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THE RESULT

From stakeholder dialogue to practical carbon farming

Lessons from the first co-creation cycle across five Living Labs

5	**LIVING LABS**
256	**QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES**
228	**WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS**

For Living Lab coordinators, farmers, advisers, policymakers and MRV actors

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Source: LILAS4SOILS D2.1 (Fiorini & Castanheira, 2026), pp. 4-5, 15-17

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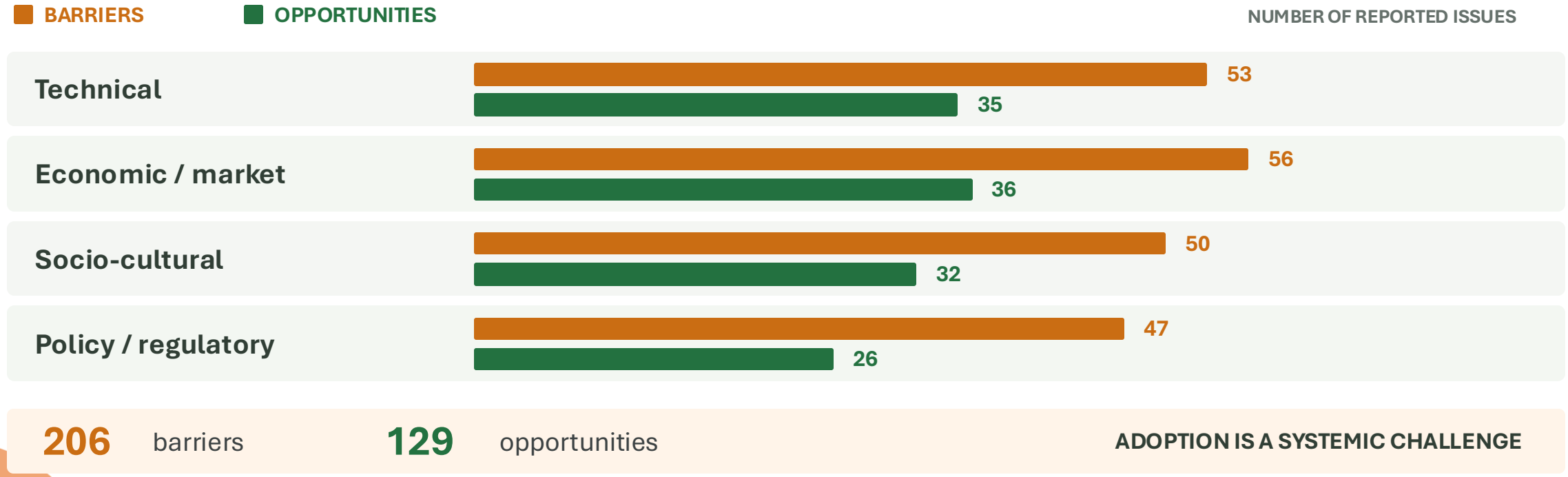
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THE PROBLEM / NEED

Good practices alone do not guarantee adoption



206 barriers **129** opportunities **ADOPTION IS A SYSTEMIC CHALLENGE**

Workshop issue counts (descriptive, not prevalence estimates).

Source: LILAS4SOILS D2.1 (Fiorini & Castanheira, 2026), Fig. 7 & Table 7, p. 27

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THE SOLUTION

A harmonised approach, adapted to each Living Lab

1 PREPARE

256 responses
3 stakeholder-tailored surveys

2 CO-CREATE

228 participants
5 participatory workshops

3 TRANSLATE

Shared reporting tables
Practical CFP pathways

3 LESSONS: PLACE-BASED (fit local conditions) · SYSTEMIC (advice, equipment, incentives, etc.) · ACTIONABLE (turn discussion into site-level solutions)

EXAMPLE FROM TASK 2.2: COVER CROPS

CHALLENGE

Uncertain establishment and termination; narrow weather windows and equipment constraints.

CO-DEVELOPED RESPONSE

Locally adapted cover crop management, continuous advice, field demonstrations and equipment sharing.

Maturity: first co-creation cycle completed; solutions proposed for on-farm adaptation and testing.

Source: LILAS4SOILS D2.1 (Fiorini & Castanheira, 2026), Table 9, pp. 34-35

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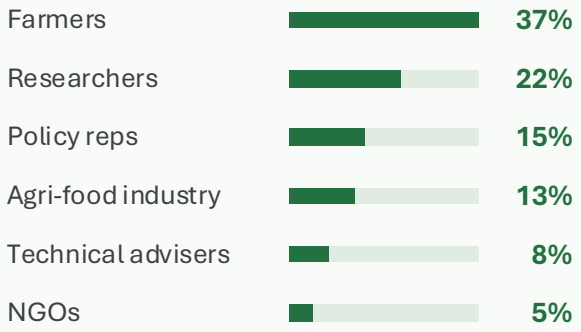
VALUE AND IMPACT

From consultation to better decisions

FARMERS & ADVISERS	More relevant practice combinations, peer learning and hands-on support.
LIVING LABS	Shared priorities, comparable lessons and concrete follow-up actions.
POLICY & MRV ACTORS	Evidence for stable incentives and affordable monitoring beyond carbon alone.

WHO JOINED THE WORKSHOPS?

228 participants · 5 Living Labs



Interpretation: a participatory evidence base, not a statistically representative survey or a measured impact assessment.

Source: LILAS4SOILS D2.1 (Fiorini & Castanheira, 2026), Fig. 5, p. 17; pp. 33–42

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WHAT'S NEXT – WISH LIST

Second-cycle co-creation: deeper, clearer, more practical

01 STANDARDISE

Common survey core, stakeholder codes and reporting — with local flexibility.

02 BROADEN

Engage more value-chain, policy, certification and finance actors.

03 GO TO THE FIELD

Thematic groups, demo visits, farmer-to-farmer exchange.

04 CLOSE THE LOOP

Assign owners and timelines; connect CFP protocols to MRV.

CYCLE 1 LESSON

Differences in surveys, coding and reporting reduced cross-Lab comparability.

Cycle 2 principle: a shared methodological core, without losing local flexibility.

Source: LILAS4SOILS D2.1 (Fiorini & Castanheira, 2026), pp. 40-43

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