# Setting-the-scene: Which is the best risk management tool?



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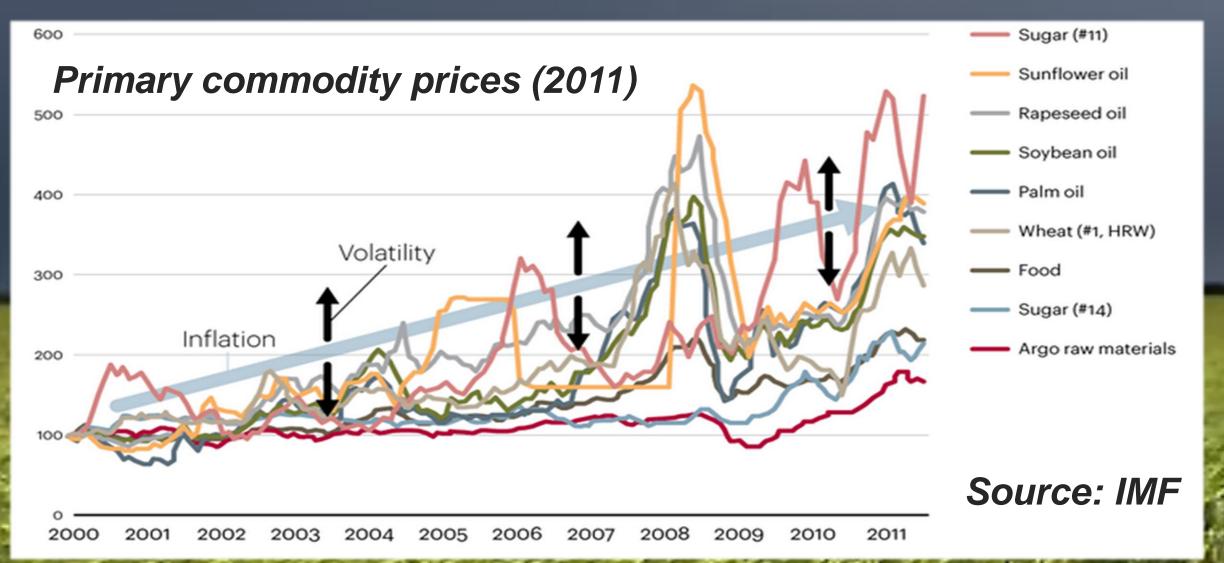






#### Agriculture is a risky activity...







#### Farmers face risks

#### **Types**

#### Production risks

- Climate variability
- > Animal diseases
- Plant pests & diseases

#### Market risk

- Price variability
- Price volatility

#### Level of damage

#### Non-severe

> < 30 % (normal)

