



The role of cooperatives in rural business development

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european farmers



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european agri-cooperatives

Created in **1958**

23 million European farmers and family members

60 full members from the EU Member States and 36 partner organisations

Created in **1959**

22.000 European agricultural cooperatives

35 full members from the EU Member States, 4 affiliated members and 36 partner organisations



In **1962**, a joint Secretariat was created



Mission

To ensure a viable, innovative, competitive EU agriculture and agri-food sector guaranteeing food security to half a billion people throughout Europe.



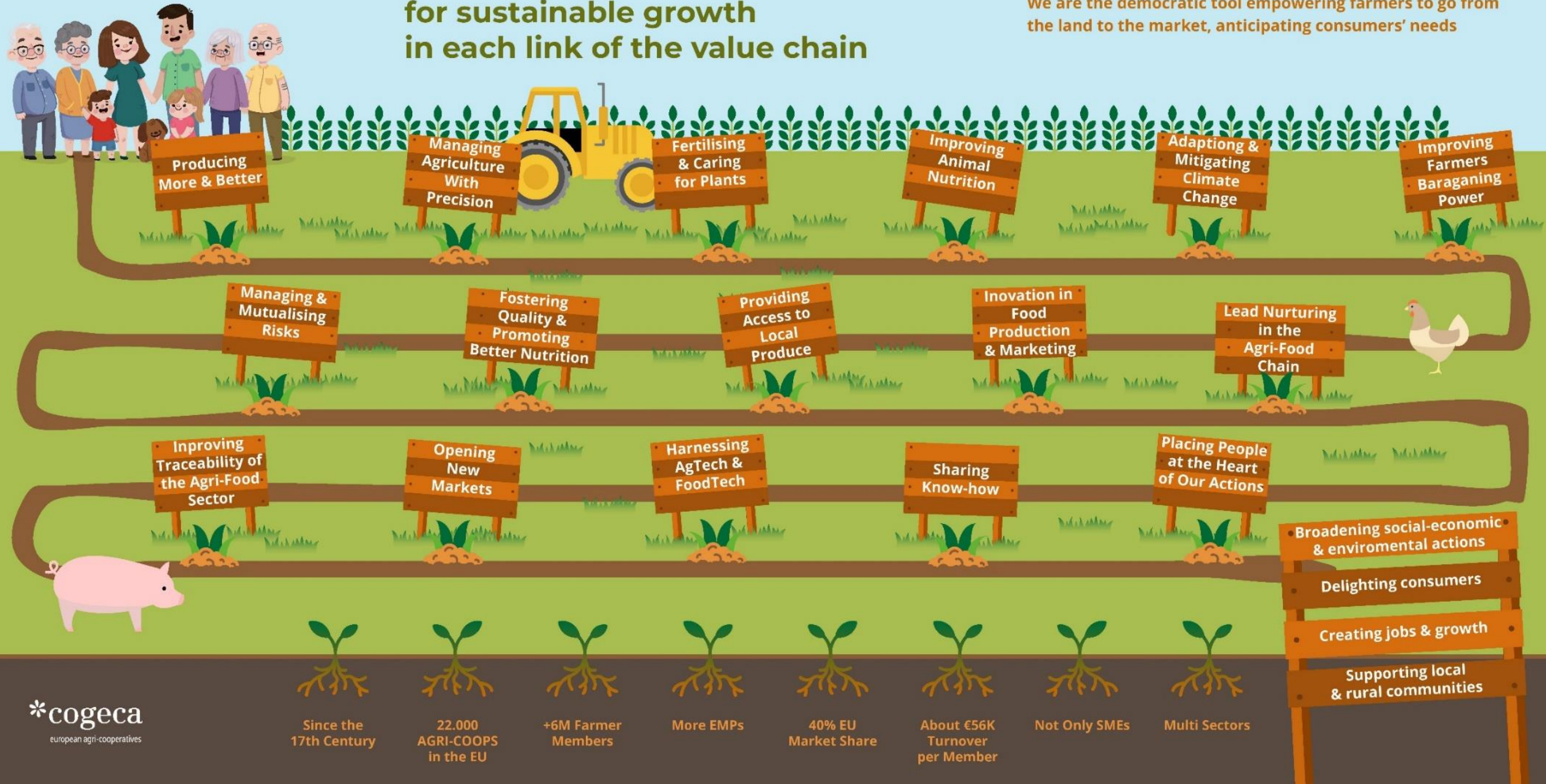
Objective

Promoting the view of European farmers and agri-cooperatives to **influence** the EU decision-making process and public opinion.

