

Project Intel-IrriS

Intelligent Irrigation System for Low-cost Autonomous Water Control in Small-scale Agriculture

Système Intelligent d'Irrigation à Bas-Coût pour un Contrôle Autonome de l'Eau dans les Petites Exploitations Agricoles

Workshop on Earth Observation and Geospatial Information: Education and Research Perspectives

27 - 29 May, 2023



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**IDEA OF THE
PROJECT**



New research strategy



- ✓ Current trend of the RIIR laboratory - “Network and QoS” team
The Use of WSN/IoT technologies for societal and industrial Smart applications
- ✓ The laboratory promote useful and impactful research, Lab & Open Field Experimentation/validation
- ✓ Compliance with the national research plan: National Priority of MESRS/DGRSDT (Food, Energy, Health)
- ✓ Choice of Strategic Axis: **Food Security** 
- ✓ Project development / National partnership (PNR, impact and mixed projects, PRFU) and International cooperation (PRIMA)

Project Background

Code : 1560

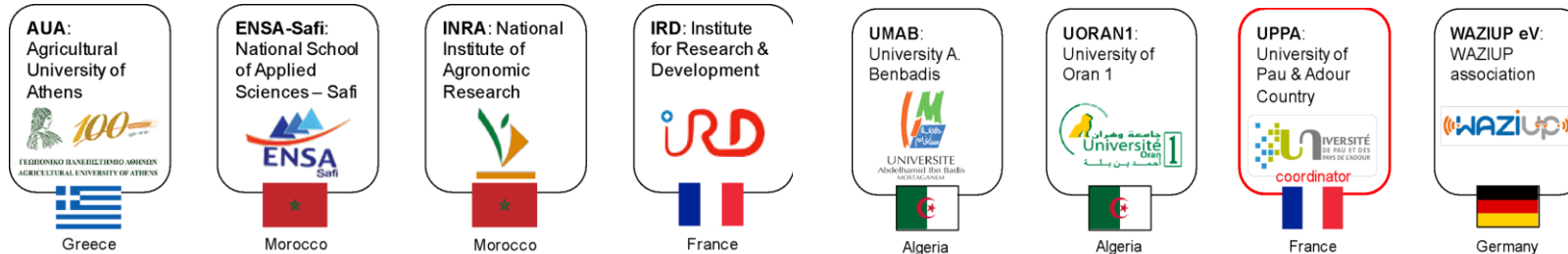


❖ Call: Section 2 Multitopic 2020

❖ Thematic Area 1-Water management

Low cost, lean solutions for enhancing irrigation efficiency of small-scale farms
Fr: Solutions peu coûteuses et légères pour améliorer l'efficacité de l'irrigation des petites exploitations agricoles

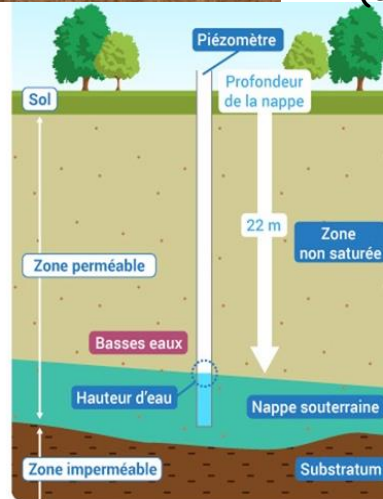
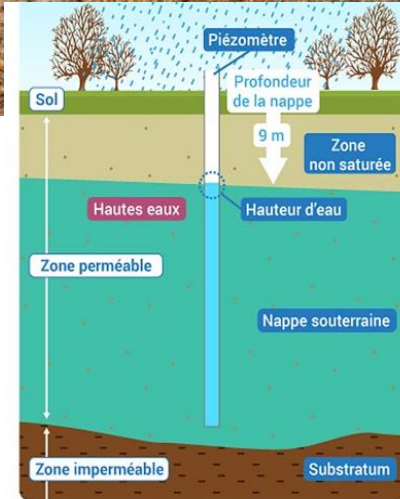
❖ 8 partners: Algeria (2), France (2), Germany (1), Morocco (2), Greece (1)



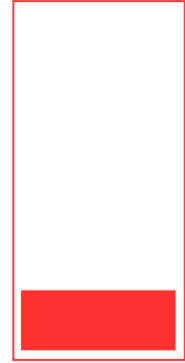
❖ 36 months – start date June 1st, 2021 - 31 May 2024

❖ Funding: Local agencies (Algeria: DGRSDT/MESRS)

➡ Water resource is precious!