#### Severe

> 30 %

#### Scope

#### Systemic

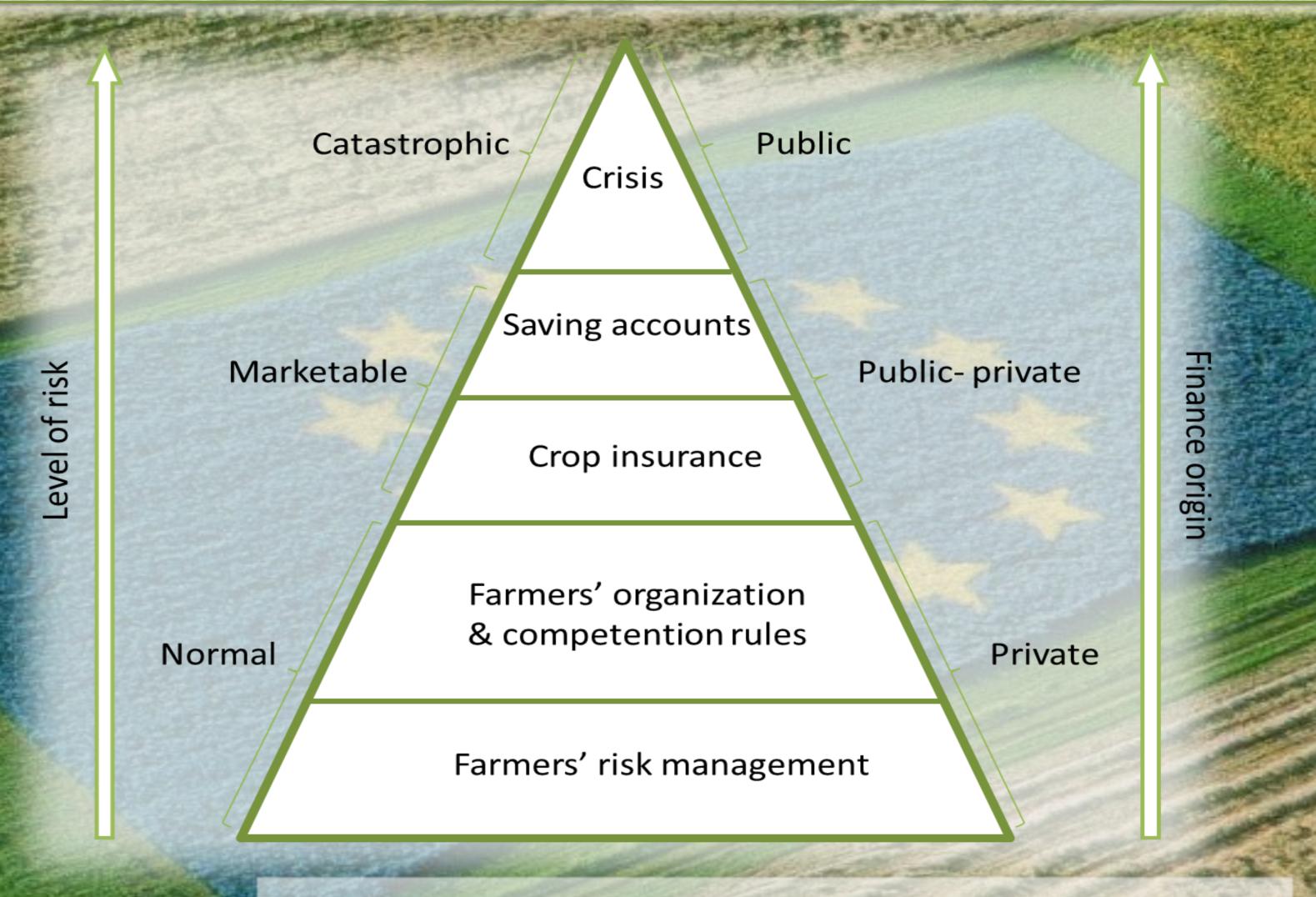
Generalized

#### Non-systemic

Localized

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#### Levels of intervention to address those risks?



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# Evaluation of risk management tools for stabilising farm income under CAP 2014-2020