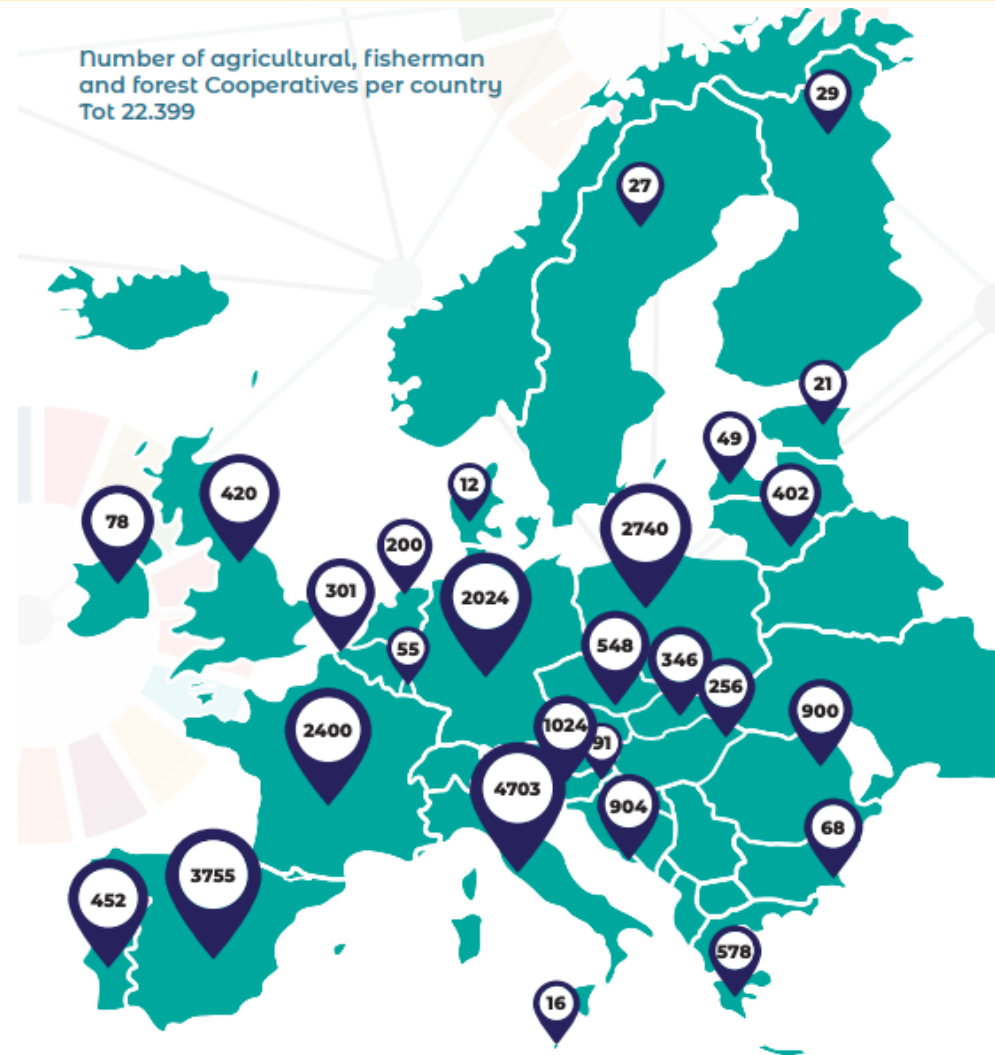
Smart Cooperation for sustainable growth in each link of the value chain



We are the democratic tool empowering farmers to go from the land to the market, anticipating consumers' needs



European agri-cooperatives' outlook





NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF AGRICOOPS KEY DATA

Austria 1.372.856
Estonia 2.036*
Finland 125.000
France 400.000
Germany 1.452.000*
Hungary 4.000
Ireland 143.741
Italy 742.078
Latvia 4.846
Malta 4.000
Portugal 300.000
Slovenia 13.082
Spain 1.150.341
Sweden 160.350
UK 143.000

