



sen4cap  
common agricultural policy

Sentinels for Common  
Agricultural Policy

Evolution of Sen4CAP system – 3 new use cases



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Sen4CAP system



User group:  
6+1 Paying Agencies



EO Experts



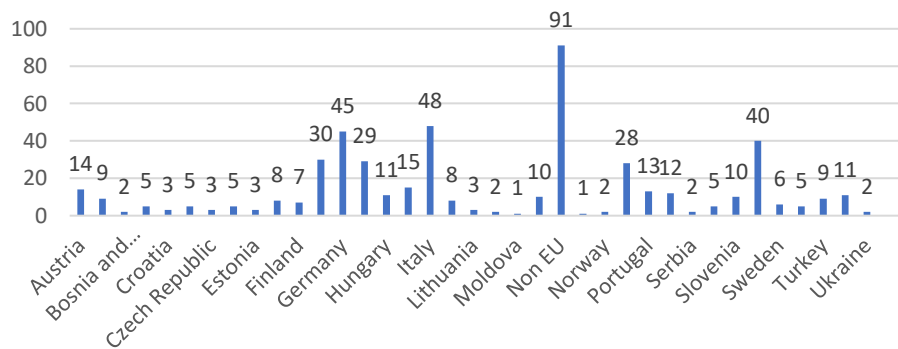
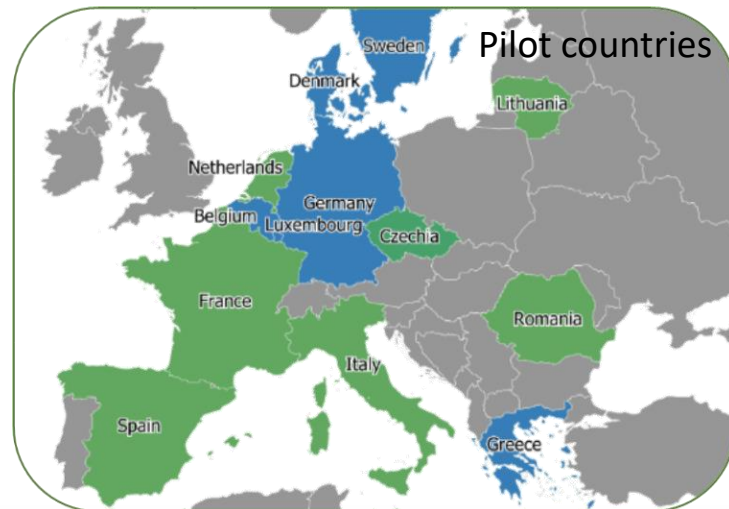
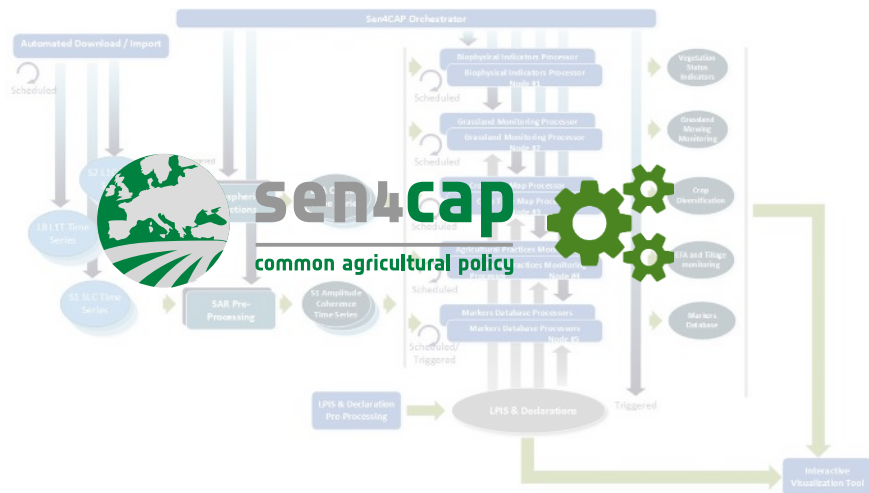
Guidance by  
DG-Agri, JRC,  
DG-Grow.



Commissioner V. Hojan: "...ESA has launched a tender for Sen4CAP which will provide us useful knowledge and further possibilities on how we use Sentinel data in the context of the CAP ..."

From an ESA project ...