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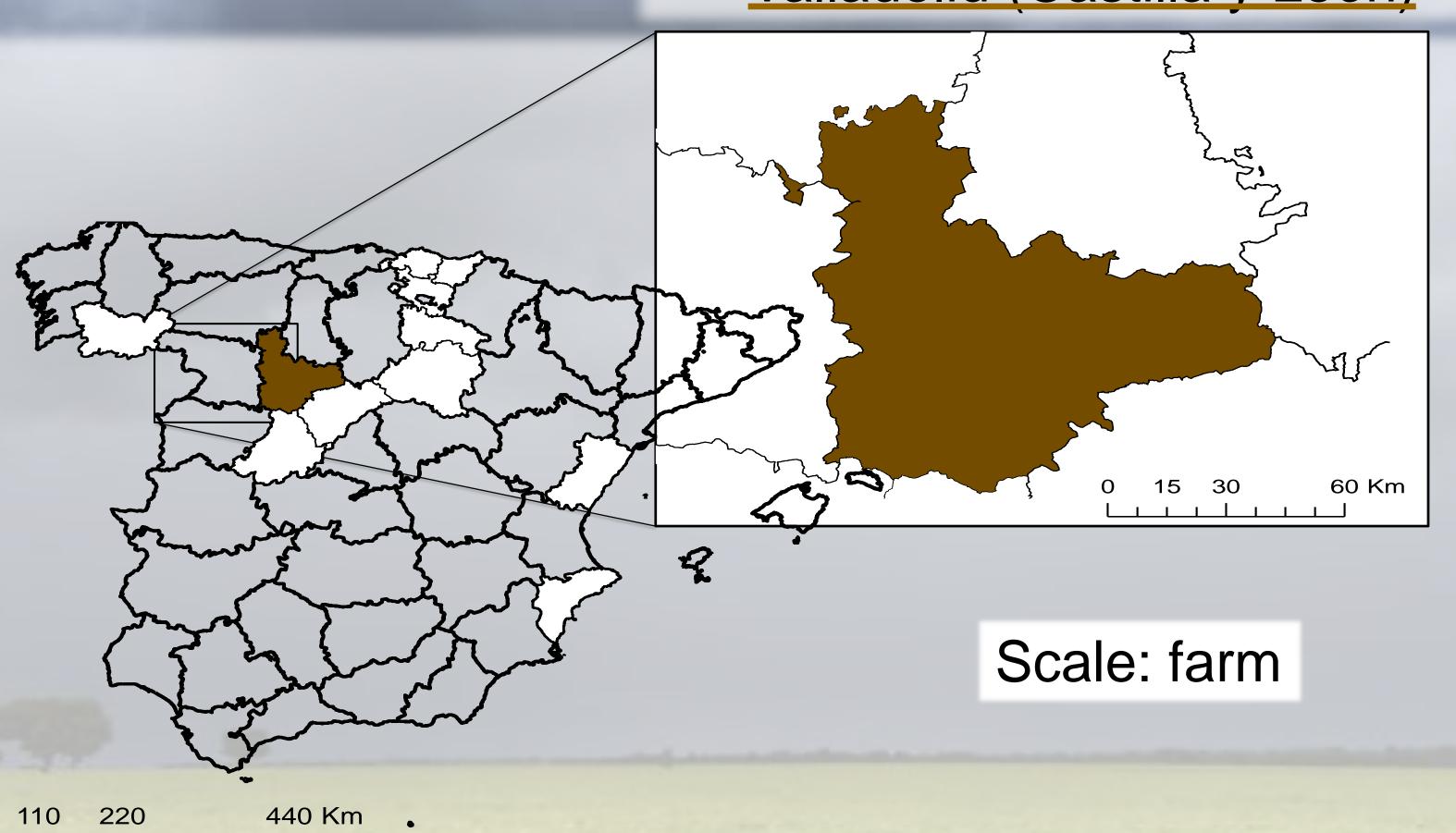
# Objective

Estimate the effects of CAP 2014-2020 by analysing the role of alternative risk management tools and strategies

- 1. Farm income and income stability
  - > farmers' perspective
- 2. Efficiency of public expenditure
  - > society's perspective

# Study case

## Valladolid (Castilla y León)



# Methodology

None

Risk management tools

- CAP direct payments
- Crop insurance
- Income Stabilization tool (IST)