A little wet
(un peu humide)



Dry
(sec)



Very dry
(Très sec)

➔ Smallholders – up to 2ha

- Most (84%) of the world's 570 million farms are smallholdings.
- Provide about 32% of world food supply, on about 24% of agriculture land.
- In Algeria, most farms are privately-owned, averaging between 2 and 20 hectares (smallholdings). Financial resources are limited, and sometimes catastrophic in the event of disaster (drying).



Digital Technologies

- ✓ Too expensive
- ✓ Too integrated
- ✓ Highly specialized
- ✓ Difficult to customize
- ✓ Difficult to upgrade

➔ Technologies in agriculture

- Digital technologies can help reducing and optimizing usage of water and improve crop quality and quantity, **but...**



Possible for large farms

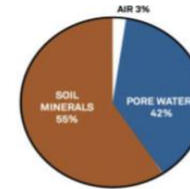
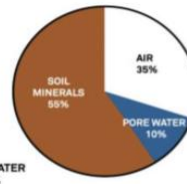
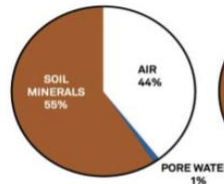
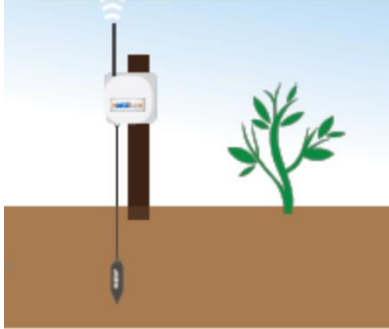


Out of reach for smallholders !!

➔ Project INTEL-IRRIS : Objectives

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Propose low cost but highly efficient water control systems for irrigation optimization



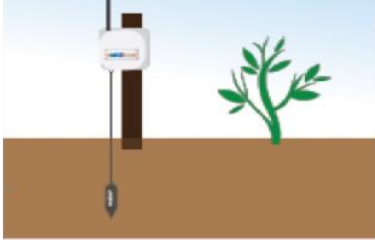
Irrigation with soil moisture sensing



Project INTEL-IRRIS : Objectives

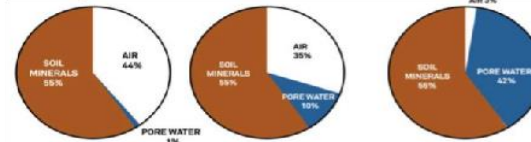
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2

Use cutting-edge technologies to propose highly innovative systems yet simple to deploy and adapted to smallholders



Soil characteristics: bulk density, soil salinity, soil texture & soil type

Evapotranspiration, soil-plant-atmosphere continuum,...

3

Seamless integration into existing irrigation system and/or local customs and practices



Irrigation type: drip, furrow, sprinkler,...

Plant/Crop varieties

Relationship with other agriculture inputs



Volumetric Water Content, Water Potential, Water Tension,...



Project INTEL-IRRIS : Objectives

4



Improve farmer's knowledge on water-related issues, foster local adaptation of technologies, increase local innovation capacity and facilitate technology appropriation



5

Large-scale adoption of low cost smart irrigation system by smallholders, stimulating synergies between various local actors

