### Banat Green Deal

Romanian Banat and Baden-Württemberg partnership for the European green deal project success



Scoala Agricola Voiteg

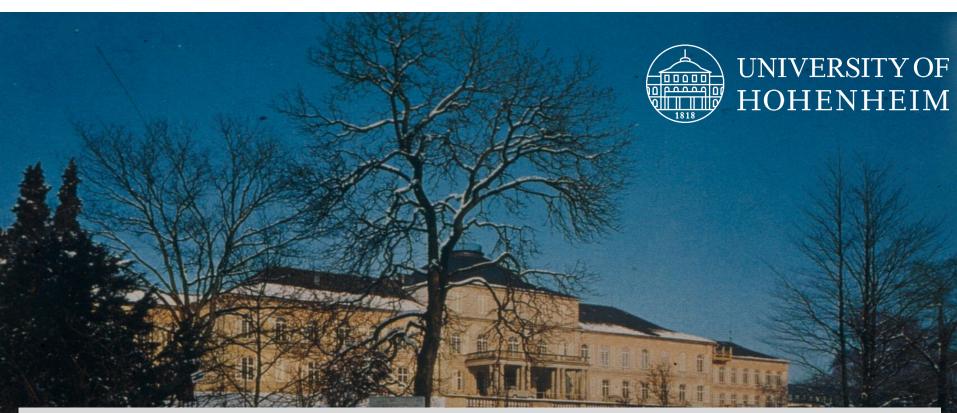
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#### Introduction

<u>University of Hohenheim</u>: one of the oldest European Agricultural Universities (founded 1818)



Rector: Prof. Dr. Stephan Dabbert

Academic staff: 941

Administrative staff: 1,100

Students: 9,759

Location Stuttgart, Baden-Württemberg, Germany

#### Institute of Crop Sciene – Historical Background

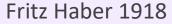


"I lived with the plants. I laid the ear on the soil and it seemed to me as if the plants were pleased to be able to tell something about the secrets of their growth."

Prof. Dr. Margarete von Wrangell (\* 1877 in Moskau; † 1932 in Hohenheim), erste Leiterin des Instituts für Pflanzenernährung in Hohenheim

#### Bio-Effectors - Historical Background







Soil

#### **Haber-Bosch process for** ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>) synthesis:

$$N_2 + 3 H_2 \xrightarrow{200 \text{ atm}} 2 NH_3$$

DHR = -92 kJ/mol

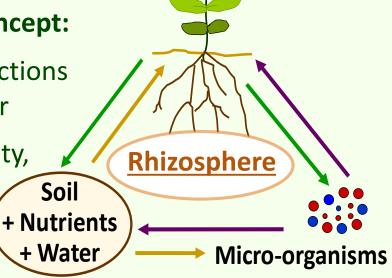
Haber's first experimental reactor (Dt. Museum, Munich)

