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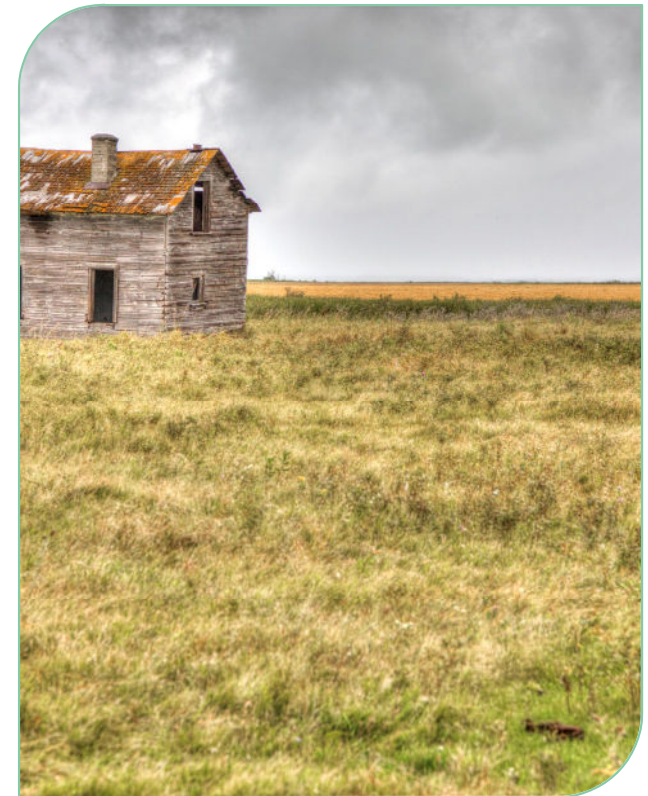
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5' Welcome

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10' Presentation key report findings

45' Discussion/ panel incl. Q&A

5' Observer feedback

5' Poll & close

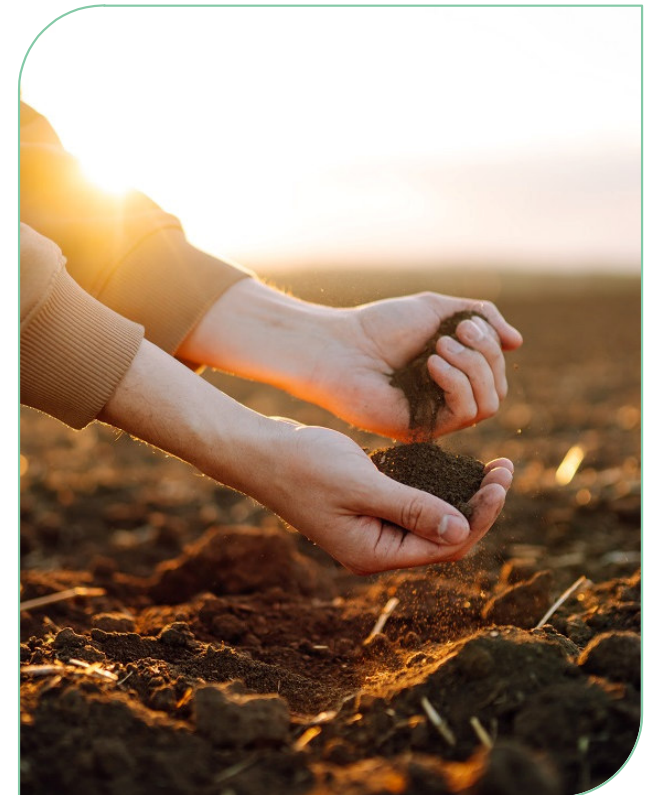
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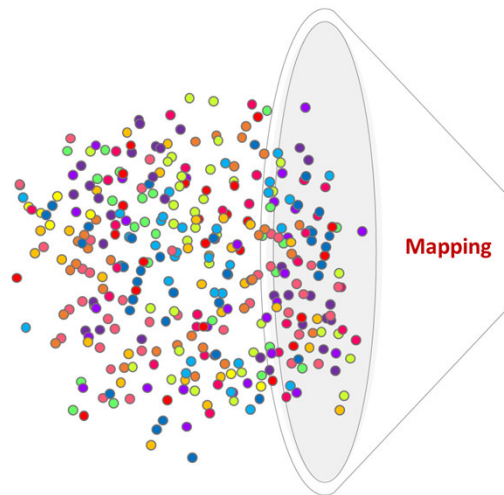


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# Why these sessions?