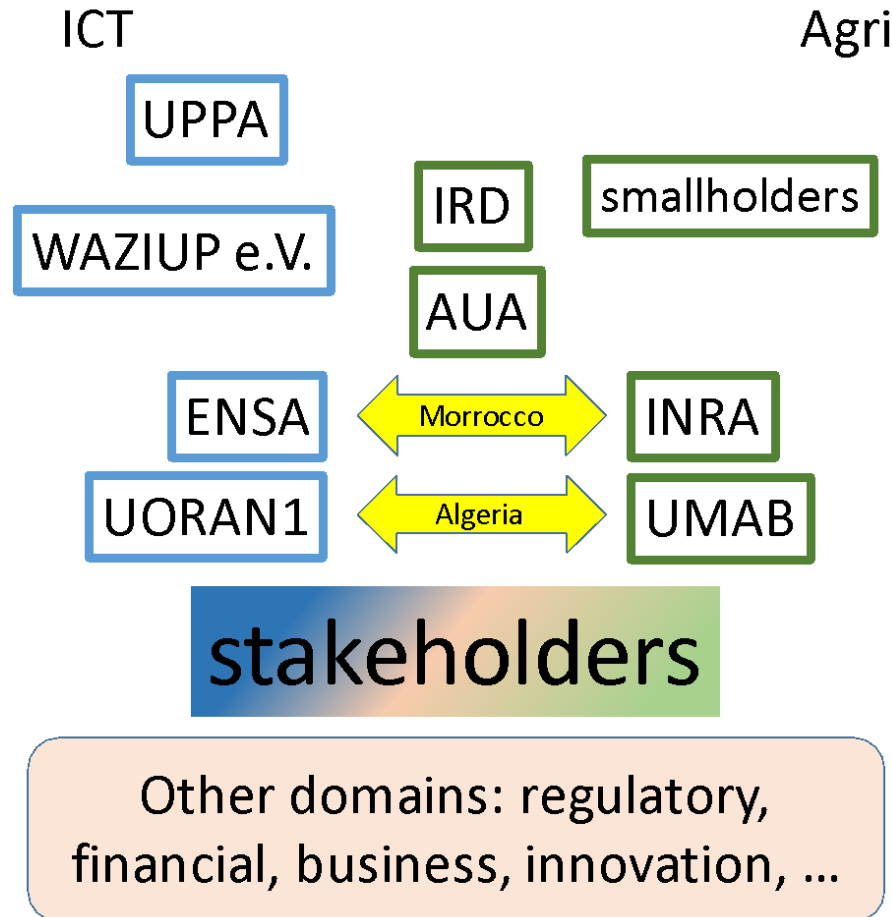


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PROJECT STRUCTURE

➔ Synergy between ICT & Agri communities



→ List of WPs (Work Packages)

WP #	WP Title	Lead Participant No	Lead Participant Short Name	Person-Months	Start Month	End Month
WP1	Low-cost sensor platform for connected irrigation system	1	UPPA	64PM	M01	M30
WP2	Plug-&-Sense smart irrigation system in-the-box	3	WAZIUP e.V.	59PM	M01	M30
WP3	Smallholders Piloting Program, demonstrator and evaluation	7	UORAN1	53PM	M01	M36
WP4	Community engagement, communication and dissemination activities	5	ENSA	42PM	M01	M36
WP5	Cooperations, synergies and long-term sustainability for smallholders	6	INRA	47PM	M01	M36
WP6	Project management	1	UPPA	26PM	M01	M36
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INTEL-IRRIS Gantt diagram – M18

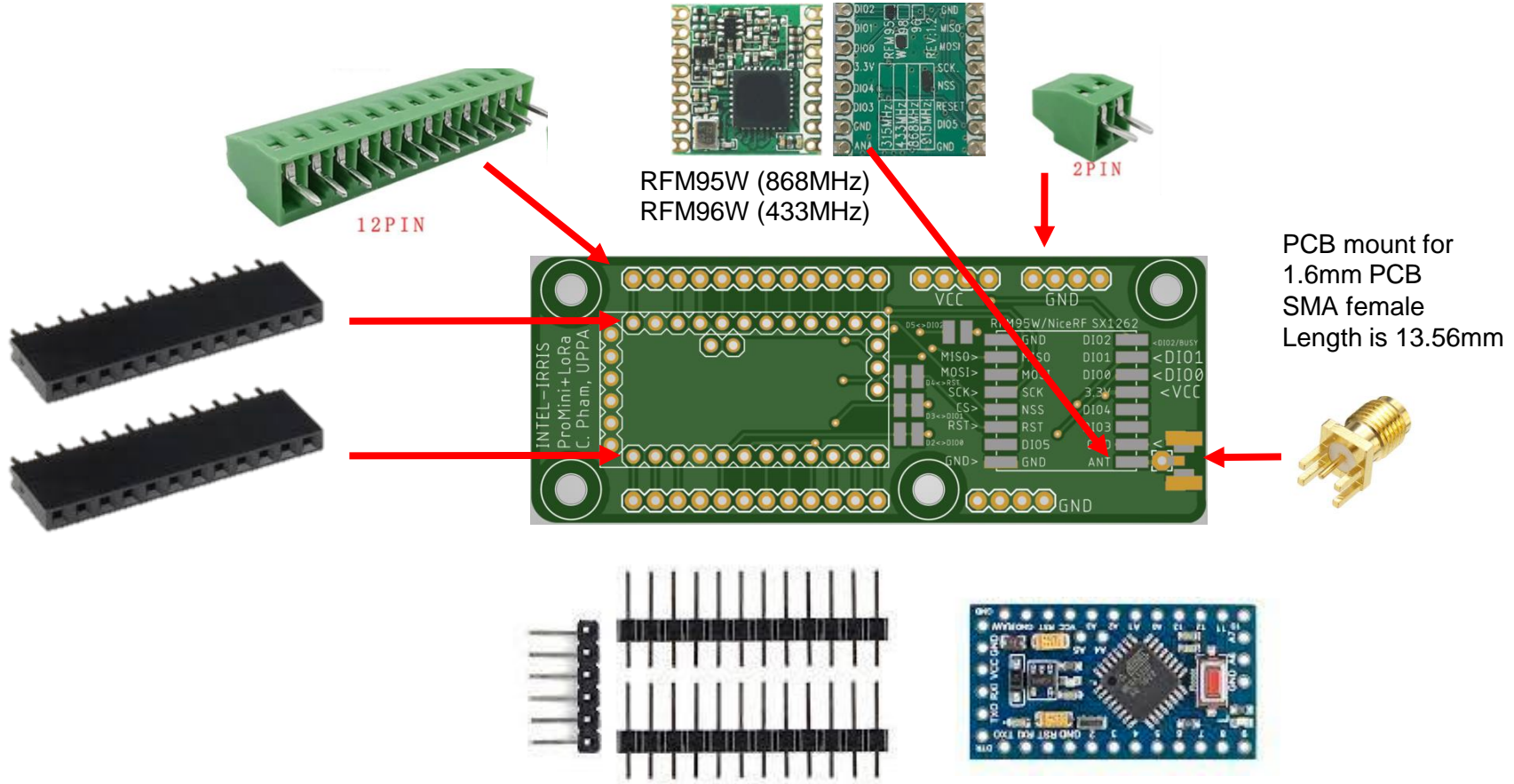
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**LOW COST &
LOCAL
ASSEMBLY**

