



CAFAMORE

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Welcome to the **CAFAMORE Newsletter**

The **CAFAMORE** project, funded by the EU under the Mission Soil initiative, aims to establish an EU-wide parcel-level monitoring system, a spatially explicit registry, and a robust marketplace for carbon farming in Europe. With this newsletter, we aim to share project results and resources alongside major updates on EU regulations, policy recommendations and outcomes of discussion forums and debates. Read on to learn more about the latest news and developments within the **CAFAMORE** project.

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Project **CAFAMORE** (**C**arbon **F**arming **M**onitoring and **R**egistry) started one year ago, with the ambition of becoming a key driver in advancing sustainable agriculture and improving soil health across Europe. **CAFAMORE** addresses the demand for transparency and accuracy by developing the digital infrastructure, tools, and knowledge required for accurate and cost-effective Monitoring, Reporting

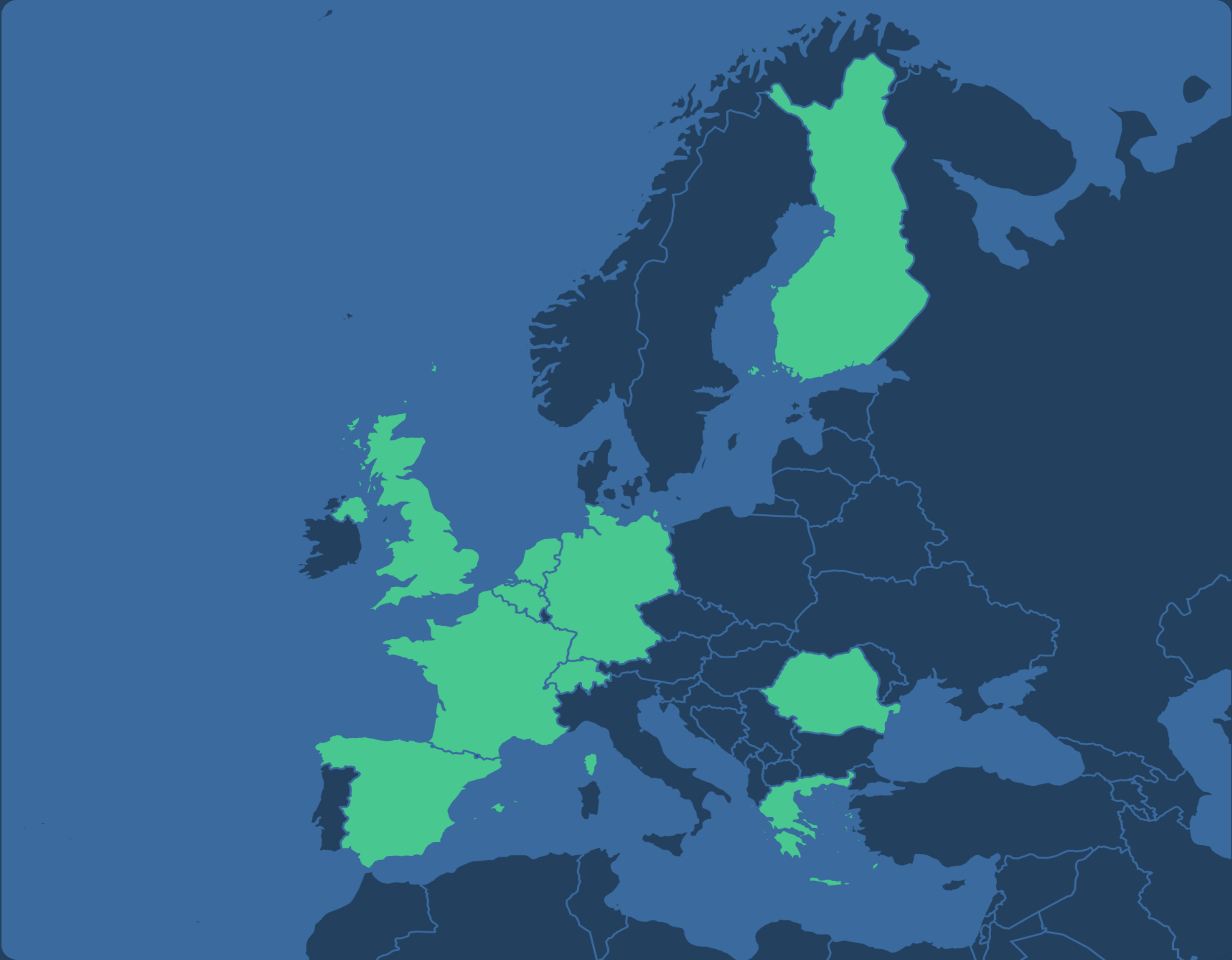
and Verification (MRV) and secure carbon certification. Coordinated by [Jan Peter Lesschen](#) (Wageningen Research), the team includes nearly 100 members from 23 partners across 10 European countries, covering research, industry and farmer organisations. In this Newsletter, you will find a summary of the project’s main actions during the last 12 months, as well as project resources and events.