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## Dealing with Climate Change and Sustainability Targets

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# The Report

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By Katy Askew

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## EU Commission wants farmers, landowners to lead push

By Julia Dahm | EURACTIV.com | Est. 5min

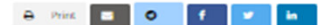
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"We want carbon removals to offer new and additional sources of income for the many farmers who are eager to do more for biodiversity, but struggle to find the necessary funding to do so," Timmermans said. [DUIVER HOSLEY / EPA-EFE]

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With a newly proposed regulation, the European Commission aims to set EU-wide standards for certifying the removal of carbon from the atmosphere, including so-called carbon farming measures. But critics warn the text leaves important gaps.

## Uncertainty remains around carbon farming – minister

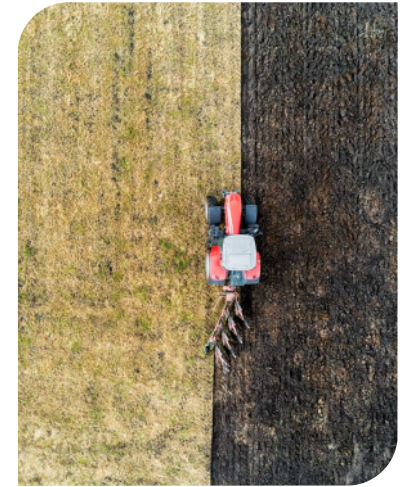


Aisling O'Brien

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# Carbon Farming



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**Carbon farming can be defined as a green business model that rewards land managers for taking up improved land management practices, resulting in the increase of carbon sequestration in living biomass, dead organic matter and soils by enhancing carbon capture and/or reducing the release of carbon to the atmosphere, in respect of ecological principles favourable to biodiversity and the natural capital overall.”**

# Purpose

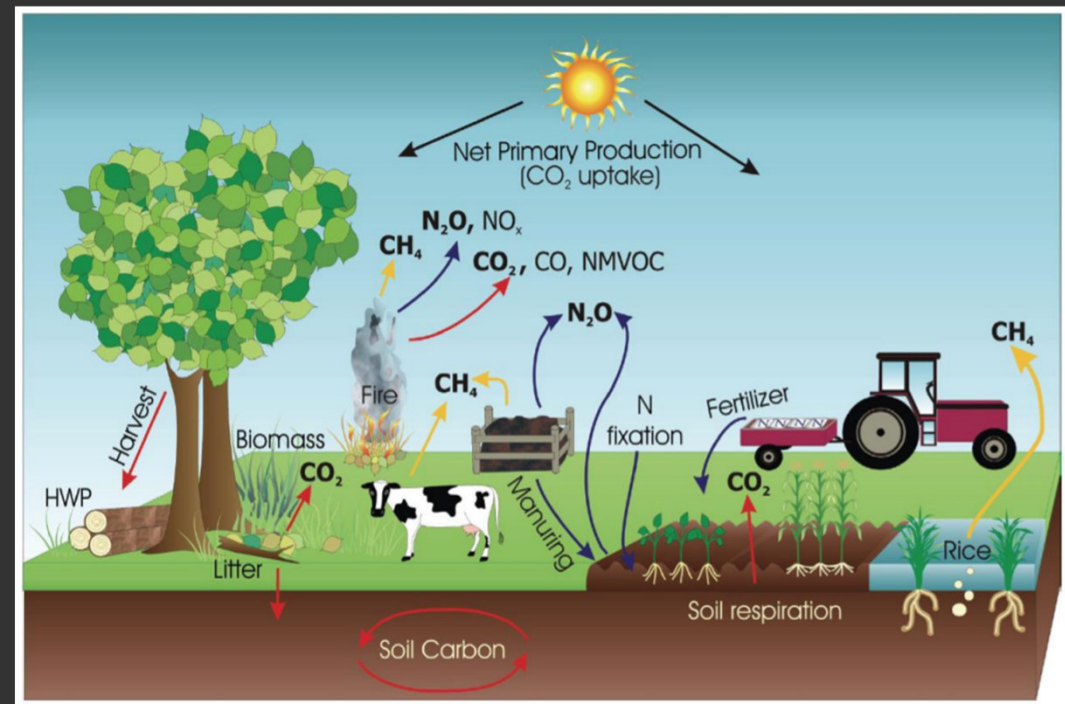
- To avoid future emissions by maintaining existing carbon stocks (**maintain**)
- To reduce emissions that cannot be avoided (**reduce**)
- To create new, long-term carbon stores (**remove**)

