





DEVELOPING A MULTI-CRITERIA DECISION SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR A COMMON FOREST MANAGEMENT TO STRENGHTEN FOREST RESILIENCE, HARMONIZE STAKEHOLDER INTERESTS AND ENSURE SUSTAINABLE WOOD FLOWS Alessandro Sorze, Giulia Fredi, Andrea Dorigato and Alessandro Pegoretti

Introduction

Working group 'forest management, wood production and forest operations' **WP2 - Alpine forests WP1 - Boreal forests** WSL, ULJ, EULS, EULS, UTA, ULJ CESEFOR, UNIBZ European biogeographic **WP4 - Continental WP3 Mediterranean** regions forests forests CFTC, UJI, EULS, UGOE, UJI, EULS, CFTC,

Working group 'assessment of stakeholder demands and policy context'

WP6 Requirements of the stakeholders and societal demands

WP7 Modelling secure and sustainable wood flows through

<u>SLU</u>, ULJ, THRO, WSL, TUM, UFR, TUR, ANW, CE

Working group 'multi-criteria decision support'

WP5 Forest management and wood supply UFR, THRO, WSL, UNITN, UNIBZ, ULJ, TUG, CTFC

WP 8 Multi-Criteria

Decision Support System

TUD, THRO, WSL, UGOE

WP9 **Communication** and dissemination CESEFOR, all

WP10 Project management THRO, BayFOR

External Advisory Board FTP, EUSTAFOR, IUFRO, InnovaWood, BTG, FTP, Slovenian CC

WP 5 AIM: Top-soil cover (TSC) and Ground-soil cover (GSC) engineering and planting.

Requirements: biodegradable wood-based bio-composite, with water regulating properties.



UNITN is developing:

- GSC based on biopolymer Xanthan gum (X) dissolved in water and mixed with wood fibers (W).
- TSC based on xanthan gum, crosslinked with citric acid, and wood fibers





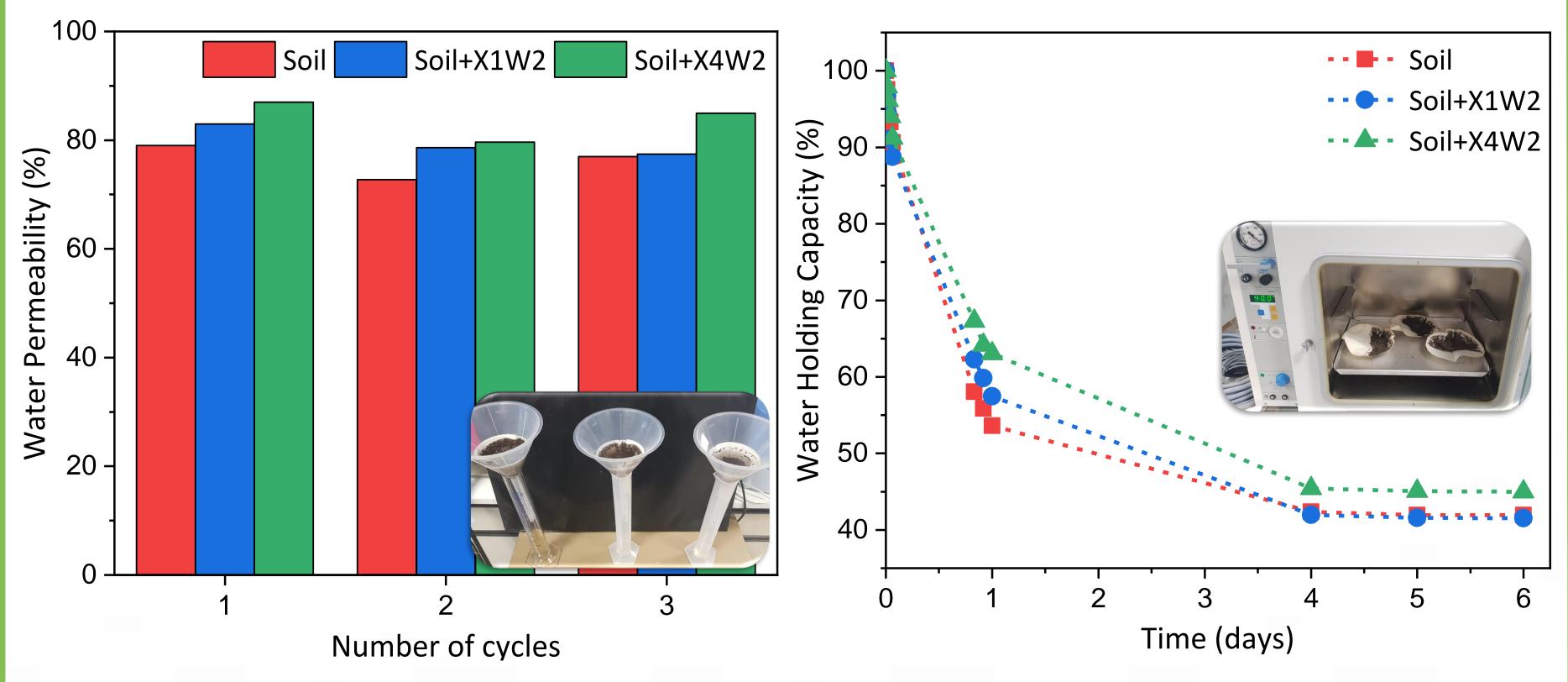
Results

THRO, SLU, UGOE, CE

CESEFOR

Soil-water characteristics

a dynamic value chain model



CESEFOR, WSL

Presence of hydrogel composites in the soil enhances the water permeability and at the same time increase the water holding capacity of the soil (slower water evaporation rate)

Conclusions

- Soil treated with the developed bio-composites showed better soil-water characteristics and mechanical consistency.
- Practical applications in lab showed an increase in the **resistence of the plants** in case of modified soils.

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Practical applications



Planting trials in laboratory (soil + 8 hydrogel compositions)



Planting trials on field (Saxony-Anhalt, Germany, 28/03/2022)

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