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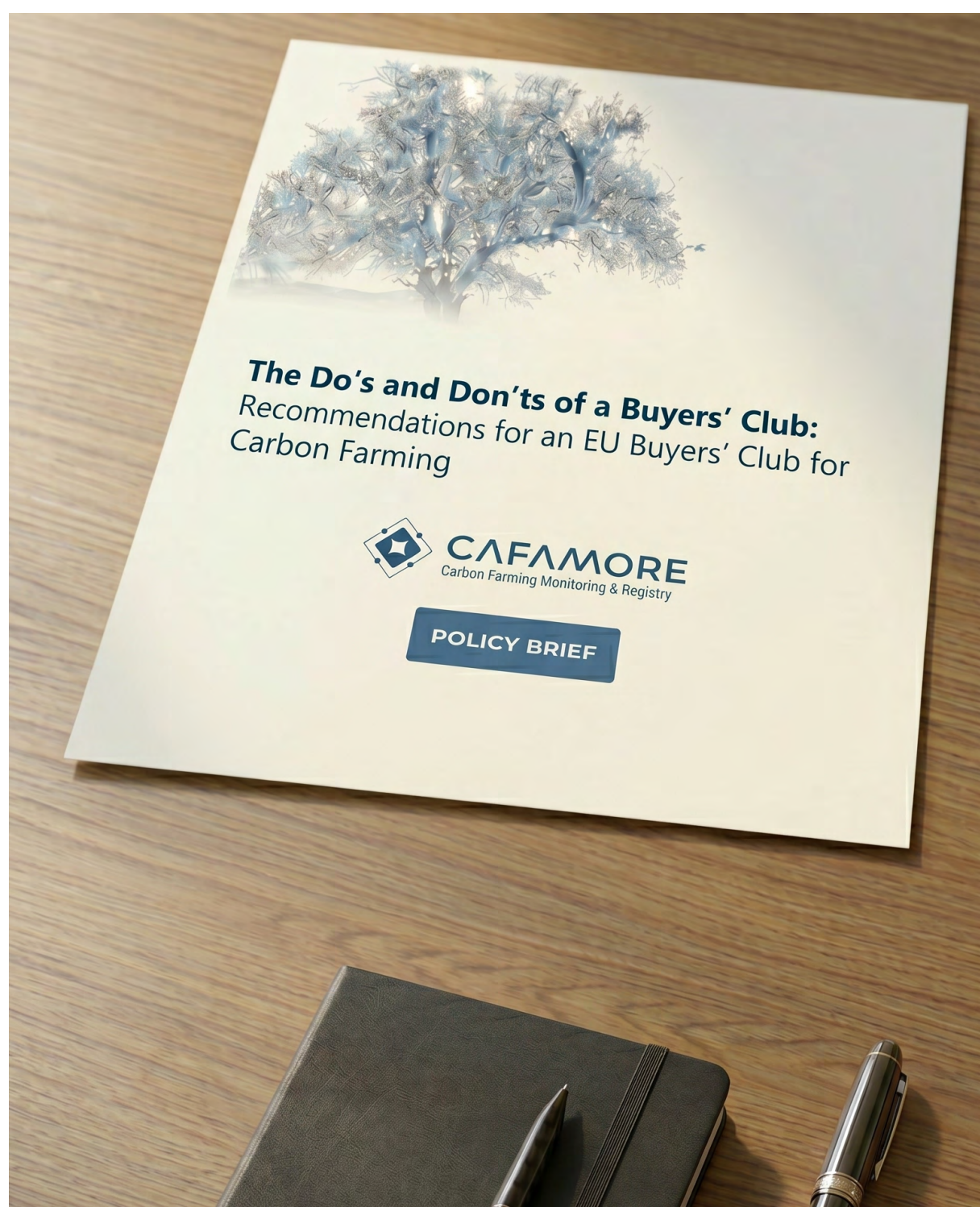


