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## 1. Executive Summary

Transfarm partners have regularly engaged with the media, both at local and national media and continuously promoted messages about the project, with growing intensity as the Pilot Actions were implemented. As a consequence of the Covid pandemic, publication on digital media gained importance, nevertheless the print media remained a key target. Efforts in this direction have reflected the nature and interest of the different partners, with MATE and UM focusing on academic and market related publications, whereas other partners such as CREA and FEDERUNACOMA, would address mostly the communities of farmers, extension services and technology providers.

Some attention was given to the project also on the generalist media of regional relevance, highlighting the role of local research and innovation actors in contributing to the consolidation of the precision agriculture paradigm. Needless to say, the attention of the media to the project grew as concrete activities were being carried out in the Pilot Actions. Such attention was also reinforced by the project's exposure to the public of large events, such as the Linz International Mechatronics Forum and the EIMA International 2021.

## 2. The publications in print

2.1.1. Austria - Farmers' expectations in Precision Farming Technologies - TRANS-FARM 4.0 online survey 2019

The work of FJ researchers involved in the project was integrated in a scientific publication at the beginning of 2020, summarising the approach taken and the activities performed in collecting

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Farmers' expectations in Precision Farming
Technologies – Transfarm 4.0 online survey 2019

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Summary

information by farmers in the Central Europe region in terms of their expectation from precision technologies to be applied to farming operations and processes.

#### 2.1.2. Hungary - A scientific publication on remote sensing for grapes

Under the Hungarian title of: "A szőlőlombozat hőmérsékletének távérzékelése" (Remote sensing of grape foliage temperature), this six pages publication, in February 2020 by Balo and others focuses on the approach given by SZIE (then MATE) to the Pilot Action for wineries in Hungary.





#### A szőlőlombozat hőmérsékletének távérzékelése

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#### Összefoglalás:

A termográfiának, a vizsgált objektum felszíni hőmérséklet eloszlás képi megjelenítésének, egyre nagyobb a szerepe van a mezőgazdasági növénykultúrák

## 2.1.3. Slovenia - Scientific publication on applying precision agriculture to countries characterised by small farms

The paper, written by Erik RIther and published by the University of Maribor under the Slovenian title "Pregled stanja in smernice razvoja preciznega kmetijstva v Slovenij" (The state and reasons for implementing precision agriculture technologies in case of countries with small farms), of 24 04 2020, takes in exam options and criticalities related to the choice and management of technologies based on the smart farming paradigm, in particular in cases where farms are of a small size and operating in a context characterised by fragmented parcels, often on uneven terrains. Some examples are provided for the

> Naslov: Pregled stanja in smernice razvoja preciznega kmetijstva v sloveniji

Avtorji: n Rihter, Erik (Avtor)

n Rakun, Jurij (Mentor) Več o mentorju... 🗗

<u>Lakota, Miran</u> (Komentor)

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Tipologija: 2.09 - Magistrsko delo

Organizacija: FKBV - Fakulteta za kmetijstvo in biosistemske vede

Opis: Precizno kmetijstvo (PK) z uporabo inovativnih tehnologij predstavlja koncept upravljanja kmetijskih gospodarstev, s pomočjo katerega je mogoče dolgoročno povečevanje učinkovitosti, obvladovanje nenadzorovanih sprememb in zmanjševanje negativnih vplivov na okolje. Magistrsko delo obravnava analizo vplivnih dejavnikov in karakteristik slovenskega kmetijstva na (ne)implementacijo tehnologij preciznega kmetovanja (TPK) ter določa spremenljivke,





#### 2.1.4. Hungary - Applying precision agriculture to grapes

An article on the TRANSFARM Pilot 3 Action approach to detect the condition, stress and maturity of grapes through remote sensing technologies was published on the paper and digital versions of sectorial magazine Bor es piac (Wine and Market) on the 22 07 2020.





Az adatok kiértékelése egy-egy távérzékelési feladat vonatkozásában gyakran kétszer-háromszor több időt igényel, mint az adatok begyűjtése és – természetesen – szakértelmet. Ezért a szolgálatásaink kapcsán együttműködést építettünk ki szakértői csapatokkal, adatgyűjtési eljárások kiváltására is. Az bizonyos, hogy a ma oly sok emlegetett preciziós gazdálkodásnak meghatározó részét képezi az alacsony magaszápól készített táverzékeléses adatgyűjés. Minél több és részletesebb informácíval rendelkezönk egy adott területte kapcsolatosan, annál hatékonyabban és pontosabban lehet előrejelz seket, becsiéseket és terveket tészíteni a gazdaságokban.