→ Soil sensor



➔ Soil sensor: easy integration



➔ Local assembly



2 pictures above: Building starter-kits by ENSA in Morocco



January 2023



4 pictures above: Building starter-kits by UORAN1 in Algeria

Capacity building of agri partners

UPPA helping INRA SETTAT to build soil sensors

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STARTER-KIT
3 VARIANTS

Type of Starter-kit for INTEL-IRRIS Project



An incremental design approach: From idea to reality

	capacitive SEN0308	tensiometer WM200	Base WaziGate	"+IIWA"	"+embedded AI"	"+WaziAct"
starter-kit v1 – M12	x		x			
starter-kit v2 – M24	x	x	x	x		
starter-kit v3 – M30	x	x	x	x	x	x

Starter-kit V1



SEN0308
capacitive sensor

~ 30€

**Already
developed**

Starter-kit V2



1 Watermark

~ 60€

**Watermark
WM200**



2 Watermark

Starter-kit V3



Embedded AI

**DataSet, ML
Algorithms**

**Not yet
developped**

WaziAct



Electrovanne



➔ Gateway: collect sensor data

WAZIGATE GATEWAY

**FULL EDGE-COMPUTING
(NO INTERNET)**

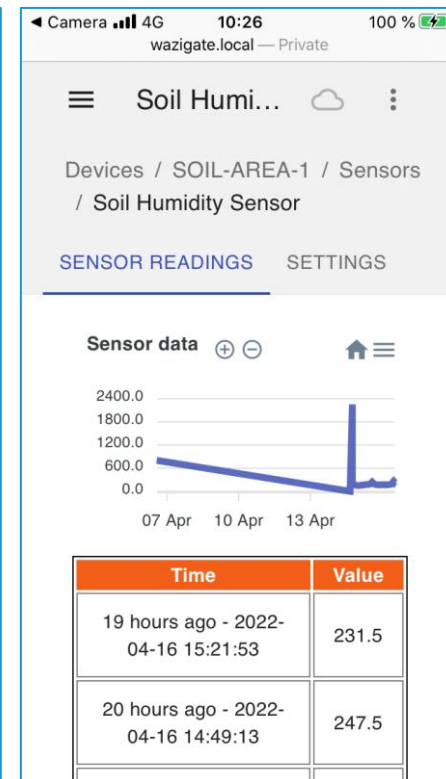
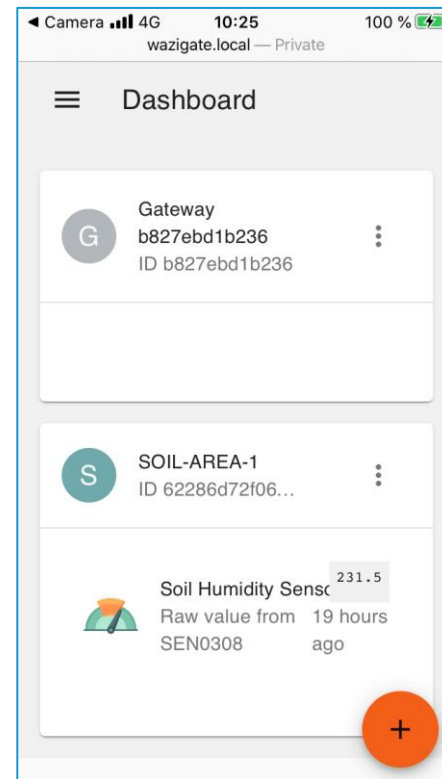
**ALL DATA PROCESSING
CAN BE DONE LOCALLY**