# ...to an open source system uptaken by the CAP community

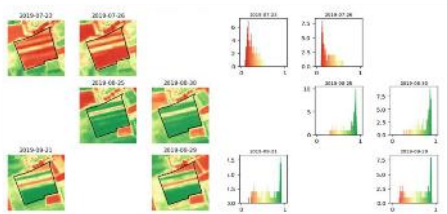


The screenshot shows the CloudFerro website for Sen4Cap. The header includes the CloudFerro logo and navigation links for 'Public', 'Private', 'For Earth Observation', 'Technologies', 'Resources', and 'About us'. The main banner features a photograph of a tractor in a field with a sensor mounted on it. The text on the banner reads:
 

- Sen4CAP - The Sentinels for Common Agricultural Policy**
- Solution for modern agriculture

 Below the banner, there is a short paragraph: 'Ready-to-use monitoring solution for modern agriculture. Biophysical indicators, crop type map, grassland mowing, and agricultural practices monitoring in one place.'

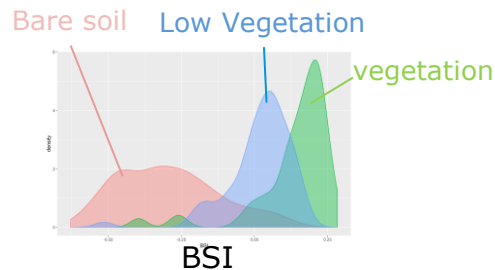
## Sub-parcel **heterogeneity** marker(s)



MILENOV Pavel *et al.*, 2021, JRC

Per pixel analysis

## **Bare soil** markers



New Optical &  
SAR variables  
– all year round

## **Change** of cover from year to year



Permanent Grassland    Arable Land    Permanent Crop

Multi-annual analysis



# Relying on CREODIAS NoR to develop methodologies for the 3 new use cases



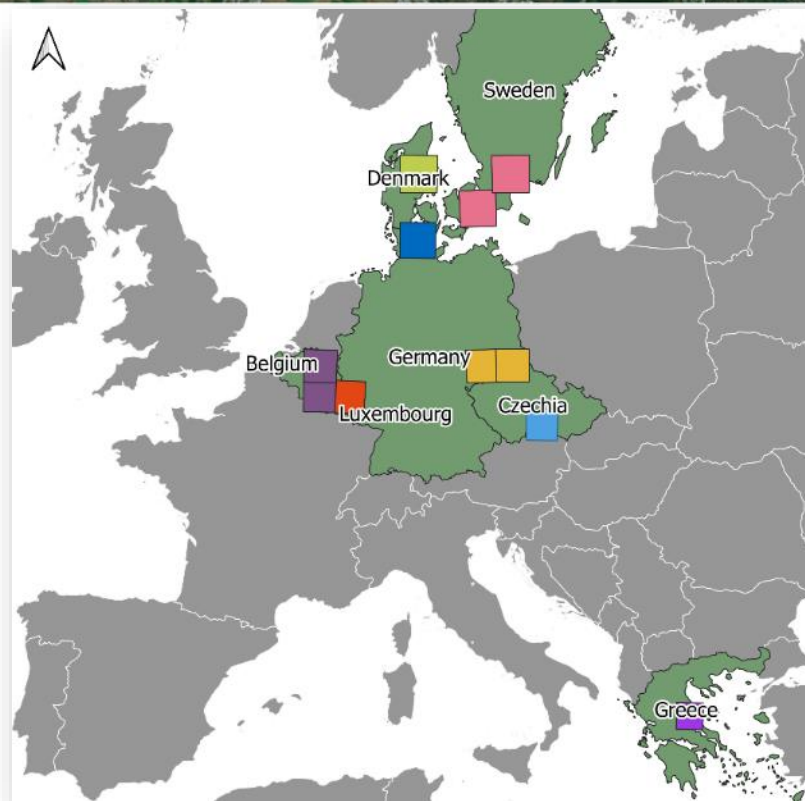
- Working on test sites spread over Europe
- Pre-processing Sentinel-1 and Sentinel-2 time series over 1 or 2 years over each test sites
- Algorithms development
- Generation of final products to be submitted to the pilot test sites:
  - Detection of heterogeneous parcels
  - Detection of bare soil periods during the growing season
  - Detection of « land cover » changes at the parcel-level between years (between « permanent grassland », « permanent crop » and « annual crop »)



# R&D with 7 pilot countries (8 Paying Agencies), sharing calibration and validation data



- 1 or 2 S2 tiles
- 1 or 2 years (2020-**2021**)
- All Sentinel-1 and Sentinel-2 preprocessed