Amíg korábban egy drón beszerzése komoly anyagi ráfor dítást jelentett, ma már egyes modellek nagyon kedvez áron megvásárolhatók. Milyan adatok gyűtésére alkalmasak az alacsonyabb árkategóriás eszközök, és mi az, amihez már egy költségesebb drónra lehet szőkségöník. Beszerzés dött mindenkép érdemes alaposan tejésözödni, mivel gyártói olálon is egyre szélesedik a választék. Egyre több gyártó jelenik meg újább és júábe szöxzőkek. A kedvezőbb nyi drónok az estek 99%-ában egy íromlóségő fődb kamerával vannak felszenel Ezek a kamerák alkalmasak arra, hogy alacsony magasságbó (20-1c meter) jomnóségő főtólat, videdata készítsűnk a vizsgált területri Rovid idő alatt nagy terület vizsgálható át ilyen módon. Megfelelő számóstó, illetvé beszonosítható. Amennyiben megfelelő számóstó, illetvé elezése il használhatók. Az ezeke az eszközölön található kamerákat cserélni nem lehet. A növényze egszségi állaporár a vonatkozó vizsgálatohtor már egy komólyabó erzékelő (múlti. hiperspektrális kamera) szökséges, amit ilyen célra kifejeszettel íraj ridnónvá lehte csalákoztatni.

#### 2.1.5. Slovenia - Adoption and use of precision agriculture technologies

One page was dedicated on the January 2021 edition of Glas Dežele (Voice of the Country) specialised magazine, with an article under the Slovenian title of "Sprejemanje in uporaba tehnologij natancnega kmetijstva", Adoption and use of precision agriculture technologies. In the article, Jurij Rakun and Erik Rihter of the University of Maribor recall the aspects of optimisation that precision agricultural technologies can bring to the farming business.







# 2.1.6 Slovenia - Autonomous Farm Software for Deploying Robotic Solutions in Agriculture

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## AN OVERVIEW OF AN AUTONOMOUS FARM ROBOT SOFTWARE ARCHITECTURE

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#### ABSTRACT

Agricultural autonomous field robots are slowly becoming a reality. Quite a few prototype solutions already operate in Europe and worldwide, slowly followed by commercially available solutions. Early adapters of the technology are working closely with the producers to make this kind of solution useful and reliable. This work presents the software architecture of such robots. It explains how they work in semi-changing conditions in the natural environment and includes innovative approaches divided into low, middle, and high-level processing nodes. All these rely on the readings from different sensors, including RTK GPS, visual/mechanical odometry, multichannel LIDAR, IMU, etc. To better explain the topic, the Rovitis (4.0) robot is presented as an example of an autonomous vineyard robot.

Keywords: field robot, precision agriculture, ROS, sensors, software

The team of the University of Maribor took part in the 48<sup>th</sup> ACTAE (Actual Tasks on Agriculture Engineering) at the start of 2021, hosted by the University of Zagreb in Croatia. The UM contribution, by Peter Lepej and Jurij Rakun consisted of an article highlighting the growing importance, but also the criticalities in the penetration of innovation in real practice, of precision agriculture (especially via autonomous robots) in farms. The paper draws on experiences carried out within the ROVITIS and TRANSFARM 4.0 projects.

#### 2.1.7 Austria - Big and Smart Data Management in Agriculture

A newspaper article was published in print on 15.02.2021 in "Kronen Zeitung Oberösterreich", describing



the project approach and the activities carried out by the pilot action "big and smart data management".

"Kronen Zeitung Oberösterreich" is the most widely read newspaper in Upper Austria with over 100.000 printed copies. As a generalist media, the article uses a relatively simple language and provides insights on the role in the project of the LCM (Linz Center of Mechatronics).





### 2.1.8 Italy - TRANSFARM 4.0 at the Vite in Campo event

An article was published by the Informatore Agrario, one of Italy's most important publications in the agricultural sector with a readership of about 50,000, mostly targeting farmers and service providers, on issue 25 in August 2021 on the Vite in Campo (Vineyard in the Field) fair and congress, which was held at





the end of July. The variable rate sprayer (Pilot Action 2) mentioned as one of the relevant innovations presented.

#### 2.1.9 Italy - Introduction to the TRANSFARM 4.0 project

Following the coverage of TRANSFARM 4.0's participation in the Vite in Campo event, Informatore



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Agrario devotes an article to the general principles and activities of the project.

The article provided a summary of the project scope and activities, starting from the Pilot Action 2 with the variable rate sprayer innovation designed and implemented by CREA and the University of Maribor with the collaboration of Italian tractors manufacturer Maschio Gaspardo.

References are also given to the policy dimension of the initiative within the Central Europe region.