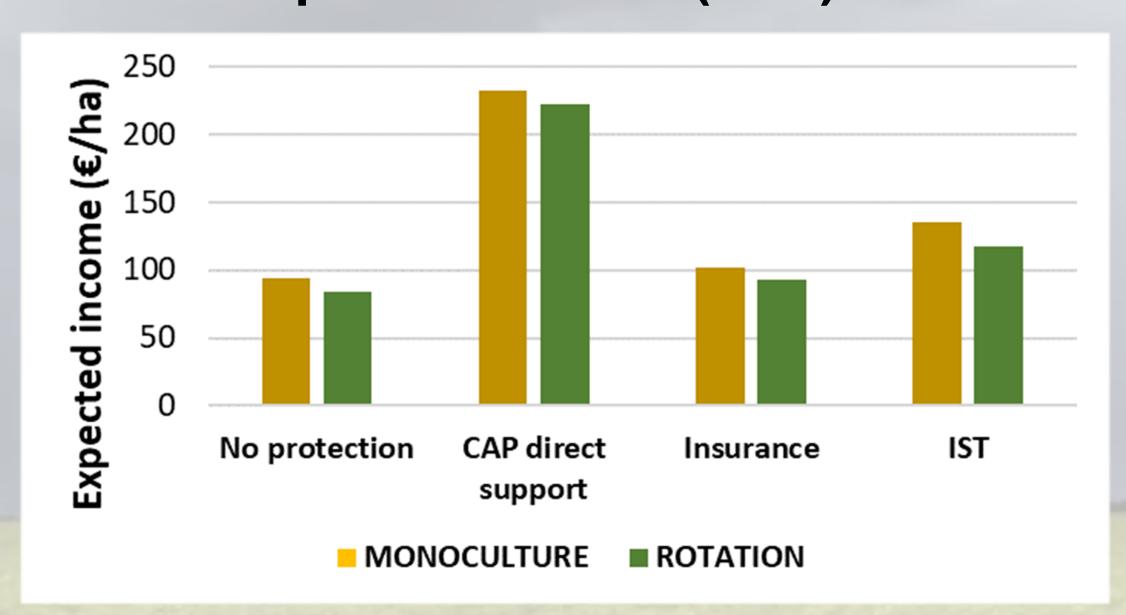
Farm strategies

- Wheat monoculture
- Crop rotation (greening requirements)