**1 GATEWAY HANDLES
SEVERAL DEVICES**

< 50€

EMBEDDED WEB INTERFACE



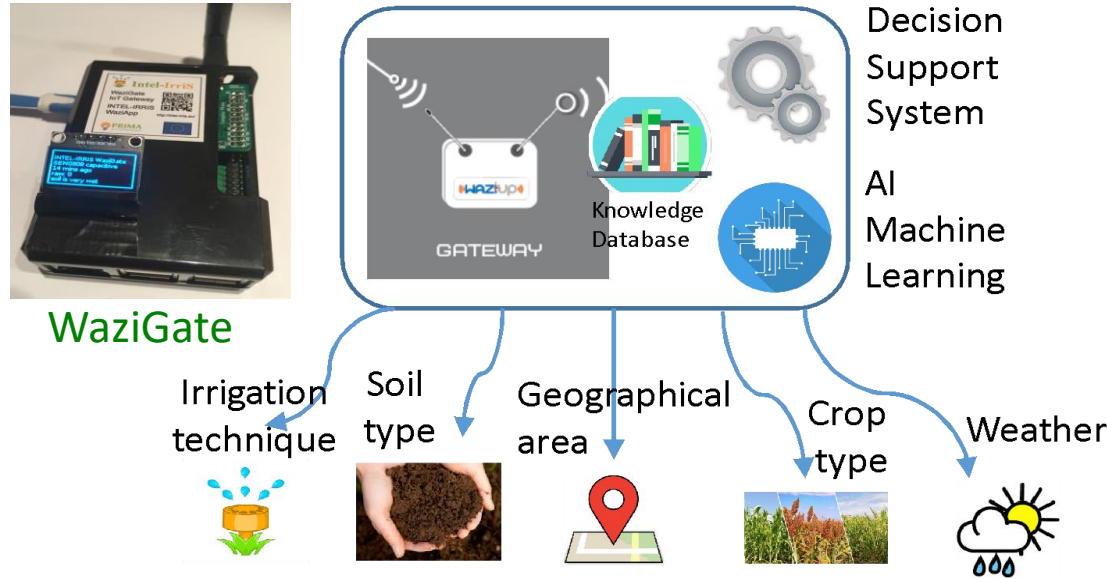
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INTELLIGENT

➔ Embedded intelligence: INTEL-IRRIS Irrigation WaziApp (IIWA)



- IIWA: Embedded application running on INTEL-IRRIS WaziGate to implement the "**intelligent Irrigation in-the-box**" & "**plug-&-sense**" approach



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STARTER-KIT
DISSEMINATION



PRIMA
IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA



Seminars, scientific days, webinars, ...

March 11th, 2022



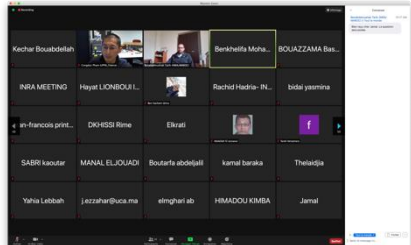
Irrigation : concepts et état des lieux

Résumé:

Le projet INTEL-IRRIS organise un webinaire sur « Irrigation : concepts et état des lieux » le 11 Mars 2022. Cette manifestation qui ambitionne d'apporter les éléments conceptuels nécessaires sur l'utilisation de la ressource hydrique dans le pourtour méditerranéen présentera les contraintes et les enjeux de la gestion de l'eau d'irrigation à l'échelle parcelaire. Elle offrira aussi l'opportunité d'échange et de partage d'expérience en vue d'une gestion efficiente de l'eau d'irrigation et dans l'optique d'atténuer les effets du changement climatique. Outre les trois présentations introductives sur les concepts d'irrigation et la vision future en matière de recherche en irrigation assurées par des chercheurs et experts renommés, le webinaire couvrira divers aspects de la problématique de qualité et de gestion de l'eau d'irrigation.

