

Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences as Global Agro-industrial Trading Hub

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Rector's Greeting



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With the foundation MATE (Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences), **one of the largest agricultural-focused, multi- disciplinary higher education institutions in Europe** was established on 1 February 2021.

The backbone of the new university infrastructure is provided by our prominent campuses where our professional teaching staff and a unique green environment make the students feel welcome.

Buda, Gödöllő, Gyöngyös, Kaposvár and Keszthely Campuses offer constantly renewed degree and training programmes and make significant investments in order to strengthen their ties to international higher education.

We consider lessons learned from the most successful European universities and we combine our traditions with the solutions of modern ages. Our long-term objective is to make MATE one of the thirty best agricultural higher education universities in the world.

HUNGARY IN BRIEF

SIZE: 93,000 square kilometres
DIMENSIONS: 250 km (North-South)
and 524 km (East-West)
POPULATION: 9.7 million
CAPITAL: Budapest (1.7 million)
LARGEST CITIES: Debrecen, Szeged, Miskolc,
Pécs, Győr

CLIMATE: dry continental with four seasons
LANGUAGE: Hungarian
NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES: Austria, Croatia, Slovakia,
Slovenia, Serbia, Romania, Ukraine
GOVERNMENT: parliamentary constitutional republic
CURRENCY: forint (HUF)
TIME ZONE: CET (GMT +1)

10 THINGS ABOUT HUNGARY

1. Budapest the „**City of Spas**” is the only capital in the world with thermal/medicinal baths

2. The **2nd** subway line of continental Europe was built in Budapest.

3. The **3rd** largest parliament building in the world is the Hungarian Parliament.

4. The Hungarian alphabet has **44 letters**.

5. Amongst the many **Hungaricums** **5** of them are related to Hungarian **gastronomy**.

6. With almost **600 square kilometres**, **Lake Balaton** is the largest lake in Central Europe.

7. In **1974** the immensely popular **Rubik's-cube** was invented by the Hungarian **Ernő Rubik**.

8. Settlement of the Magyars in the Carpathian-Basin (today's Hungary) in **895**. Long history, huh?!

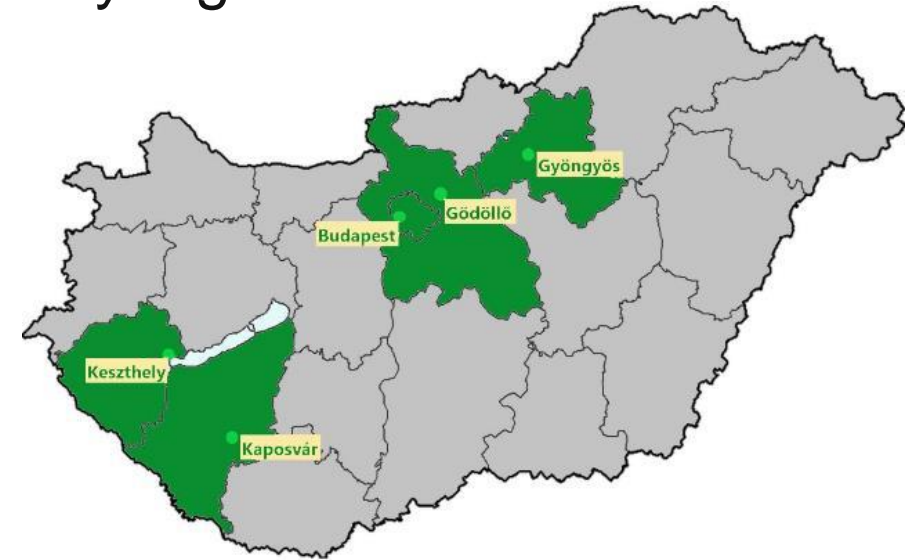
9. Hungary is subdivided administratively into **19 counties**.

10. Hungary became a Christian monarchy in **1000-1001** with the crowning of St. Stephan, which was recognized by the pope.

One of the largest agricultural-focused, multidisciplinary higher education institution in Central-Europe

Campuses:

- Szent István Campus, Gödöllő
- Buda Campus, Budapest
- Kaposvár Campus
- Georgikon Campus, Keszthely
- Károly Róbert Campus, Gyöngyös.