*including non active members



LEVEL OF EMPLOYEMENT GIVEN BY AGRICOOPS KEY DATA

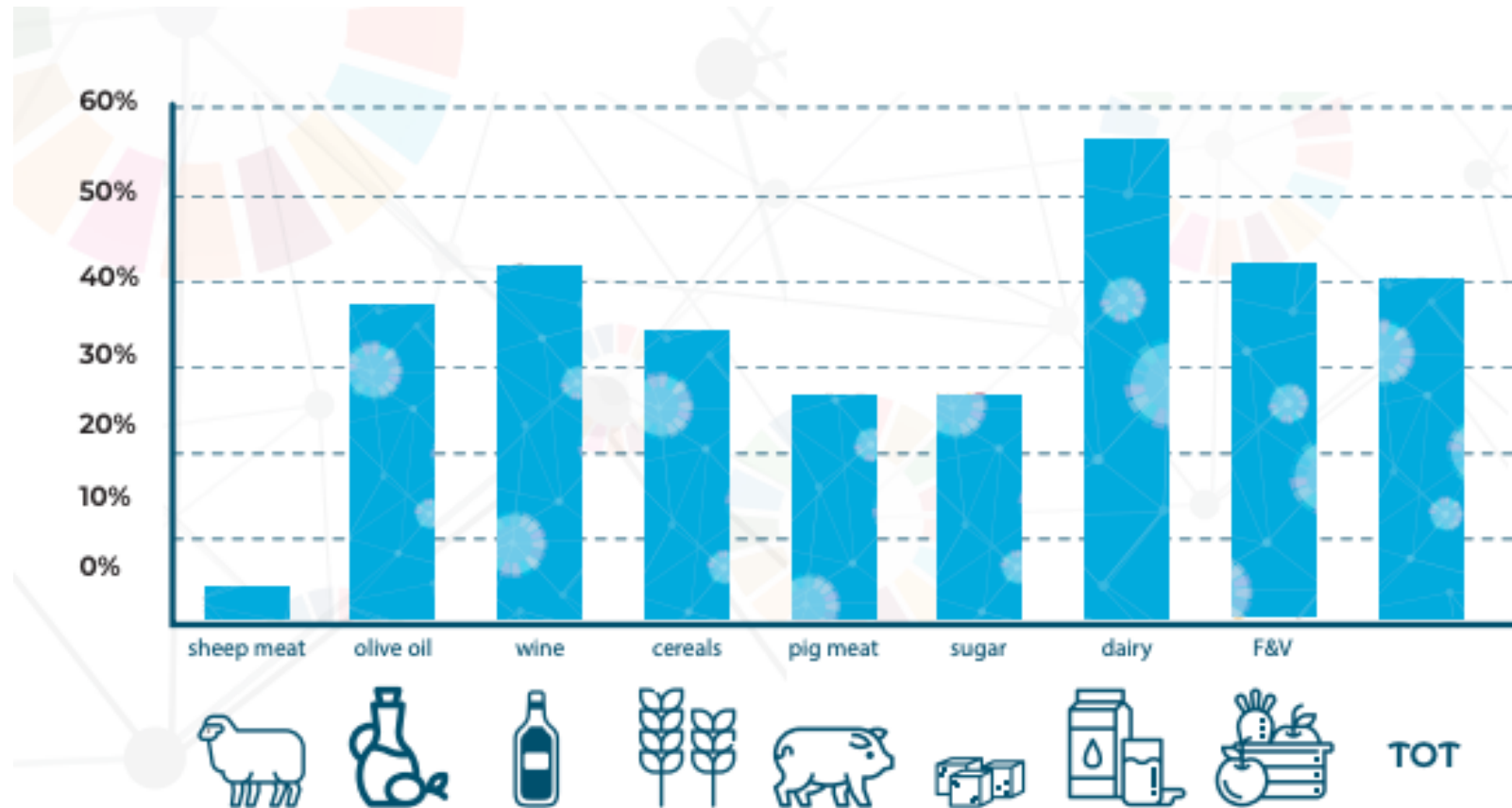
Austria 26.665
Croatia 2.581
Finland 26.130
France 195.000
Germany 107.478
Hungary 520
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SECTORS