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# Practices

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Hedgerows



Reduced fertiliser



Silvopasture



Peatland restoration



Cover crops



Crop roots



**Table 2.2: Overview of a selection of potential co-benefits and related risks for carbon farming practices**  
 \* According to ENRD who made a compilation drawing upon Ecologic and IEEP (2022) and other research data, completed by Climate-KIC

	CF actions	Co-benefits for land managers	Societal co benefits	Risks	Safeguards needed
Managing Peatlands	Peatland rewetting	Potential for paludiculture/ income from carbon certifications	Biodiversity, flood regulation, water quality	Increased CH <sub>4</sub> emissions	Resilience to climate change impacts, effect of displacing production
Agroforestry	Creation, restoration & management of woody features in the landscape	Diversification of outputs. Reduced risk of single crop failure	Improved water retention, microclimate, soil health, biodiversity	Non-native species, impact on authentic biodiversity monocultures such as poplar	No agroforestry on peatland, nature conservation objectives

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# Co-benefits &

<b>Agroforestry</b>	<b>Creation, restoration &amp; management of woody features in the landscape</b>	<b>Diversification of outputs. Reduced risk of single crop failure</b>	<b>Improved water retention, microclimate, soil health, biodiversity</b>	<b>Non-native species, impact on authentic biodiversity monocultures such as poplar plantations, are poor quality habitats and lead to an overall loss of ecosystem services compared to mixed farmland</b>	<b>No agroforestry on peatland, nature conservation objectives</b>
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# Schemes