Strategic areas:

- Teaching and research of food source production
- Food quality and safety
- Water and soil as strategic resource
- Environmental protection and sustainability
- Energy security
- Bioeconomy
- Data driven agriculture



- Number of institutes: 21
- Number of students: 15 576
- Number of international students: 2 314 (14.9%)
- Number of countries of international students: 102
- Number of PhD schools: 12
- Number of PhD students: 870
- Number of international students: 316 (36.5%)
- Number of academic staff: 976
- Number of staff: 1221
- Languages of the courses: Hungarian, English

Gödöllő, headquarter



Ranking Positions

QS World Ranking: 801-1000th

<https://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/world-university-rankings/2021>

By Agriculture and forestry subject: 151-200th

<https://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/university-subject-rankings/2020/agriculture-forestry>

In the Region: 110th

<https://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/eeca-rankings/2020>

THE Europe Teaching Ranking: 126-150th

https://www.timeshighereducation.com/rankings/europe-teaching/2019#!/page/0/length/25/sort_by/rank/sort_order/asc/cols/undefined

Emerging Economies University Ranking: 351-400th

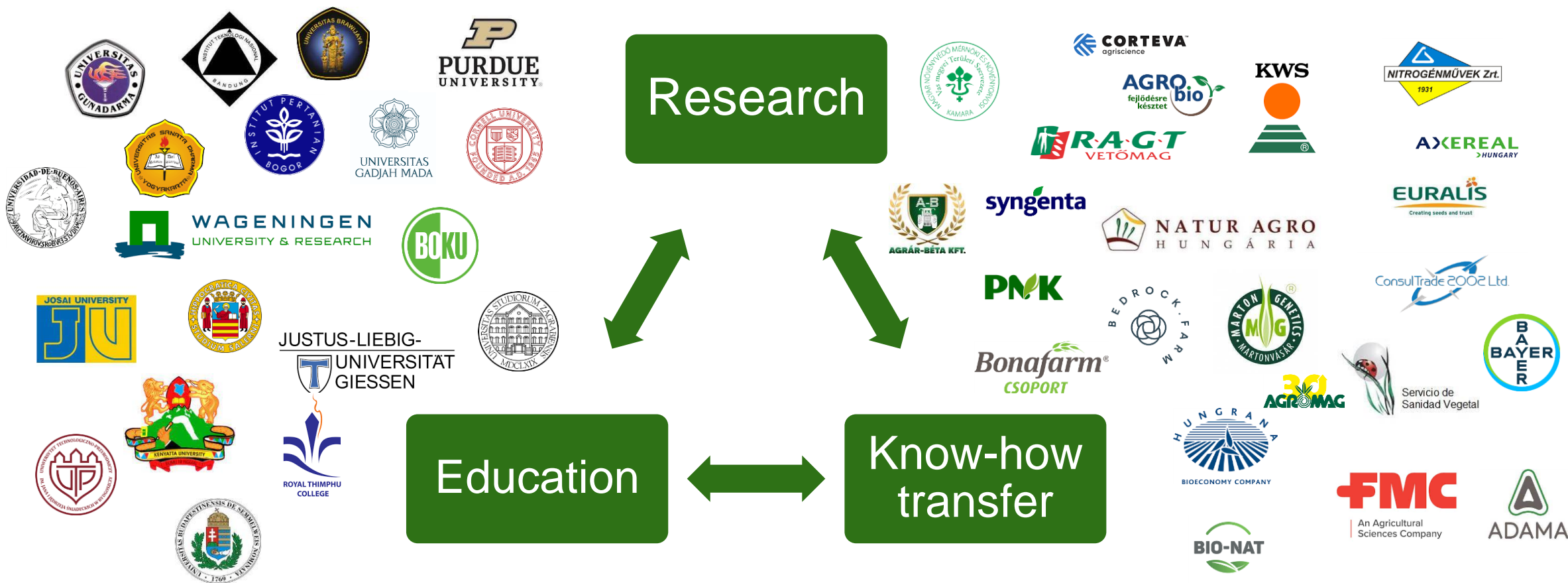
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Business Innovation Model

University relations

Business partnerships



Courses in English Language

Bachelor Programmes:

Agricultural Engineering

Environmental Engineering

Horticultural Engineering

Wildlife Management Engineering

Business Administration and Management

Mechanical Engineering

Engineering Management

Tourism and Catering

Food Engineering



Courses in English Language

Masters Programmes:

Mechanical Engineering
Engineering Management
Environmental Engineering
Agricultural Water Management Engineering
Crop Production Engineering
Agricultural Biotechnology
Wildlife Management Engineering
Rural Development Engineering
Management and Leadership
Supply Chain Management
Tourism Management
Garden Art and Landscape Design
Horticulture Engineering
Food Science and Technology Engineering
Food Safety and Quality Engineering
Plant Protection
Executive MBA
Master of Business Administration (MBA)



Gödöllő Campus:

Doctoral School of Animal Biotechnology and Animal Science

Doctoral School of Biological Sciences

Doctoral School of Environmental Sciences

Doctoral School of Plant Sciences

Doctoral School of Economic and Regional Sciences

Doctoral School of Mechanical Engineering

Buda Campus:

Doctoral School of Food Sciences

Doctoral School of Horticultural Sciences

Doctoral School of Landscape Architecture and Landscape Ecology

Kaposvár Campus:

Doctoral School of Animal Science

Doctoral School of Management and Organizational Science

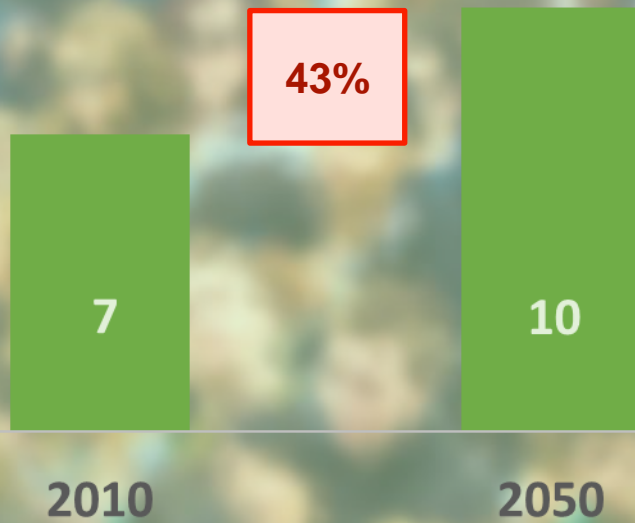
Georgikon Campus:

Festetics Doctoral School

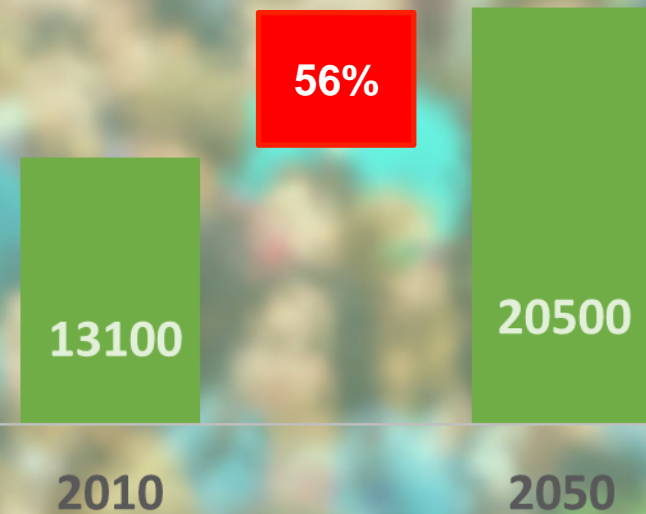


Increasing Demand for Food

World Population
(billion)



Food calories
(trillion calories / year)



Increasing Risks for Food Supply



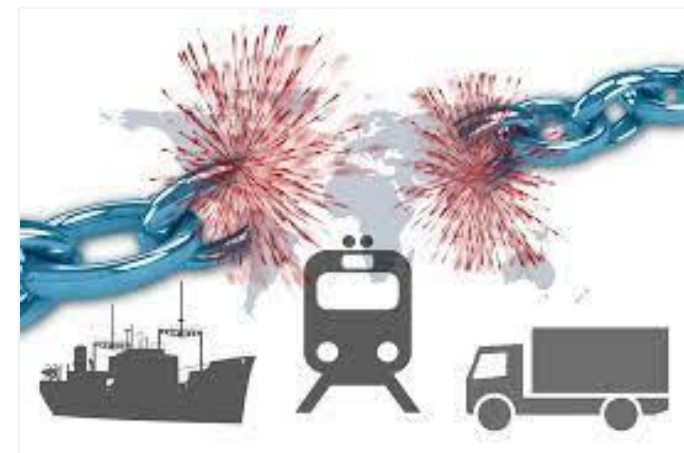
Soil degradation



Reduced crop yields



Disrupted supply chains



Field Cultivation vs. Indoor Farming



- Low upfront investment
- Low cost of cultivation
- Susceptible to climate effects
- Logistical risks
- Significant delivery loss



- Can be deployed in urban areas
- 2% water usage vs. open field production
- No pesticides, herbicides
- Independent from weather fluctuations
- Year round production

