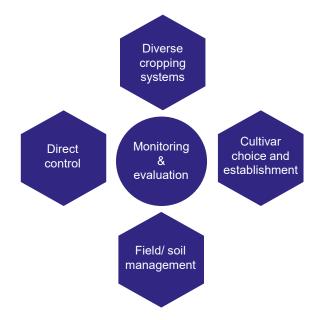




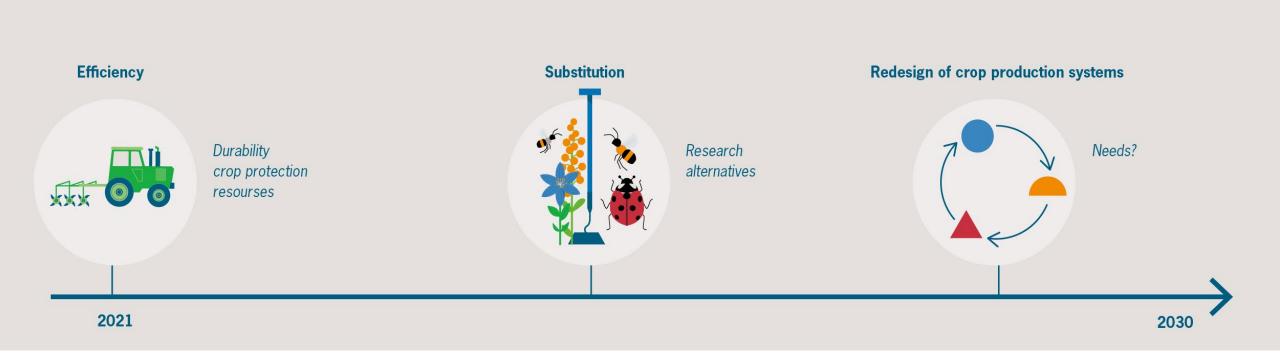
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## ESR Paradigm



## Managing weed communities

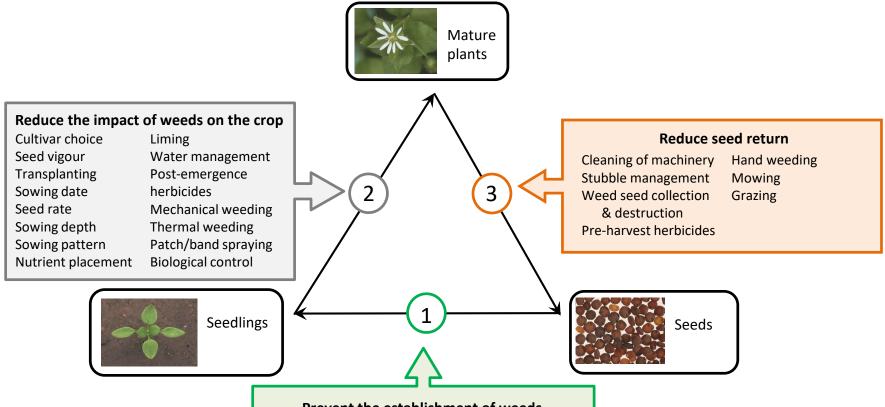
- AIM of IWM should be:
  - 1. To avoid excessive reproduction of the same weed species in the cropping system by broadening the ecological niche and
  - 2. To prevent the development of weed communities with a few dominant species.

Focus of IWM should be on:

### Diversified crop and weed management strategies.

The crop's life cycle and growing conditions determine the crop management operations and the available weed control tactics, both in terms of timing and tools that can be applied. Therefore, diversification of the cropping system allows to diversify weed management practices and impact differently on various weed species.

## Weed control tactics affecting the weeds life cycle (adapted from Kudsk et al 2020)



#### Prevent the establishment of weeds

Type and depth of Crop rotation

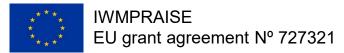
cultivation Cover crops

Intercropping Pre-emergence herbicides Clean seed Allelopathic compounds

Seedbed preparation Mulching (dead and living) Flaming

Field margin management



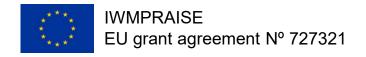


## Experts-Interviews

• Five experts per country (the Netherlands, Denmark, UK, France, Slovenia, Italy and Spain)

### • From:

- Governmental bodies,
- knowledge institutes (universities, research institutes),
- Consultancy
- Farmers organisations,
- Commercial companies
- Farmers



## Expert interviews- result



### Five pillars

- 1. Diverse cropping system
- 2. Cultivar choice and establishment
- 3. Field/soil management
- 4. Direct control
- 5. Monitoring and evaluation