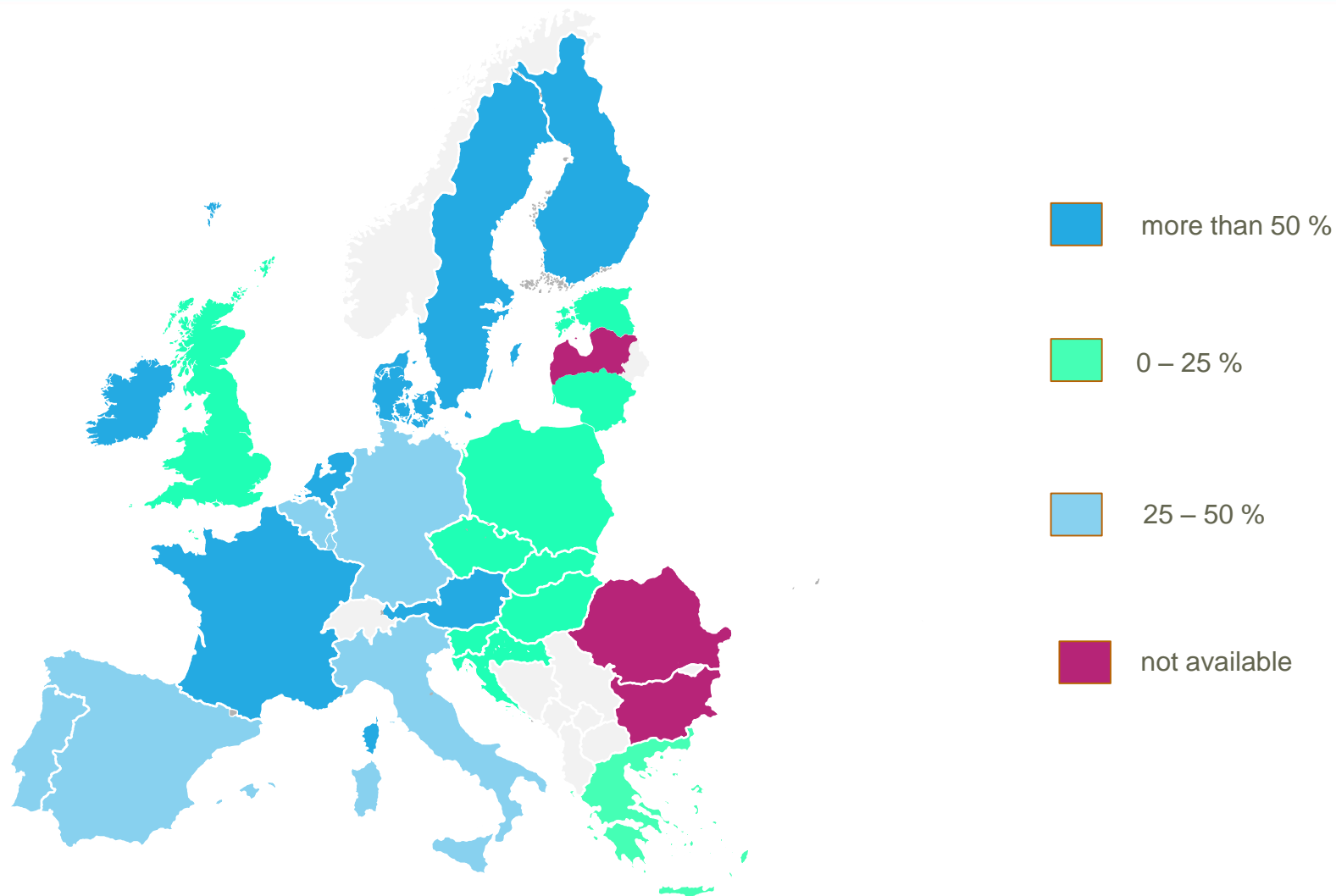


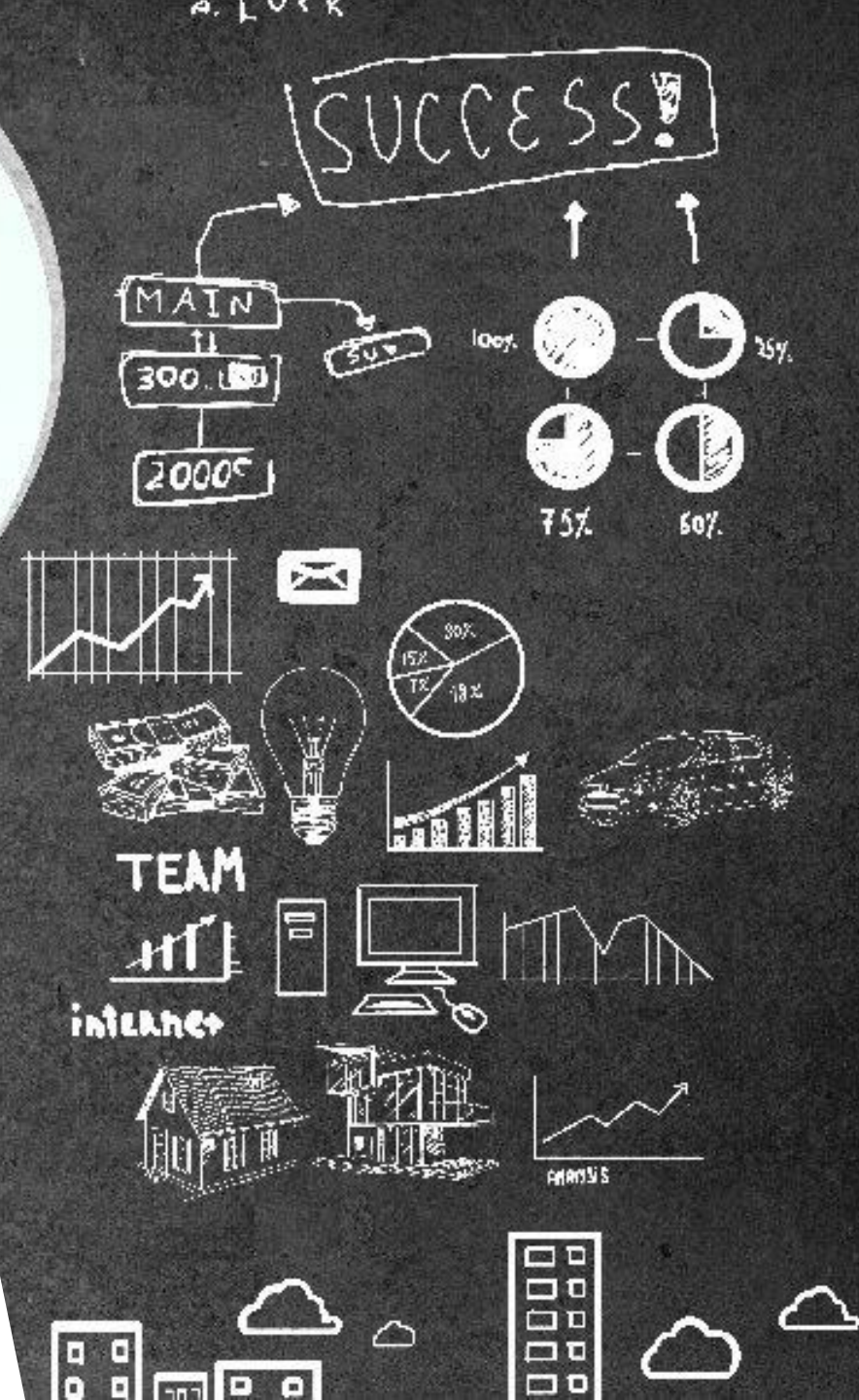