## Sites list

Site name	Short name	Season name	Seasons		
			Season start	Season mid	Season end
Czechia	czechia	2020	2020-01-01	2020-07-03	2020-12-31
		2021	2021-01-01	2021-07-03	2021-12-31
Danish	danish	2021	2021-01-01	2021-07-03	2021-12-31
Greece	greece	2021	2021-01-01	2021-07-03	2021-12-31
Luxembourg	luxembourg	2020	2020-01-01	2020-07-03	2020-12-31
		2021	2021-01-01	2021-07-03	2021-12-31
Saxony	saxony	2021	2021-01-01	2021-07-03	2021-12-31
SaxonyV2	saxonyv2	2020	2020-01-01	2020-07-03	2020-12-31
		2021	2021-01-01	2021-07-03	2021-12-31
Schleswig	schleswig	2021	2021-01-01	2021-07-03	2021-12-31
Sweden	sweden	2021	2021-01-01	2021-07-03	2021-12-31
SwedenV2	swedenv2	2021	2021-01-01	2021-06-03	2021-12-31
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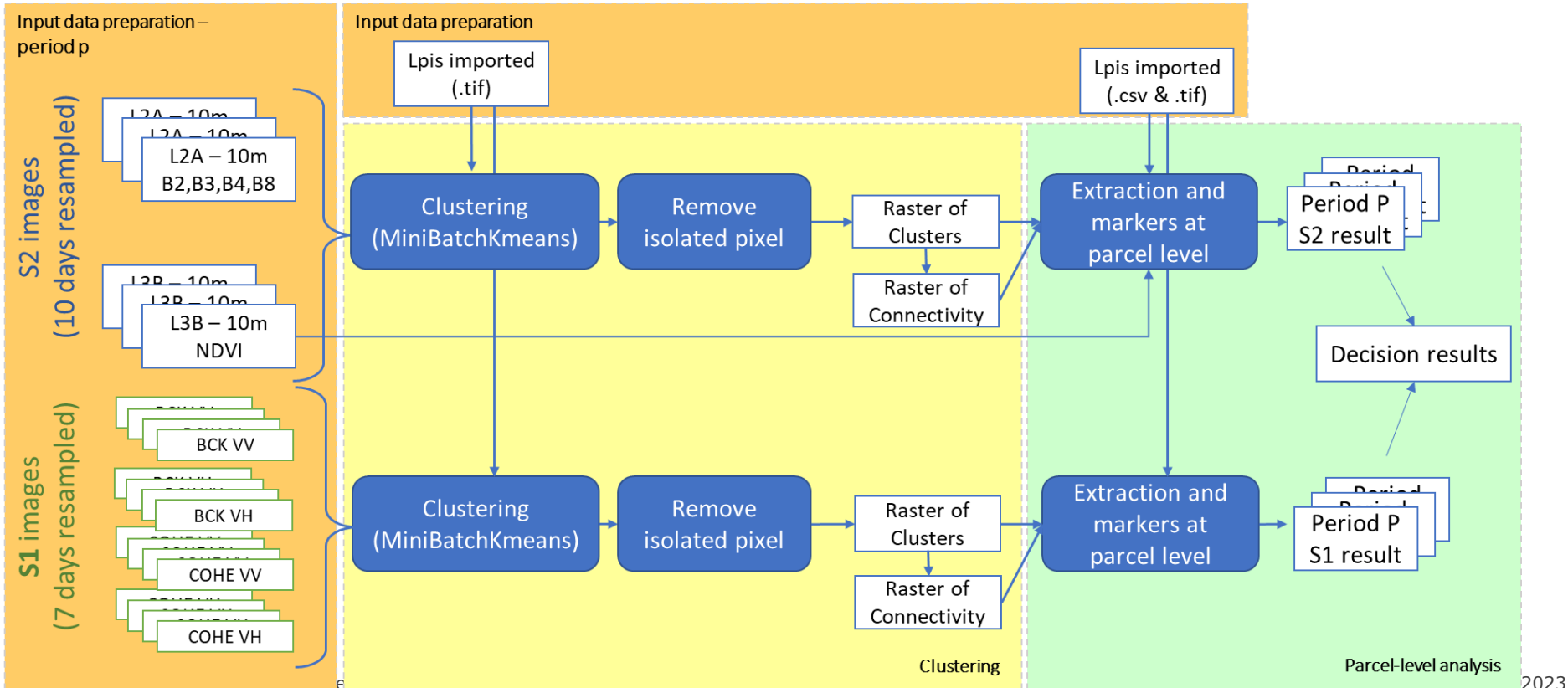
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# Heterogeneity Workflow