CRCF policy process moves towards implementation and demand creation

CAFAMORE closely follows the Carbon Removals and Carbon Farming (CRCF) policy development, with partners actively tracking and participating in this process. As the publication of the Carbon Farming Methodologies as a delegated act approaches, the CRCF is entering a more concrete implementation phase, with policy discussions increasingly turning to the question of demand for certified carbon farming activities. The Ecologic Institute team leads **CAFAMORE** Policy Working Group, and has summarised the main advances in [this article](#).



The Do's and Don'ts of a Buyers' Club: CAFAMORE recommendations



As the EU moves forward towards healthier soils and ecosystems through the implementation of the CRCF Regulation, the policy focus is now shifting from certification methodologies towards demand and financing: who will buy these units, for what purpose, and under what conditions. In this context, the European Commission has launched an EU carbon credit Buyers' Club, aiming to stimulate early demand for CRCF certificates from carbon farming and to drive investment towards climate-positive actions in agriculture. In a recently published policy brief, **CAFAMORE** experts examine the proposed EU Buyers' Club and provide a series of recommendations on how it should –and should not– be implemented. [Read more.](#)

CAFAMORE starts sampling campaign in Germany



Nearly 1,000 soil samples collected across ten cropland sites in Northern Germany mark the successful completion of CAFAMORE's first sampling campaign, conducted during a sunny week in early March. This work, the first step of a two-year process in cooperation with local farmers, was carried out as a collaborative effort involving project partners from Germany, UK and

Switzerland. The campaign aims to get insights into the temporal variability of soil organic carbon (SOC) and density and to compare different sampling methods, which will later allow optimisation of the sampling techniques and development of methodologies to reduce measurement uncertainties. [Find more information here.](#)

Moving forward towards a robust and credible registry for CRCF certificates



The development of a central Union Registry is one of the key elements of the CRCF Regulation, preventing double issuance and counting of certificates. The design of a spatially explicit land-parcel registry is precisely one of the cornerstones of **CAFAMORE**, which aims to enable certification schemes to issue, manage, and trade carbon farming certificates securely. During its first year, the project experts started to set up the functional and technical requirements and to develop the design of such a registry, shaped by discussions with many stakeholders and aiming to ensure transparency and trust. A key milestone in this process was the session co-organised with project **OGCR** at the last **European Carbon Farming Summit**, with discussions revolving around the barriers to scaling carbon farming and defining what a trustworthy European registry should look like, with special focus on farmer needs and technical aspects. [Read more here.](#)



CAFAMORE explores how to bridge finance streams for the agricultural transition

The last [European Carbon Farming Summit](#), held in Padua in March, was also the venue for a **CAFAMORE**-organised session on how diverse financial mechanisms can support farmers' transition towards low-carbon and biodiversity-friendly agriculture. The session addressed key issues such as co-claiming, the demand for certificates and the heterogeneity of MRV systems, among others. Among the consensus points, the need for a coherent mix of financial tools was highlighted, as well as the importance of combining carbon and biodiversity metrics in order to go beyond carbon counting and ensure environmental integrity. [Find more information here.](#)



CAFAMORE starts its second year with resources, webinars and discussions in the pipeline



More than 40 CAFAMORE partners gathered in Bucharest, Romania, from 9 to 11 June for the project's Annual Meeting, in an intensive three-day event packed with discussions and activities, both indoors and in the field. During the meeting, the consortium reviewed the project's progress throughout its first year and discussed upcoming challenges and priorities related to the development and implementation of the CRCF Regulation, the EU Registry for carbon certificates, the Buyers' Club, data and model-baseline interactions, Earth Observation, soil sampling, pilot activities and much more. [Read more here.](#)



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