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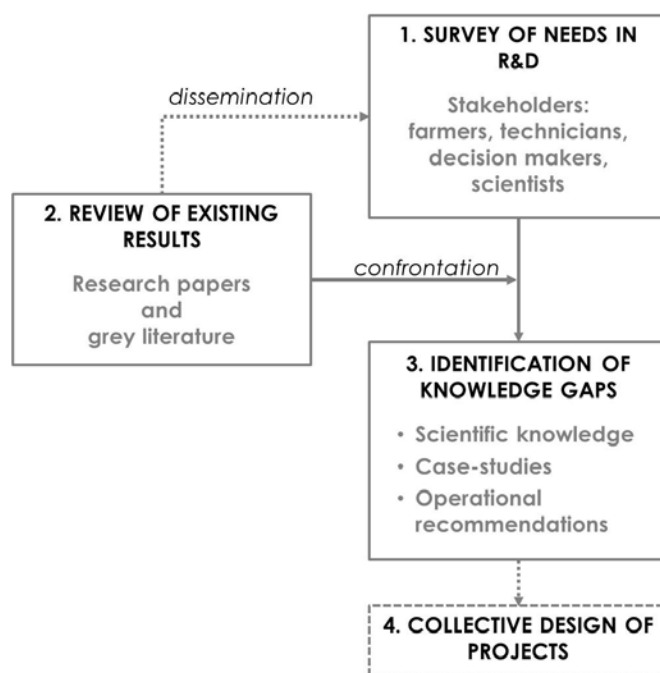
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## How can Research & Development efficiently support the French practitioners of agroforestry?

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Agroforestry is raising the interest of more and more farmers together as of some academics and technicians willing to support the development of more sustainable food production systems and the maintenance of ecosystem services. Nonetheless, in the context of France, not enough links have been made so far between research projects and the concerns of agroforestry practitioners: many scientific results remain unknown to farmers or technicians while scientists may miss the red-hot questions to be targeted in priority. In this context, an overall analysis was carried out. First, the results from several surveys carried out among the French practitioners of agroforestry and targeting their needs were synthesized. Second, both the already existing and relevant scientific or grey literature was reviewed. By confronting the two, the remaining and further needs in research and development were identified. These needs were formulated as gaps of scientific or practical knowledge per types of agroforestry practices met in France (sylvopasture, sylvoarable agroforestry, riparian buffer-strips, forest-farming, etc.). The first main results from this analysis will be presented at the conference and shall in the future help stakeholders to collectively design efficient research and development projects and to disseminate existing knowledge.



A four-step approach is carried out in order to identify the red-hot topics to be addressed by the French R&D in agroforestry

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