Vendredi 11/03/2022 09h30 (GMT+1) <http://intel-irris.eu/>

Horaire	Programmation
09h30-10h00	Ouverture : Présentation du projet Pr. Congduc PHAM (UPPA)
10h00-11h00	« L'irrigation au Maroc face aux changements climatiques : les nouveaux défis » Dr. Bassou Bouazzama (INRA)
11h00-12h00	« L'eau dans le sol et contraintes de l'irrigation » Pr. Mohammed Benkhelifa (UMAB)
12h00-12h30	Débat et clôture



March 30th, 2022

SEMINAIRE 2022
L'AGRICULTURE CONNECTÉE À BAS COUTS

Pr. BENKHOJA Khalil
Directeur de l'IRIAS
Mot d'ouverture

Pr. Congduc PHAM
INRA-UMRI 1213
Président du séminaire

Pr. EL ISSAOUI Abdellah
INRA-CRISA SETAT
Technologies des capteurs pour l'irrigation de précision: Intelligence croisée techniques et économiques

Pr. MADIAFI Mohammed
UMAB-UMR 108
Intelligence Artificielle au Service de l'Agriculture

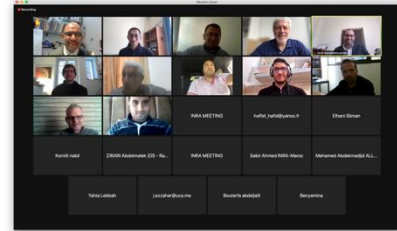
30 MARS 2022 À PARTIR DE 10H
INRIA DR. EAH (AMPHI A)

LE SEMINAIRE EST OUVERT À TOUS

Coordonateur du séminaire
Pr. BARAKA Kamal



Apr 1st, 2022



June 8th, 2022



WORKSHOP SMART FARMING II (2ème édition)
Date : 13 Novembre 2022
Lieu : Amphithéâtre Talahit du Campus Taleb. Mourad Salim

THEMATIQUES

- TIC et Consommation d'énergie
- Agriculture de précision et Sécurité alimentaire
- Economie de l'eau et sa Gestion durable

Email : smartfarming.2022@gmail.com
Site web : https://intel-irris.eu/Smart_Farming_2022.html





Smallholder dissemination events

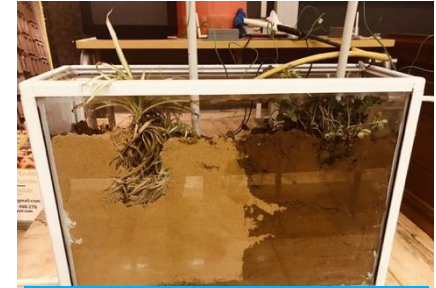


June 9th, 2022



June 13th, 2022

Dec 14th, 2022

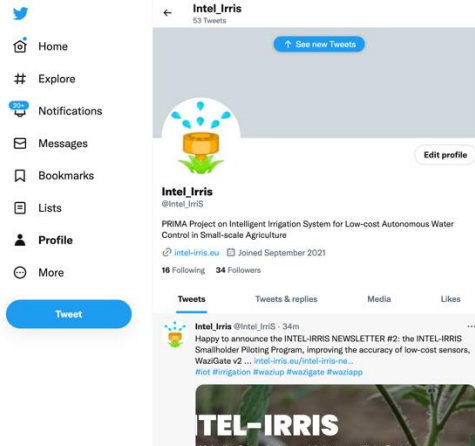


March 7th, 2023





Social media: INTEL-IRRIS Twitter



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@Intel_Irris

Waziup IoT Retweeted
Intel_Irris @Intel_Irris · Apr 15
More than 30 starter-kits have already been assembled, ready to be deployed in piloting program with smallholders! With the WaziGate IoT gateway, the starter-kit can be deployed out-of-the-box! #iot #WaziGate #irrigation #smallholders.



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Intel_Irris @Intel_Irris · Nov 22, 2022
The INTEL-IRRIS IoT Gateway moved to WaziGate v2 for increased robustness and better edge deployment support in small scale agriculture! @waziupIoT #EdgeComputing #agriculture #farmer. Check-out on our Results section intel-irris.eu/results.