#### 2.1.10 Hungary - Precision viticulture on the "Borászati Füzetek" (Wine Papers)

An overview of the application of precision agriculture technologies (in particular through sensing and big data management) within the Pilot Action 3, carried out in Hungary. The article provides insights also on the gains in productivity and savings in products which can be obtained by applying a smart farming approach in wineries.



# 2.1.11- Austria - TRANSFARM 4.0 in the framework of Linz International Mechatronics Forum



A newspaper article was published in print and online in "Oberösterreichische

Nachrichten", summarizing the content discussed in a smart farming workshop, which was held at the "Internationales Forum Mechatronik (IFM)" in Linz. The workshop was hosted by LCM (PP8) in collaboration with FJ (PP3). Special attention is given to the gains in efficiency of agricultural operations and to the role of the Austrian partners involved.





#### 2.1.12 Italy - Technologies and the generational gap in farm management



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# Transfarm: il digitale conquista le giovani imprese

L'agricoltura di precisione e i sistemi 4.0 si fanno sempre più strada tra i giovani imprenditori ma le piccole aziende non sempre riescono ad assorbire il costo delle tecnologie. Il progetto europeo Transfarm 4.0 vede coinvolti cinque Paesi e ha lo scopo di evidenziare i punti di forza e le criticità del processo di innovazione delle imprese agricole

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Vanta un'ottima e capillare rete di produttori e un buon network di punti vendita, ma paga il prezzo dell'età media elevata degli imprenditori, in netta prevalenza legati a metodi di

Following TRANSFARM 4.0's successful participation at EIMA International 2021, an article was published both on the print and the digital version of Mondo Macchina, a publication of the agricultural mechanisation sector issued monthly in Italian and English.

It focused in particular on the generational gap and on farms owned by young entrepreneurs sometimes not able to afford the right technologies to make their operations more productive and sustainable.

Examples are provided, based on the Pilot Actions carried out in the project, on how new technologies and a rational approach to their integration in farms' operations, can contribute to better outcomes in terms of quantity and quality.

#### 2.1.13 Slovenia - Modern Agriculture put to the Test

A two pages article by Jurij Rakun and Erik Rihter of the University of Maribor was published on Agriacta on the 20 12 2021, Slovenian title "Sodobno kmetijstvo na preizkušnjah", focusing on the work performed in the Pilot Action 2 and illustrating the gains that can be expected from the variable rate spraying application.









#### 2.1.14 Hungary - Precision Techniques in for grapes growing

An article was published on the 17 01 2022 on the "Kertészet és szőlészet" (Orticulture and viticulture, mainly on Pilot Action 3 and on the potential benefits of applying precision agriculture in the winery sector.



### 2.1.15 Italy - The potential of Smart Farming approach in agriculture

An article on the overall project approach and on the work performed in the Pilot Actions was published in issue n. 3 of 2022 Mondo Rurale (Rural World), a special publication on agriculture by the Sole 24 Ore, Italy's most important financial newspaper, with a readership of about 60,000 daily for the paper edition. The article highlighted also the role of project coordinator CREA in bringing together the excellence of research and innovation from Central Europe countries and regions.







## 2.1.16 Hungary - A scientific publication on the possibilities of sensing technologies applied to foliage

In April 2020, Hungarian publication Agroforum hosts a publication co-authored by MATE and UM, on the relevance of precision agriculture, to optimise treatments, with specific examples on viticulture. The article mentions work carried out in Pilot Actions 2 and 3, with the variable rate sprayer and the remote sensing applied to analysing foliage density and characteristics.



#### A szőlőültetvények lombozatszerkezetének vizsgálati lehetőségei

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A termesztett növények produkciójában jelentős szerepe van a lombozat méretének és szerkezetének. A növény-fajók egy részénél a lombozatra csak, mint az élettanilag fontos folyamatok helyszíneként tekintünk, és ennek megfelelően viszájliuk nank fotoszintetikus aktivitásák; vagy transzspirációját, máskor az állomanyklimára kifej-tett hatást elemezzük. Bizonyos fajóknál maga a lombozat a termesztés tárgya, így mérete – a fentieken túl – a hozamot is befolyásolja, Jelen tanulmányban olyan viszgálati módszereket mutatunk be, melyek a szólóültetvé-nyek lombozatoszerkezeté és méretet segítenek jobban megérteni.

A szóló lombozata a metszés sorám elenyészó. Ezzel szemben az aluterhelt tőkéken fokozottán meghagyott világos rűgyeks
ből, az alattuk elhelyezkedő alapir
tőgyekből, valamint a korábban ki amaradásával kell számolnunk
enem fakadt rejtett rügyekből fejlődő
hajátsokból épül fel. A vegetációs időszakban ehhez adódik hozzó á ja
nyári, vagy más néven hajtörügyekszős metszésű tőkeművelésmódok