

Connecting farmers and researchers to develop organic farming



NETWORKING ACTIVITIES

To facilitate partnerships and to implement innovation networks & tools



RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

To build up and carry out on-farm experiments, national and international projects involving various stakeholders



DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

To share knowledge and research results through publications, workshops, national and international conferences

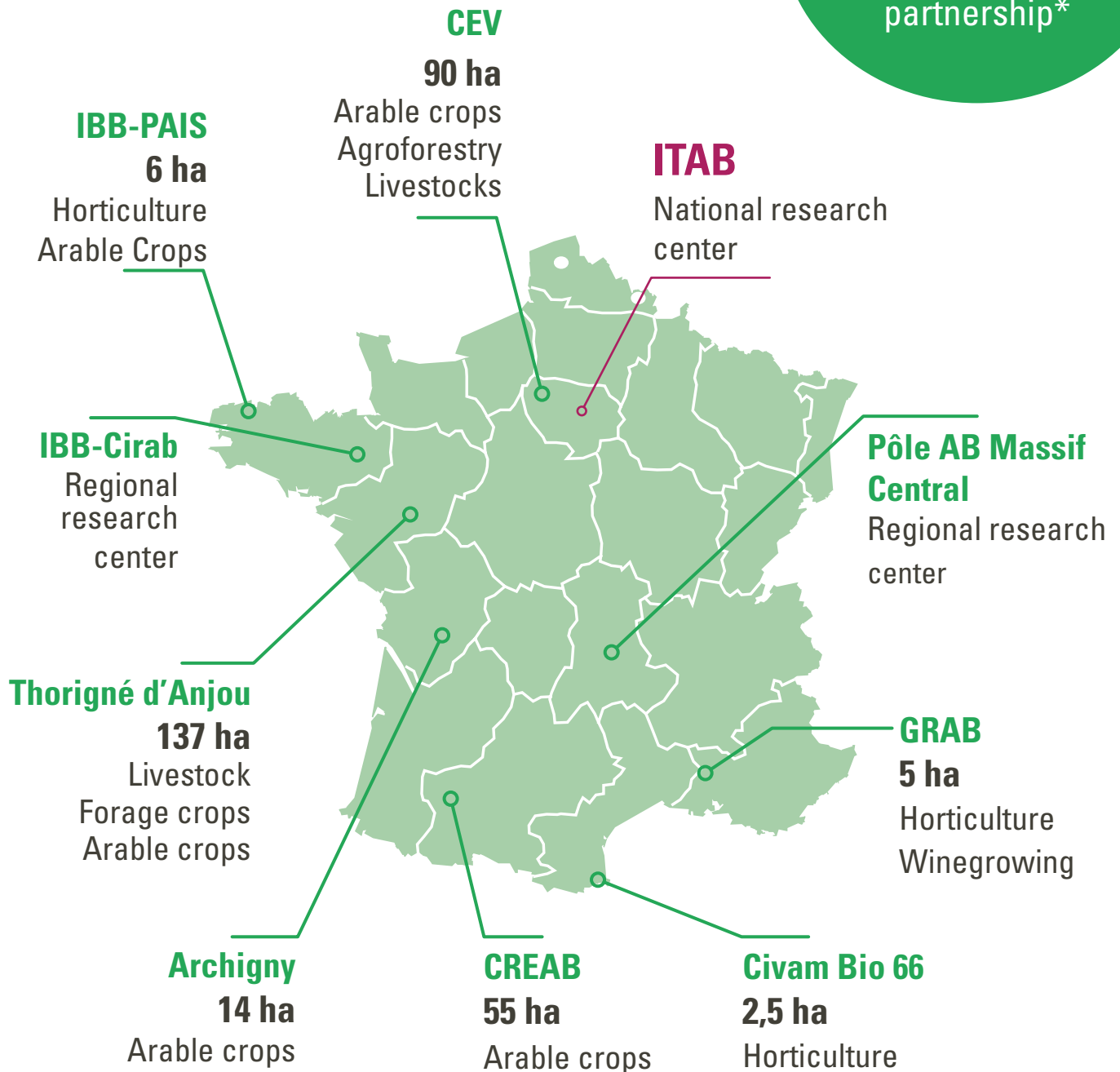
ITAB, the contact
point on organic
applied research in
France

ITAB GROUP

50 staff

7 experimental sites

500 stakeholders in partnership*



ITAB is a non profit organisation managed by organic farmers and recognised by the French authorities as the national coordinator for organic applied research.

* public and private research organisations (INRA...), farmers and farmer associations (FNAB network, cooperatives), advisors (Chambers of agriculture), training centers and universities, Agence Bio, SMEs...

SKILLS AND THEMES



40 projects implemented during the last 10 years

A national database of experiments, trials & projects



Close partnership with INRA and French technical institutes

Some examples of research topics developed by ITAB group

Designing more resilient and sustainable systems

Soil management and fertility
Farming systems' design
Systems and long-term experiments on arable crops
Agroforestry

Mobilizing genetic resources

Organic plant breeding and agrobiodiversity management

Developing preventive methods in organic plant and animal production

Functional biodiversity & agroecology
Crop rotations and innovative crop management

Developing innovations for plant and animal health in organic production

Animal health and welfare
Copper use reduction
Plant extracts for crop protection
Input regulation & registration

Improving organic food quality and food systems

Methods to assess organic product's quality
Food processing with care
Food quality
Holistic quality evaluation

Stimulating networks and partnerships for innovation

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

Thanks to its involvement in several EU-projects and consortiums, ITAB developed skills in International partnerships and multi-actor project management.

EU projects

→ FP7

Co-Free: Innovative strategies for copper-free, low input and organic farming systems

Solibam : Strategies for organic and low-input integrated breeding and management

Cantogther: Innovating mixed farming systems, based on simultaneous utilization of crops and animals

→ FP6

Blight-Mop: Development of a systems approach for the management of late blight in EU organic potato production

Repeco: Replacement of copper fungicides in organic production of wine, grapes and apples in Europe

Orwine: Development of environment and consumer friendly technologies for organic wine quality improvement and scientifically based legislative framework

Isafruit: Improve human health through increased consumption of fruit produced in a sustainable way

→ *Core Organic II*

Corepig: Prevention of selected diseases and parasites in organic pig herds

Cobra: Coordinating organic plant breeding activities for diversity

Icoop: Improved contribution of local feed to support 100% organic feed supply to pigs and poultry

→ *COST actions*

BioGreenHouse: Towards a sustainable and productive EU organic greenhouse horticulture

Susvar: Sustainable low-input cereal production : required varietal characteristics and crop diversity

→ *Interreg*

Alcotra: Network for biodiversity

ITAB
is member of
IFOAM and TIPI

Partnerships

TP Organics : Technology Research Platform for organic food and farming

ECO-PB: The European Consortium for Organic plant breeding

ECO-AB: The European Consortium for Organic animal breeding

FQH : International Research Network for Food Quality and Health

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