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Social media: INTEL-IRRIS Facebook

Dec 14th, 2022

Oran1 Ahmed Ben Bella University **mercredi**

Lancement de la Journée d'Information et de Sensibilisation dans l'Agriculture de Précision

الجمهورية الجزائرية الديمقراطية الشعبية
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الوزارة العليا للتعليم والبحث العلمي
Faculté des sciences exactes et appliquées

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laboratoire : Pr KECHAR Bouabdellah
PNR « S2IEA » : Pr KECHAR Bouabdellah
Sujet : Système d'irrigation intelligent et durable pour exploitations agricoles - S2IEA
nisation d'une manifestation scientifique

يوم إعلامي وتوعوي في الزراعة الدقيقة
Information and Sensibilisation Day in Precision Agriculture
e d'Information et de Sensibilisation dans l'Agriculture de Précision

Le Mercredi 14 Décembre 2022 à LE PACHA HOTEL
inisée par le laboratoire IRIIR (Université ORAN1) et :
partenaire Socio-économique DSA Oran

وتقنيات مبتكرة منخفضة التكلفة من أجل زراعة حديثة ومستدامة في الجزائر
أنجزه بنفسك
ative low cost technologies for a modern and sustainable agriculture in Algeria"
Do-it-Yourself
elles technologies low cost pour une agriculture moderne durable en Algérie »
Faites-le-Vous-même

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March 7th, 2023

Chambre De L'agriculture Mostaganem **il y a environ 2 semaines**

احتضنت جامعة مستغانم بالقسم علوم طبيعة والحياة يوم تقني حول نظام ري ذكي للتحكم الذاتي في الماء بتكلفة منخفضة للمزارع الصغيرة في إطار مشروع بحث intel-irris prime 2 تحت عنوان المزارع الصغيرة بين نقص الموارد المائية والتسوير الذكي الري تحت اشراف الأستاذ الباحث بن خليفة محمد و بحضور خبراء أجانب في المجال بالتنسيق مع مديرية المصالح الفلاحية و الفرقة الفلاحية لولاية مستغانم حيث يعد هذا اللقاء الورشة الأولى للمشروع الذي حضره شركاء القطاع وبعض فلاحي الولاية

+22

Others

- ❖ Press releases, interviews, local radio & TV
- ❖ Tutorial materials
- ❖ Cooperation with WaterMed 4.0 –
<https://www.watermed-project.eu/>

PRIMA S1 N°1821 – Coordinator A. Skarmeta (ES)

Algeria coordinator: **Benyamina Abou El Hassan**

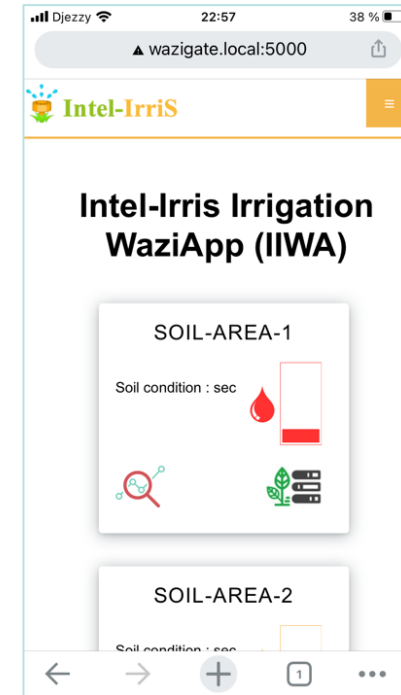
Some INTEL-IRRIS piloting farms will be registered on the WaterMed platform

- ❖ Publications : 03 conference papers + 1 journal paper



Competition Challenges

- We launched the INTEL-IRRIS Competition Challenges
<https://intel-irris.eu/intel-irris-challenge>
- Competitors will propose improvements on the IIWA application
- Several contribution categories are defined
 - User Graphical Interface
 - Calibration of sensor data
 - Processing & transformation of sensor data
 - Integration of agriculture data & knowledge



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STARTER-KIT
SMALLHOLDER
PILOTING PROGRAM

➔ Smallholder Piloting Program (SPP)



- **Very important step in the project**
- Participatory approach to co-design & test the innovative solutions in fields
- Take into account region-dependent technical, agricultural, social, climatic and environmental aspects
- Will run for 24 months to ensure that the proposed irrigation systems are well tailored for the specificities of the regional context
- 13 farms already enrolled to participate in the Piloting Program
- Scale-up to involve at least 20 small-scale farms





Preparation of the SPP

● First contact, logistics, databases, questionnaires, deployment, validation, feedback

Questionnaire pour les petits agriculteurs

Enquête sur la pratique actuelle de l'irrigation et la perception des petits exploitants et des acteurs de la région dans le domaine agricole sur l'utilisation de la technologie et des pratiques d'irrigation innovantes.

*** 1. Politique de confidentialité :**

☐ Autoriser l'utilisation de mes données personnelles conformément à la législation actuellement en vigueur, au service du projet INTEL-IRRIS.

