114 (4.96%)
- Non-governmental organisation (NGO): 92 (4.00%)
- Other: 62 (2.70%)
- Non-EU citizen: 53 (2.30%)
- Public authority: 31 (1.35%)
- Environmental organisation: 22 (0.96%)
- Trade union: 14 (0.61%)
- Consumer organisation: 5 (0.22%)



By country

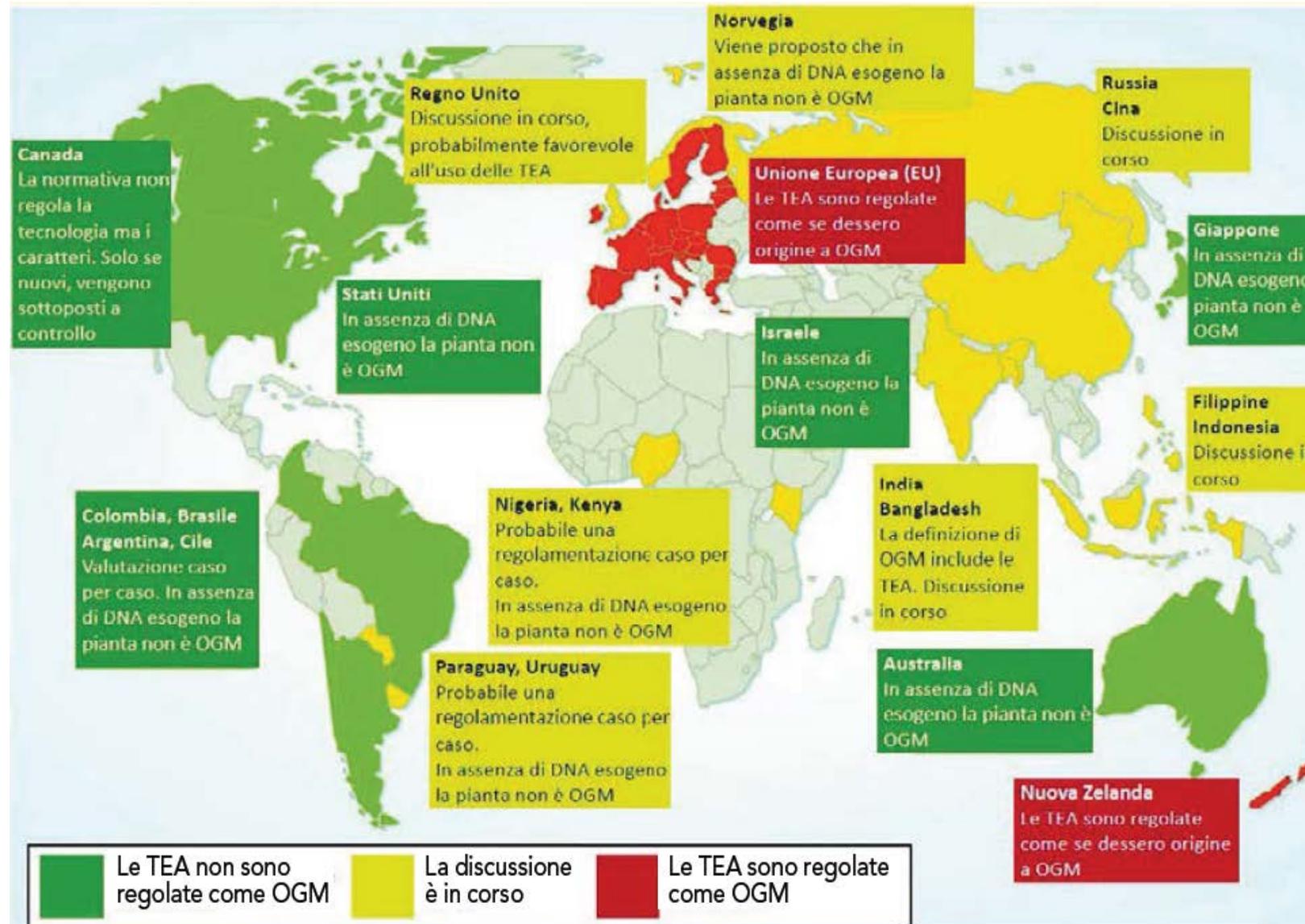


Adequacy of existing framework:

Overall, four out of five (1732; 79%) participants in the consultation found that the **existing provisions of the GMO legislation are not adequate for plants obtained by targeted mutagenesis or cisgenesis**. This view was expressed by the large majority¹ of EU and non-EU citizens, academia/research institutions, business associations, companies/business organisations, and public authorities, as well as the majority² of trade unions. Among the economic sectors, this view was expressed by the large majority of operators from biotechnology and bio-based industry, farming, feed, ornamental plants, plant breeding and plant protection and fertilisers, and by the majority of operators from trade and food processing/manufacture.

17% (375) of the total consultation respondents found the **current GMO provisions adequate for plants produced by targeted mutagenesis or cisgenesis**; this view was expressed by a large majority of environmental organisations, and by the majority of NGOs and consumer organisations. Among the economic sectors, this view was expressed by a large majority of operators in food retail/service, organic, GM-free and forestry.

Regolamentazione: si possono coltivare?



INGREDIENTI NECESSARI PER INTRODURRE INNOVAZIONI TECNOLOGICHE IN AGRICOLTURA (cioè come passare dal laboratorio alla tavola)

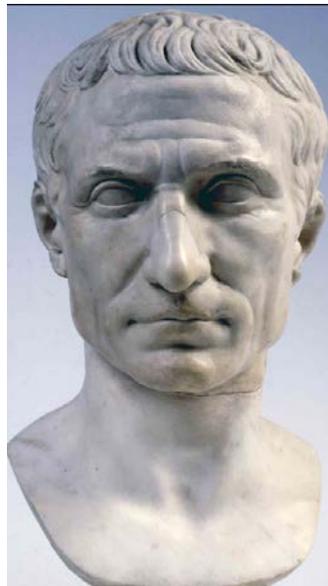
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3. **Un *corpus* normativo adeguato**
4. **Accettazione da parte del consumatore**

COME CAMBIARE LA PERCEZIONE DELL'INNOVAZIONE IN AGRICOLTURA

- Abbiamo bisogno di una nuova narrativa ed una nuova visione
- TEA e agricoltura di precisione al centro di una rivoluzione in agricoltura
- Combinare produttività e sostenibilità
- Innovazione per preservare le tradizioni
- Innovazione per preservare la diversificazione agricola ed alimentare
- Ruolo chiave della viticoltura

«La natura ci ha dato due strade per giungere alla conoscenza delle cose agrarie e cioè **l'esperienza e l'imitazione**. Gli **antichi agricoltori** appresero la gran parte delle cose tramite **l'esperienza** mentre i **loro discendenti** appresero soprattutto tramite **l'imitazione**.

Noi dovremmo **oggi fare ambedue le cose**, e cioè da un lato **imitare gli altri e dall'altro saggiare le cose tramite esperimenti** svolti non tanto seguendo il caso quanto **adottando un metodo razionale**»



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GRAZIE DELL' ATTENZIONE!