#### Hiltner's rhizosphere concept:

soil-plant-microbe interactions play an important role for

- plant nutrient availability,
- pathogen defence

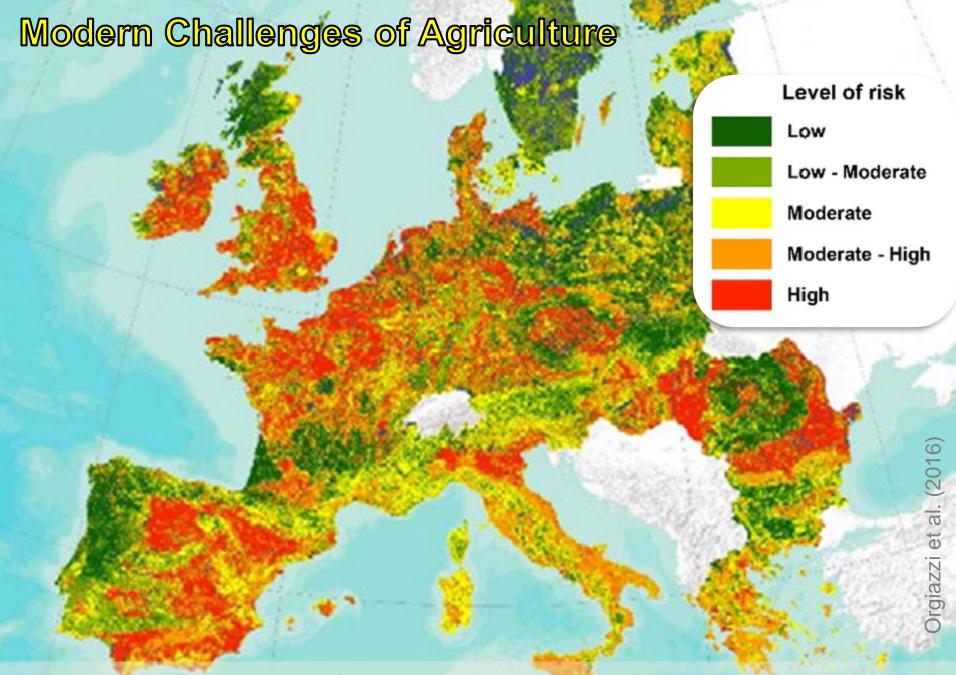
and can be managed for improved agriculture





Lorenz Hiltner 1922

beneficial ↔ pathogenic



Risk to soil degradation by loss of soil biological functions. 5

#### Growing interest in agricultural biologicals

**Chemical Fertilizers** 

**Biological Agents** 

**Synthetic Pesticides** 

- > 100 x higher success rates in screening of biological agents
- → 10 x lower costs for product development
- Market Forecast: 14 % Compound Annual Growth Rate
- Global-Market-Volume: 6.75 Billion US \$ (2017)

(Agra-Europe, 2017; Ravensberg, 2017; MarketsandMarkets, 2019)

# Frankfurter Allgemeine

#### Bauern in Aufruhr

**AGRARPAKET:** 

VON BERND FREYTAG, MAINZ-AKTUALISIERT AM 19.11.2019-19:20





= Impossible







# Günter Rohrmoser Landwirtschaft in der Ökologie- und Kulturkrise

Prof. Günter Rohrmoser. 1927 - 2008

"Agriculture in the Ecological and Cultural Crisis"

Gesellschaft für Kulturwissenschaft



#### Romanian Banat and Baden-Württemberg partnership for the European green deal project success

#### Project Partner:

- Universitatea de Stiinte Agricole si Medicina Veterinara a Banatului "Regele Mihai I al Romaniei" din Timişoara
  - Ackerbauschule Voiteg
    - DEULA-BW
  - Hochschule für Wirtschaft und Umwelt Nürtingen-Geislingen
    - Madora GmbH

Coordination: University of Hohenheim

Duration: Dec. 2020 – Mai 2022

Fundet budget: **95,200.00** €

Total budget: **126.975.00** €

#### **The Danube Region**



# Project Relevance to Priority Areas of the Danube Region Strategy Program (added later)

- Education in ecological agriculture and agricultural engineering, digitization and smart farming, social and cultural aspects
- Biodiversity, Landscapes and Air, Soil, Water & Food Quality
- Economy and Sustainability, International Cooperation
- Knowledge transfer and practice implementation, capacity building, Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems (AKIS).



## Tasks and Objectives of the Banat Green Deal Project (added later)

- Development of an innovative course and training program regarding current ecological and cultural challenges in agriculture
  - smart farming and digitalization of agriculture
  - biological approaches as alternatives to agrochemicals
  - adaptation to and mitigation of adverse climate change impacts
  - maintenance and recovery of fertile soils
  - ecological and cultural conversion of agriculture
- Formation of an international research consortium to apply for a Horizon 2020 or Horizon Europe Project "Mission Soil"
- Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems (AKIS).