# Results

# Farmers' perspective

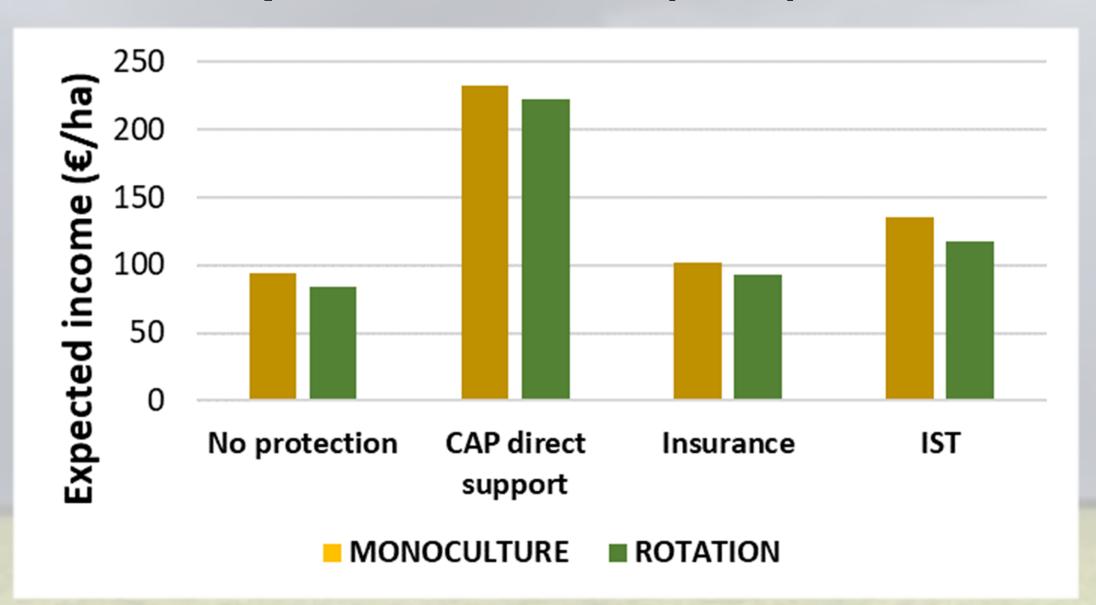
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