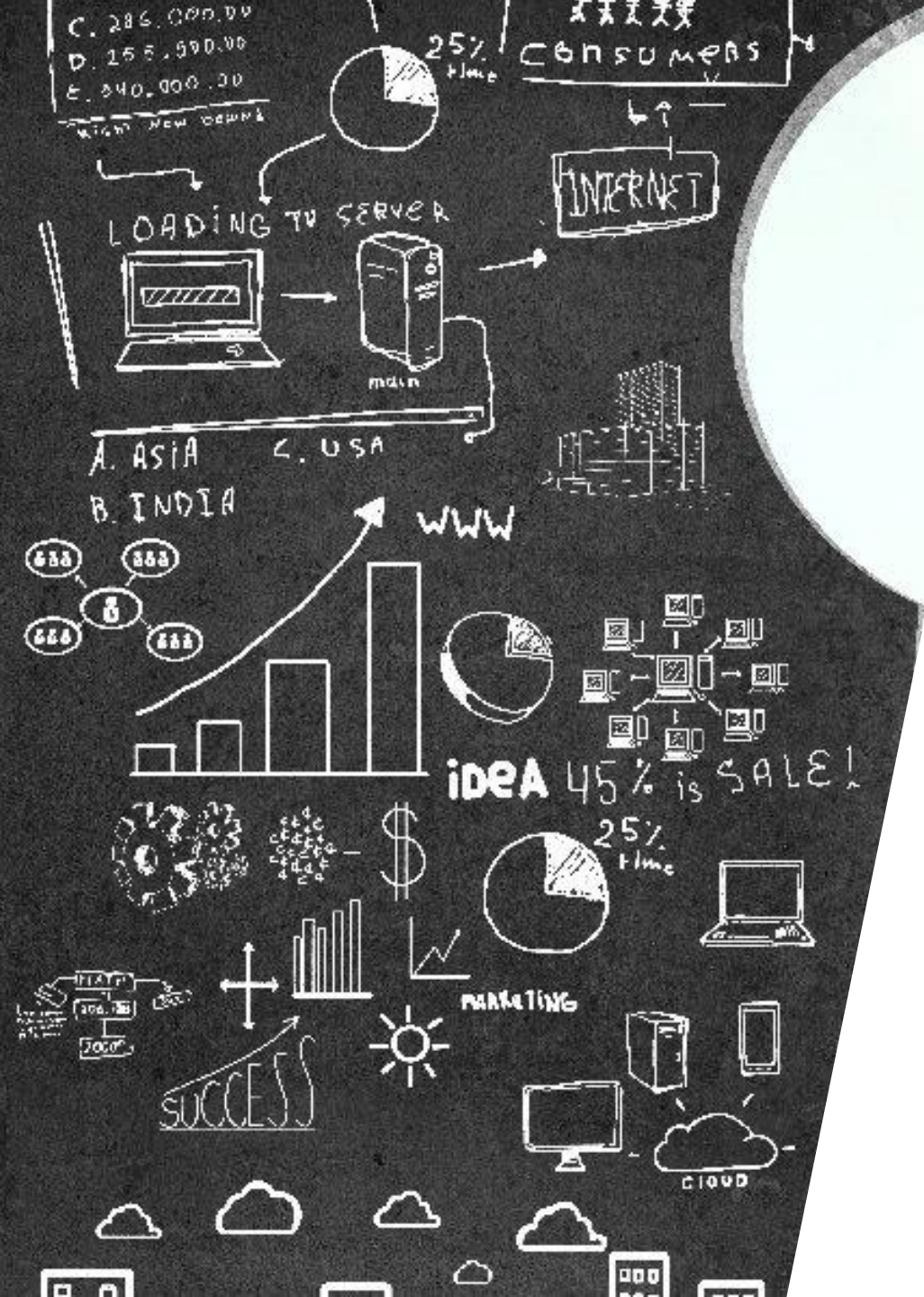
Market share of European agri-cooperative in main sectors