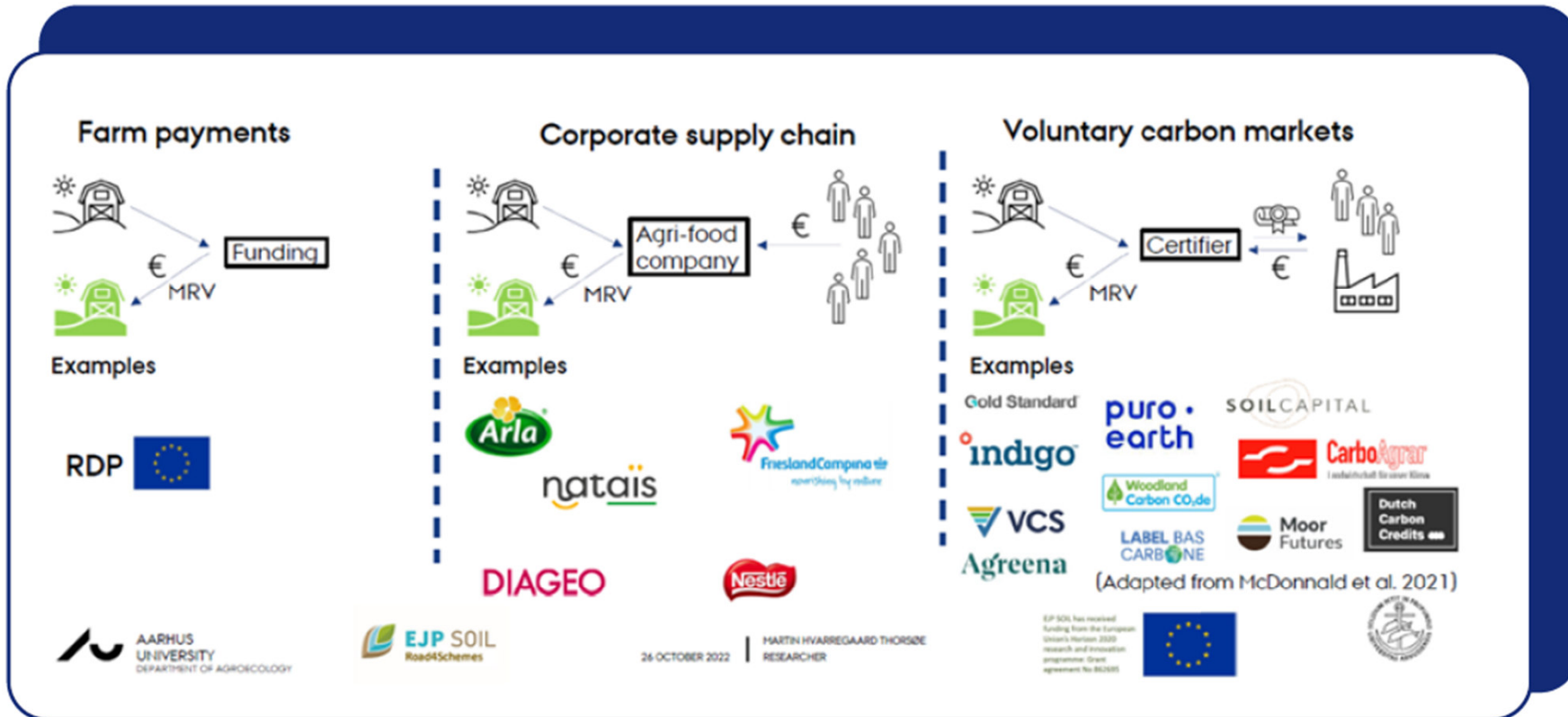


Figure 2.3: Differentiation of carbon farming schemes according to the Road4Schemes project as presented during the EUSO Stakeholders forum (Thorsøe, 2022)

# Example

## The Netherlands National Carbon Farming Scheme

- SNK has a 'rulebook' describing rules and methods
- SNK supports CO2 providers with the development of their plan
- SNK provides match making between providers and buyers
- Independent: National Carbon Market Foundation guarantees quality of certificate (MRV)
- SNK provides certificates



# Monitoring, Reporting Verification

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- ➔ **Monitoring** refers to measuring the decrease in emissions or the increase in sequestration.
- ➔ **Reporting** refers to the processes for communicating these results.
- ➔ **Verification** refers to the ability of administrators or other external parties to ensure the truthfulness and accuracy of the results.



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# Recommendations

- Closely follow what happens in EU
  - Remain aligned without waiting
- Develop flexible framework
  - That can adopt last insights
- Go beyond carbon
  - Nature credits
  - Soil monitoring law

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Thank you for your  
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Into the discussion...

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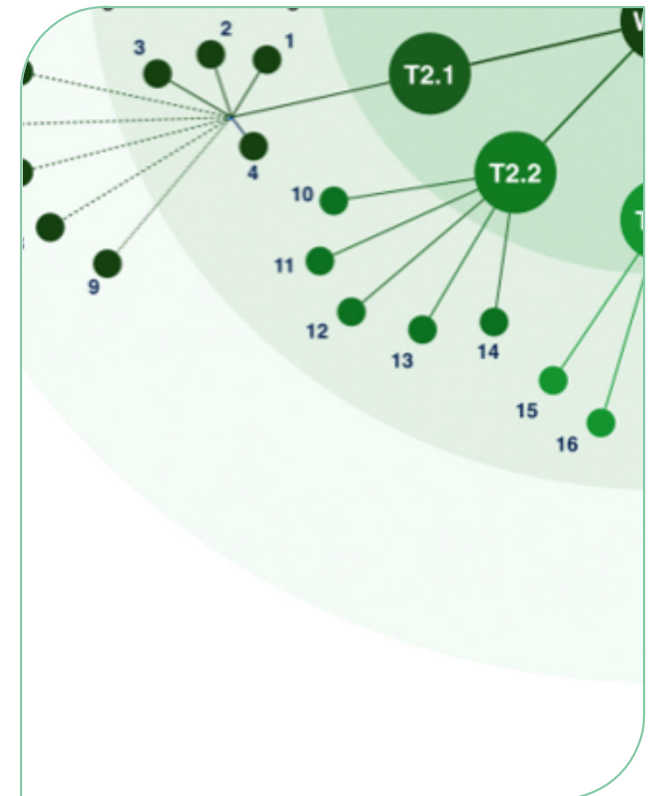
# CREDIBLE project

- Building momentum and trust to achieve credible soil carbon farming in the EU
- 3 annual carbon farming summits to discuss and identify implementation plans
- Focus groups
  - WP1: Practical knowledge and fit-for-region blueprint for carbon scheme development
  - WP2: Navigating and selecting carbon standards and policy instruments
  - WP3: Existing monitoring capabilities as enablers of soil data collection and sharing

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A woman in a plaid shirt and apron carries a wooden crate filled with fresh vegetables on her shoulder. She stands in a field of green plants, looking towards a bright sunset over a horizon with power lines. The scene is bathed in warm, golden light.

Close and thank you

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