# Heterogeneity – Decision



**STRONG:** All periods with all markers = 1

**MODERATE:** At least 1 period with all markers = 1

**WEAK:** One marker missing each period

**POOR:** Half of the markers = 1



Saxony Results: **27,5%** with a detection

- POOR: 71%
- WEAK: 27%
- MEDIUM: 1%
- STRONG: 1%

Greece Results: **8,5%** with a detection

- POOR: 68,5%
- WEAK: 29,5%
- MEDIUM: 1%
- STRONG: 1%

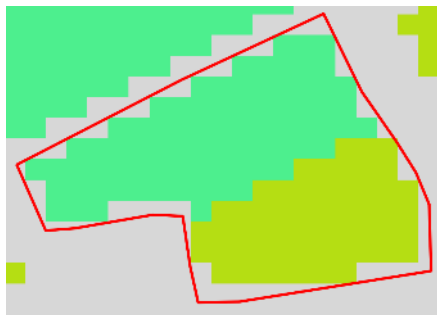




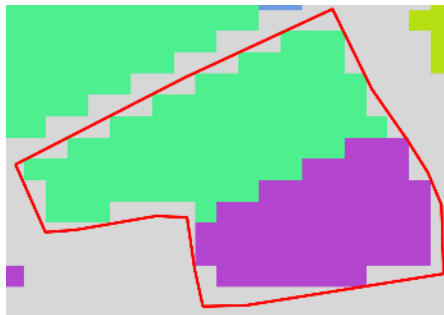
# Heterogeneity – Example in Greece



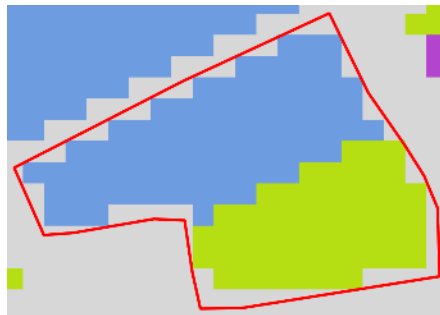
Last confirmed detection – p6



Detection – p7



Detection – p8



No Compacity – p9



NDVI



Id = 626