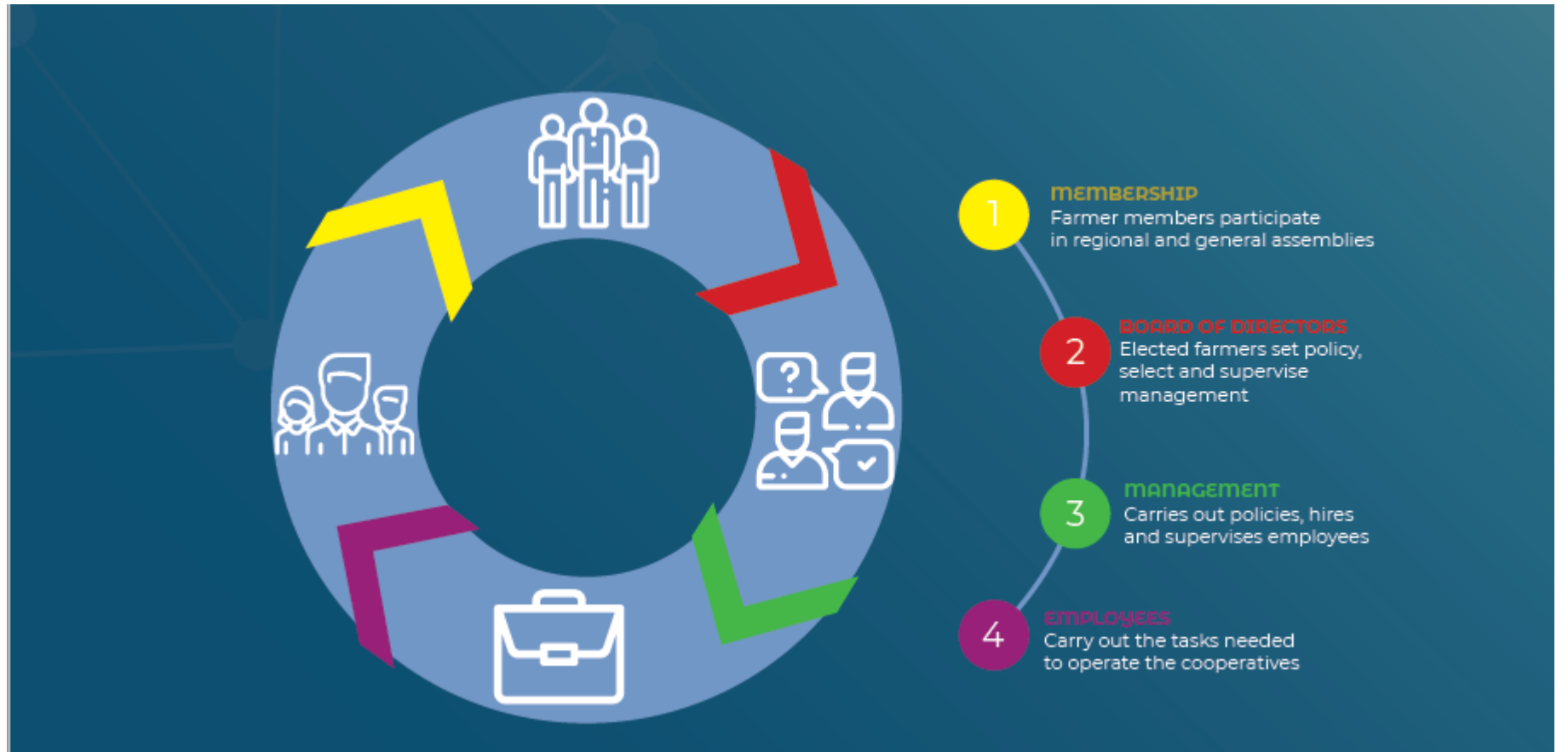


European agri-cooperatives market share outlook