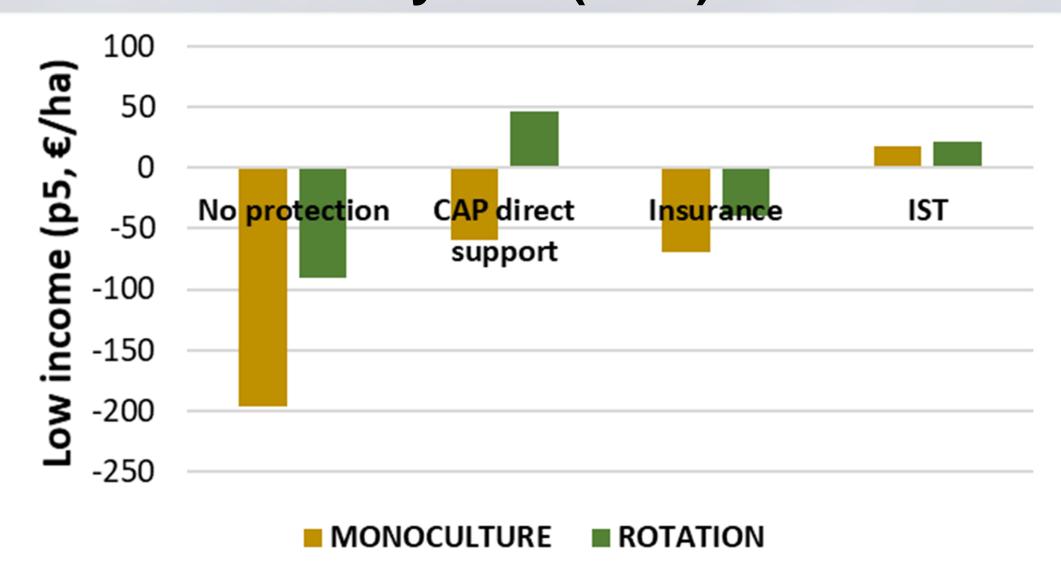
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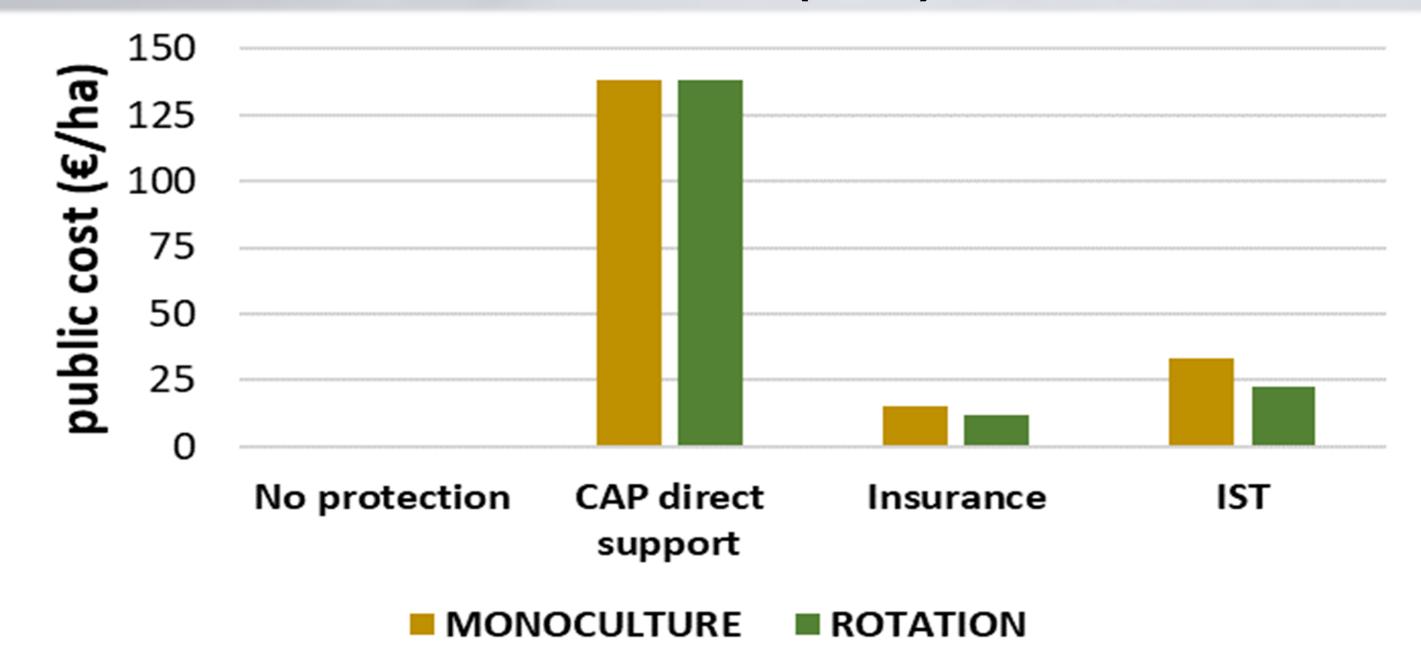