**STRONG** detection with S2

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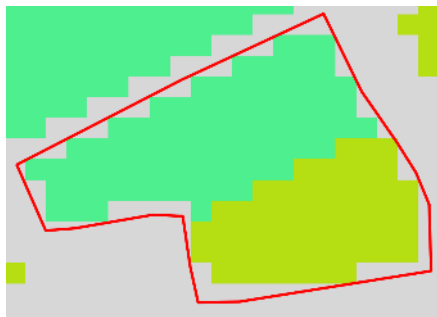
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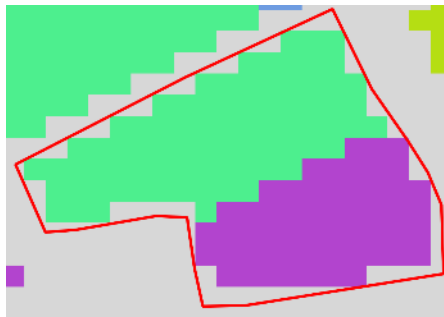
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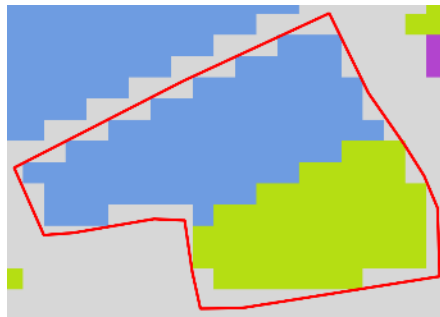
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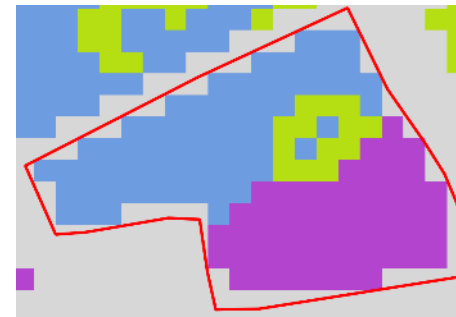
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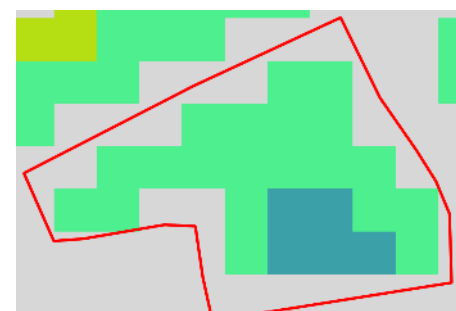
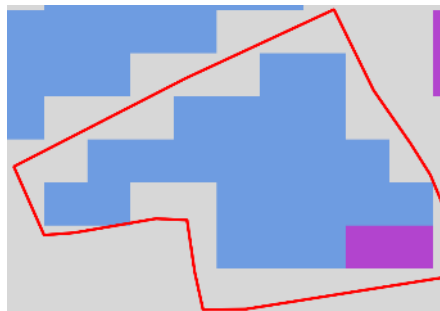
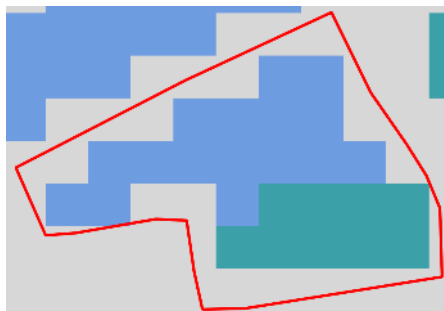
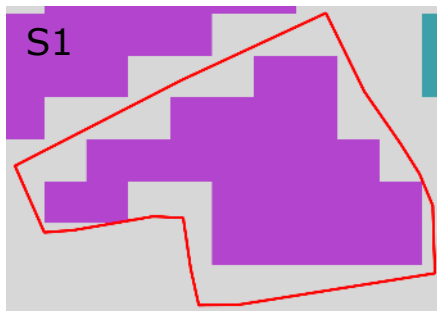
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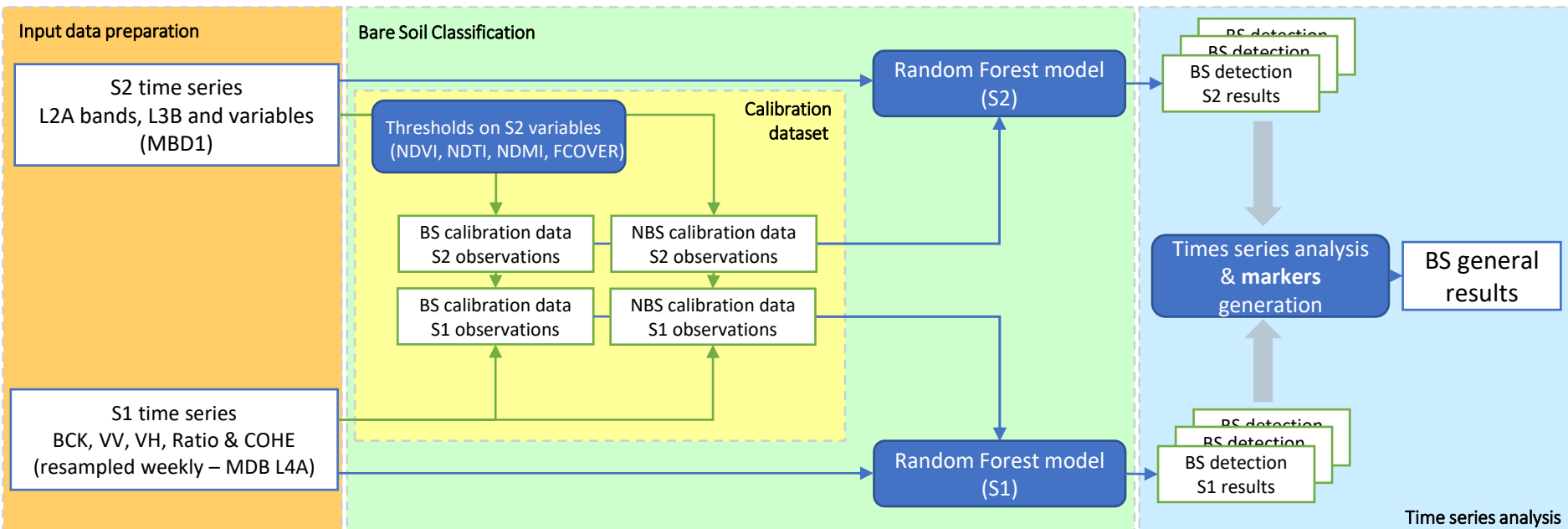
S1