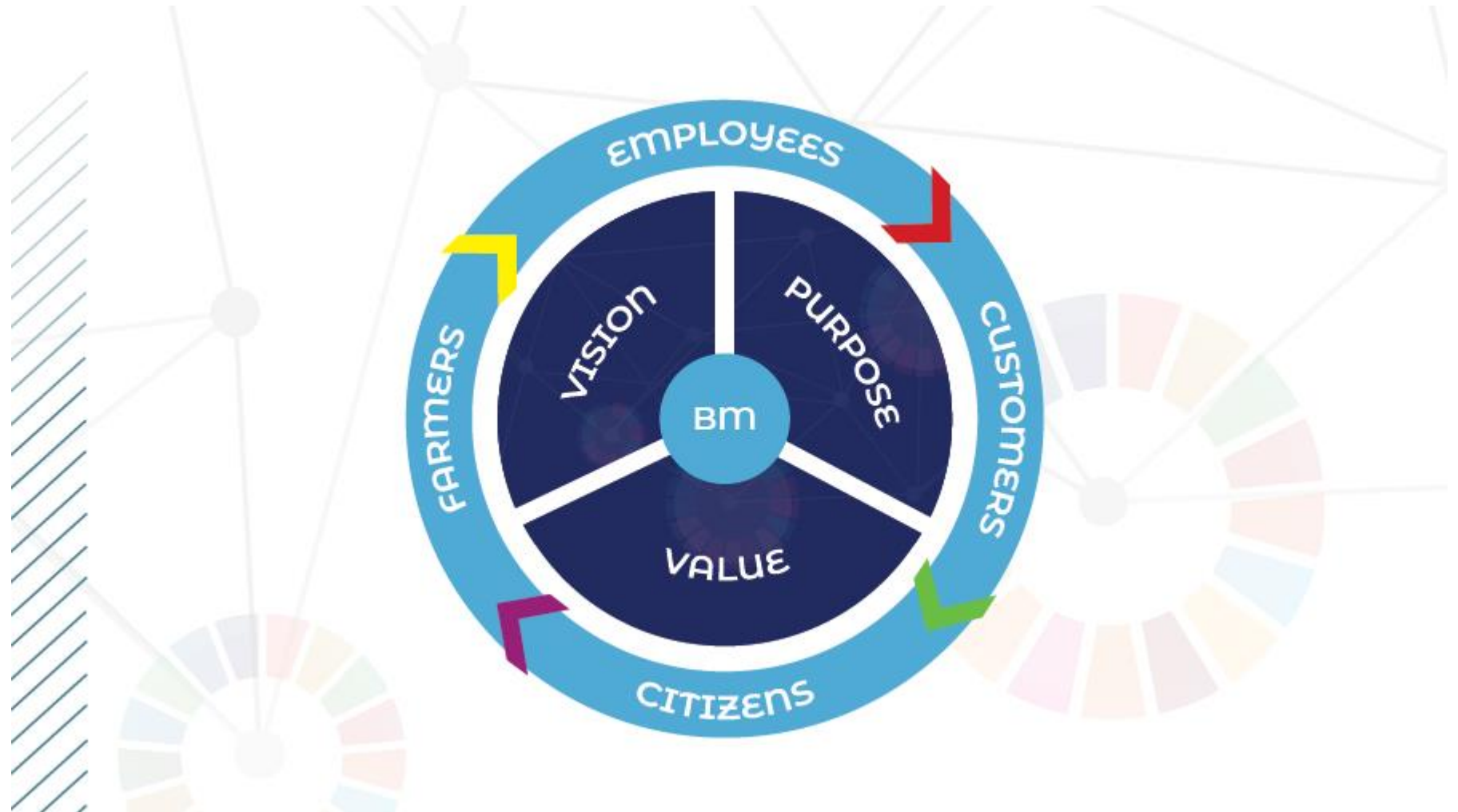




Governance structure



Business Model (BM)