Food Security for Urbanized Areas



Mitigating food security risk

Localized food production

Urban agriculture

Controlled environment agriculture

Vertical farms, plant factories



Use case: indoor farming



Leafy greens
Edible flowers
Herbs
Medical plants

Protein crops:
soybean, pea

Commodities

Know-how from Seed to Food



Germination

Environment
control
Nutrients
Lighting



Post
harvest



Seedlings



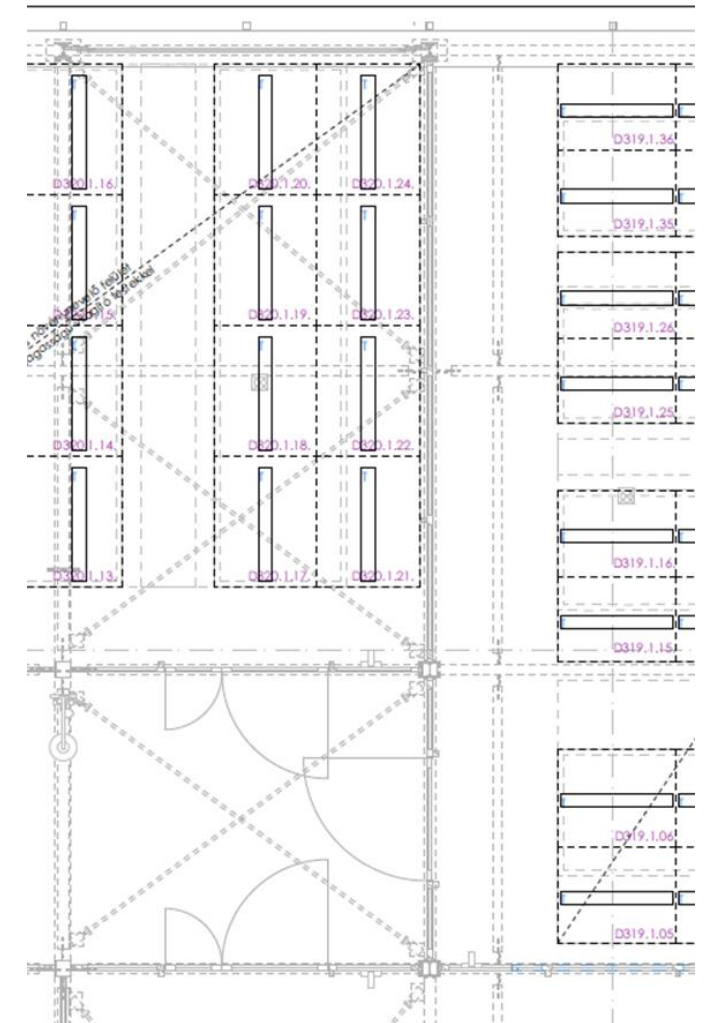
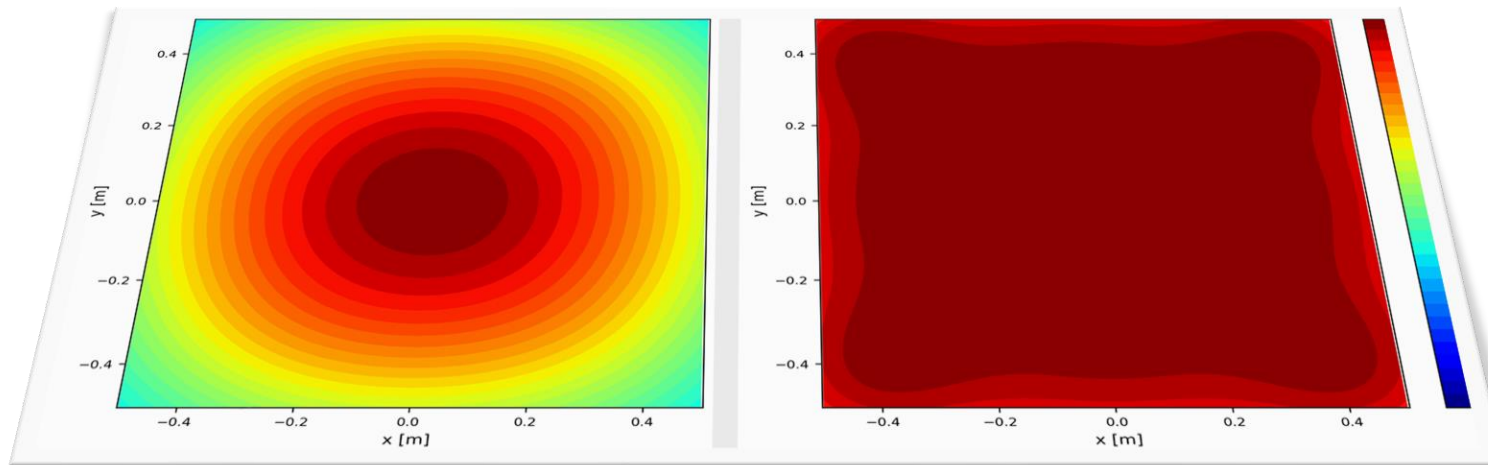
Crop
monitoring
and
qualification