**STRONG detection**

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# Bare Soil Workflow



# Results & use of S1 as confirmation of S2



## Czechia :

**52,5%** of the parcels with a detected bare soil (M1\_S2)

Confidence	S2	S2 & S1
Doubtful	19.07%	17.30%
With S1 conf		1.78%
Poor	6.34%	4.75%
With S1 conf		1.59%
Medium	18.49%	13.91%
With S1 conf		4.58%
Good	25.92%	16.64%
With S1 conf		9.28%
Strong	30.17%	11.51%
With S1 conf		18.66%

## Sweden :

**32,7%** of the parcels with a detected bare soil (M1\_S2)

Confidence	S2	S2 & S1
Doubtful	32.66%	29.41%
With S1 conf		3.25%
Poor	6.52%	5.77%
With S1 conf		0.75%
Medium	13.07%	11.76%
With S1 conf		1.32%
Good	12.50%	10.63%
With S1 conf		1.88%
Strong	35.24%	17.62%
With S1 conf		17.62%

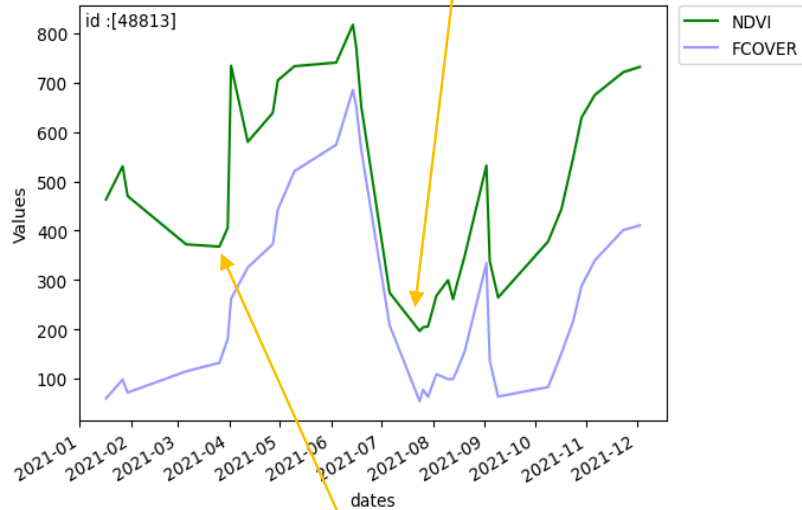
→ 36% with a S1 confirmation

→ 25% with a S1 confirmation

# Bare Soil – Example in Czechia



NewID	M1_S2	M2_S2	M3_S2	M4_S2	M5_S2	M6_S2	START_BS_S2	END_BS_S2	Conf_S2	Look_nextS2
48813	1	2	1	1	13	11	24-07-21	29-07-21	Strong	TRUE



M1_S1	M2_S1	M3_S1	M4_S1	M5_S1	M6_S1	START_BS_S1	END_BS_S1	Conf_S1	Look_nextS1
1	0	-9				01-03-21	01-03-21	Doubtful	TRUE



# Change of Agricultural Category

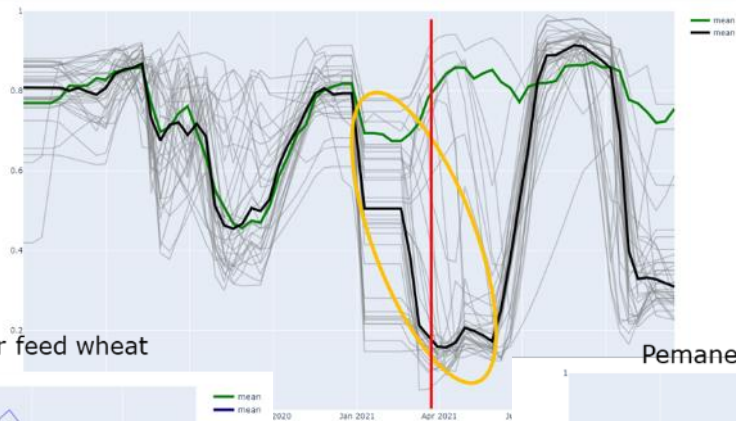


# Examples - Permanent Grassland to Arable Land & Permanent crop



Change is visible, from different moments depending on the change

Permanent grasslands becoming silage maize



Exploratory analysis completed – workflow to be defined

Permanent grasslands becoming winter feed wheat



Permanent grasslands becoming orchard