Best practices

Integration

Mergers & Acquisitions

Second degree cooperatives

Internationalisation

Added Value

Inputs

On-farm production

Processing & packaging

Marketing

Distribution & Exports



Brand Awareness

Understanding consumers behaviour

“Farmers-Owned”

Communicating social and environmental credentials

Building TRUST

Alignment with the cooperative strategy

Cooperative strategy

Sound governance structures

Knowledge transfer and advices to fill skills gap

Training & Development programmes for elected farmers

Professionalisation of the management

Research, Innovation and Digitalisation

Designing tomorrow agriculture

Taking an ecosystem approach

Take Climate actions

Diversification of the activities

Drive the transition towards a circular and bio economy



The importance of collaboration

Farmers perspective:

What one person cannot accomplish alone, can be accomplished by many

Business perspective:

Most economic fallacies derive from the tendency to assume that there is a fixed pie, that one party can gain only at the expense of another.

Examples of collaborative ecosystems



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NO. 1 IN THE LARGE-SCALE
RETAIL TRADE IN ITALY



80%
of wine from winegrower partners
190,000,000 litres
of wine sold

70 COUNTRIES



Tavemello: the no. 1 brand of
Italian wine in the world

THE LARGEST ITALIAN VINEYARD

THE WINE MAKING PROCESS



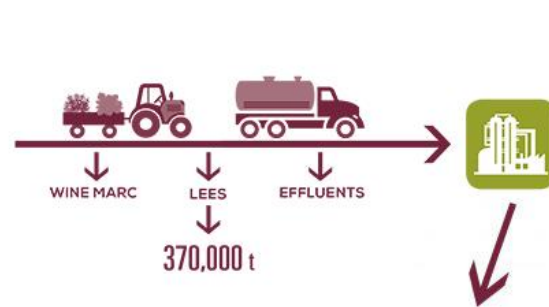
12,500
vine growers



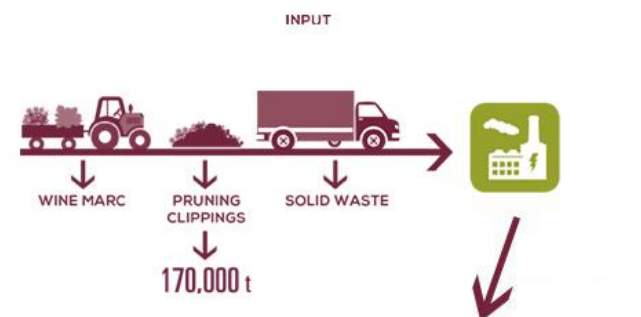
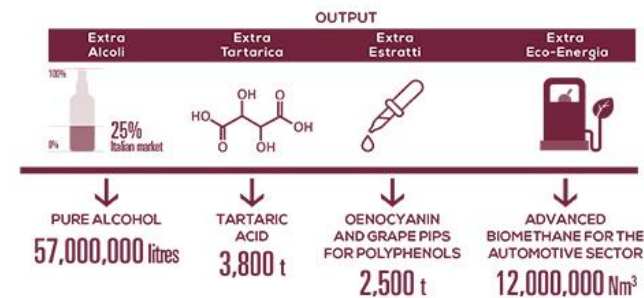
30 WINE
COOPERATIVES

100%
80%
5%
700,000 t
of grapes produced by the wine cooperatives

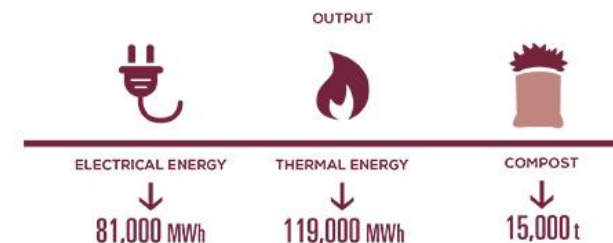
10%
of Italy's total
grape production



FROM WASTE TO NEW RAW MATERIALS



MANAGEMENT OF BIOMASS PLANTS





Thank you for your attention!