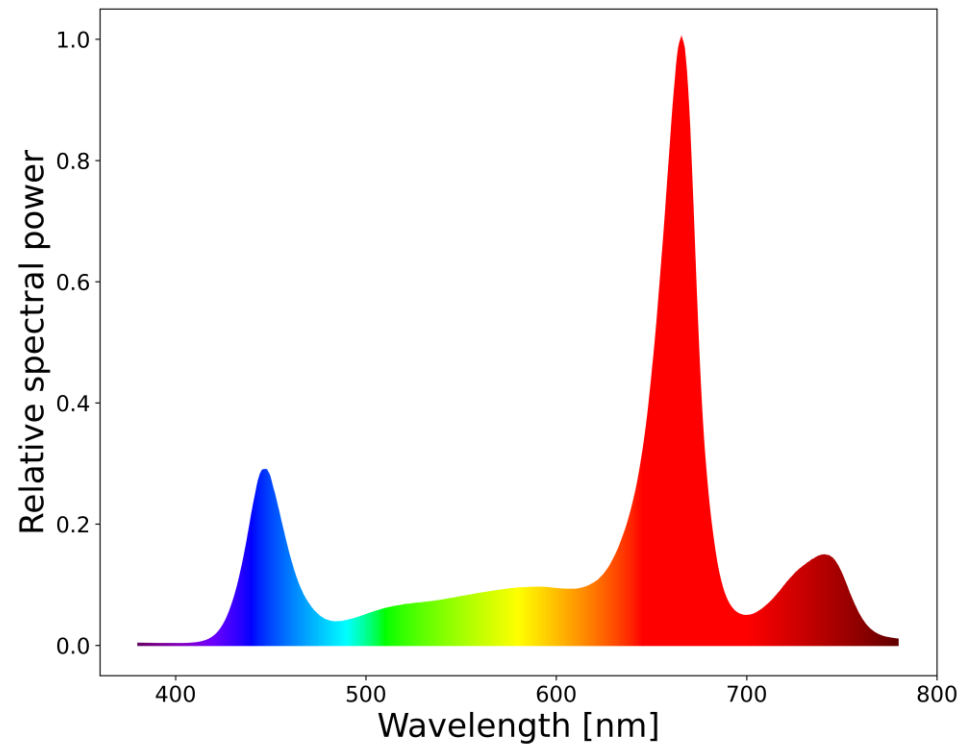
Data driven decisions

Conventional
design

MATE know-how
for optimized
uniformity and
light utilization



Spectral composition of light tailored to the specific plant needs





- Sensors and actuators for automated environmental monitoring and control
- IoT solutions
- Predictive analytics
- Machine learning
- Artificial Intelligence



Plant breeding

Specific varieties

Is there a need for
optimizing height,
vegetation cycle
pest resistance etc.
for vertical farms?

Real crop



Digital twin of the crop

```
def get_E_dist(xE,yE,xLED,yLED):  
    # modified for 2D  
    num_xE = len(xE)  
    num_yE = len(yE)  
    num_LED = len(xLED) * len(yLED)  
  
    xx = np.zeros(num_LED)  
    yy = np.zeros(num_LED)  
    k = 0  
    for ii in range(len(xLED)):  
        for jj in range(len(yLED)):  
            xx[k] = xLED[ii]  
            yy[k] = yLED[jj]  
            k += 1
```

- Measuring plant's response as a function of environmental parameters
- Create digital models of the specific crop
- Use models to optimize and predict crop yield



- Precision food analytics
- Microbiology
- Nondestructive analytical methods
- Quality assurance

Modular Cultivation Unit



- Containers as stand alone cultivation units
- Scalable technology
- Dual-use technology: applicable both for civilian humanitarian and military use

Sustainable Business Models





- Know-how transfer - in cooperation with business partners
- Optimizing cultivation technology for specific crop
- Trainings
- Exchange programs

Global Trading Platform: International trading



Connecting sellers/farmers and buyers on a new online platform that is used only for agro-industrial trades.

It would be open for registration for any company all around the world.

Possible income: commission (%) after the transactions

Global Trading Platform

Market analysis, data collection



The full process



What are the benefits of the Platform?

1. International network management is centralized on the platform
2. Relevant data collection from the agro-industry via the users
3. Multiple income options: commission after transactions, data selling, researcher experts for international projects
4. Increasing the international reputation of MATE

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