# Likely low incomes in worst 5% of years (€/ha)



# Society's perspective

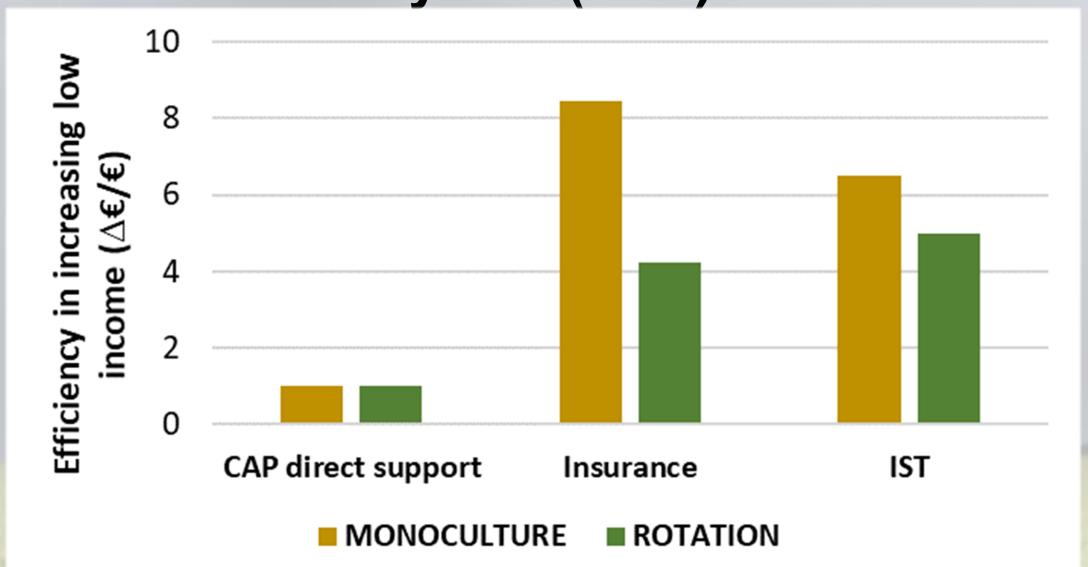




## Society's perspective

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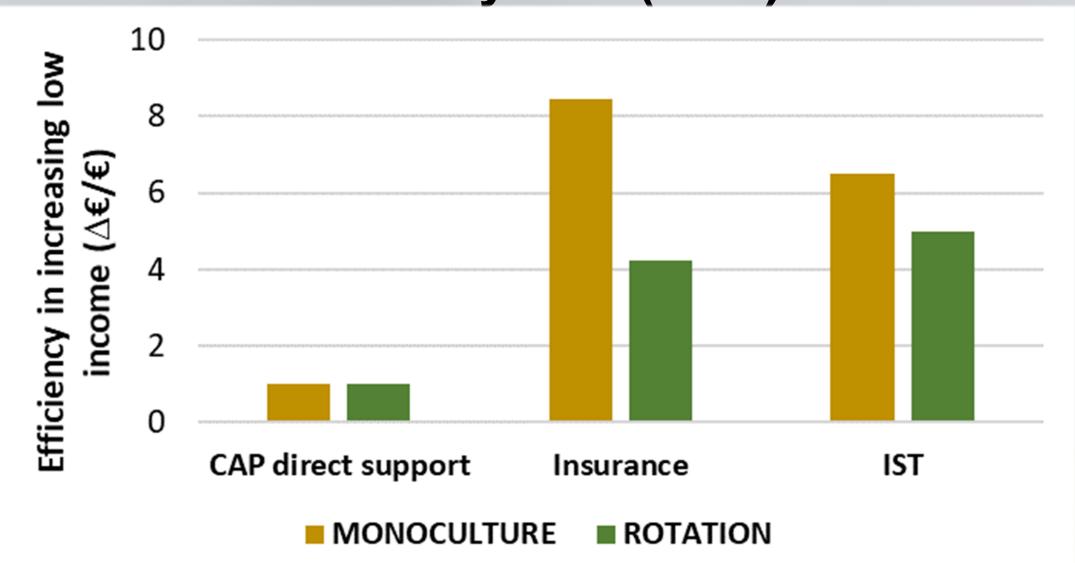
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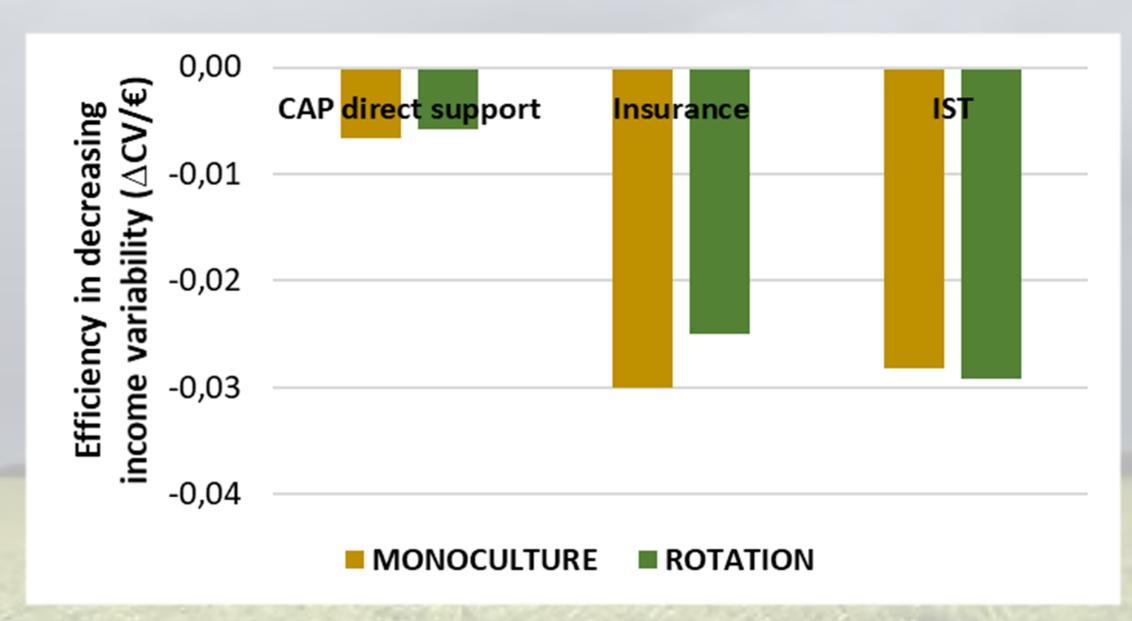
## Society's perspective

What is the efficiency of each public € invested in...

# ...increasing likely low incomes in worst 5% of years (△€/€)



#### ...decreasing variability (△CV/€)



## Conclusions

From the farmers' perspective, direct payments were the most favourable measure

- ✓ From the society' perspective, IST and crop insurance were the most efficient tools in terms of increasing income in the worst years and decreasing variability, respectively
- ✓ Crop diversification does not require any direct public support but...
  - ... provides itself a significant improvement in farm income stability
  - ... brings down the public cost of risk management tools

# Thank you for your attention



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