*** 2. Informations de contact :**

Nom :

Prénom :

Age :

Tél :

E-mail :

*** 3. Informations sur la ferme :**

Nom de l'exploitation :

Nom du propriétaire :

Localisation (site, lieu ou coordonnées) :

Région (Pays) :

Type de culture (variété) :

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إستبيان للمزارعين الصغار

إستبيان لطرق ممارسات الري الحالية وتصور أصحاب المزارع الصغيرة والفاعلين في الميدان الفلاحي حول مسألة استخدام التكنولوجيا وممارسات الري المبتكرة

1.* مسألة إستخدام المعلومات الشخصية:

☐ التصريح باستخدام المعلومات الخاصة بي وفقاً للتشريعات المعمول بها حالياً، في خدمة مشروع INTEL-IRRIS

2.* معلومات الإتصال

الاسم:

اسم العائلة:

السن:

الهاتف:

البريد الإلكتروني:

3.* معلومات عن المزرعة

اسم المزرعة:

اسم صاحب المزرعة:

الموقع (المكان أو العنوان):

بلد (المدينة):

نوع الزراعة (الصف):

4.* مساحة الارض المستغلة

☐ > 10 ha ☐ 2-10 ha ☐ 0-2 ha

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نظام ري ذكي -النموذج الإبتدائي-



عرض آخر قيمة تم
الحصول عليها وحالة
رطوبة التربة



يتم تسليمها مع بوابة واحدة ومستشعر سعوي أو مقياس رطوبة التربة

تفسير القيم المقاسة وعرض أوضاع التربة

1 :

بدون جهاز استشعار

نطاق الري المعتاد	مُرتوي	نطاق الري المعتاد
0 - 83	مُرتوي	0 - 10
84 - 166	رطب	11 - 30
167 - 249	رطب	31 - 60
250 - 333	جاف	61 - 100
334 - 416	جاف	

> 416



> 100

جاف جدا

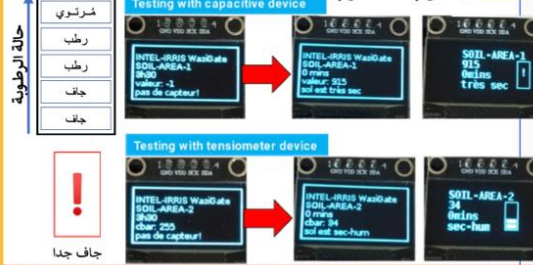
النموذج الإبتدائي لا يزال في مرحلة التطوير والاختبار
والتعديل. القيم المبيّنة هي إرشادية لمرحلة الاختبار.

<https://www.irrometer.com/basics.html#using>

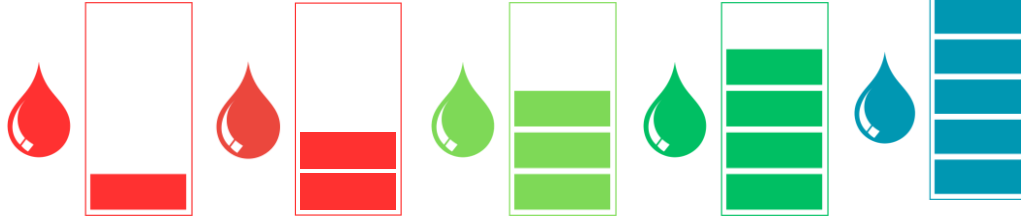
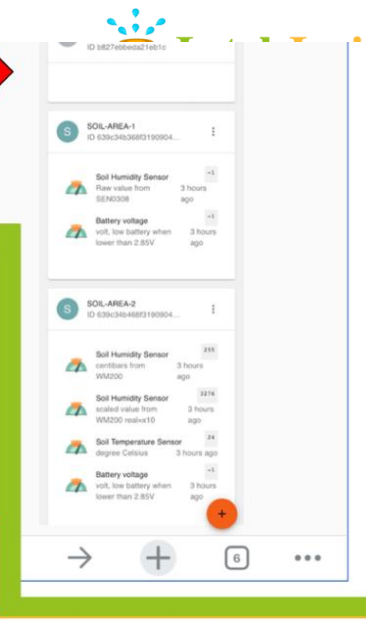


لوحة الفياده التي تعرض
بيانات المصنع الأصلية
لأجهزة الاستشعار

عرض آخر قيمة مستلمة وحالة رطوبة التربة



اختبر المزيد من الميزات مع تطبيق
INTEL-IRRIS IRRIGATION
WAZIGATE! الذي تم تثبيته على



**Complex technologies
made simpler!**
Local adaptation

Thank you for your attention

شكرا

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