

# Conceptual Agent-Based Model of Sustainable Land-Use Farming Adoption

## Model Equations

### 1. Utility Calculation

$$\begin{aligned} U_i &= \alpha U_{\text{econ},i} + (1 - \alpha) U_{\text{social},i} \\ U_{\text{econ},i} &= S - w_i^{(p)} P_i^{(\text{conv})} + w_i^{(p)} P_i^{(\text{nat})} \\ U_{\text{social},i} &= SCF \cdot w_i^{(s)} \cdot \phi \end{aligned}$$

## Legend

- $U_i$ : Total utility for agent  $i$  (EUR/ha)
- $\alpha$ : Weight for economic utility ( $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ )
- $U_{\text{econ},i}$ : Economic utility (EUR/ha)
- $U_{\text{social},i}$ : Social utility (EUR/ha)
- $S$ : Subsidy for adoption (EUR/ha/year)
- $w_i^{(p)}$ : Profit weight (range: 0.5–2.0)
- $P_i^{(\text{conv})}$ : Profit from conventional agriculture (EUR/ha)
- $P_i^{(\text{nat})}$ : Profit from nature-based agriculture (EUR/ha)
- $SCF$ : Social capital factor (EUR/ha)
- $w_i^{(s)}$ : Peer weight (range: 0.5–2.0)
- $\phi$ : Fraction currently adopting ( $0 \leq \phi \leq 1$ )

### 2. Adoption Probability

$$p_i = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\frac{U_i}{k})}$$

## Legend

- $p_i$ : Probability of adoption
- $U_i$ : Utility (EUR/ha)
- $k = 100$ : Scaling factor (adoption sensitivity to utility)

### 3. Agent Learning

#### Peer Weight Update (Temporal)

$$w_i^{(s)}(t+1) = w_i^{(s)}(t) + \lambda_{\text{social}}(\phi(t) - w_i^{(s)}(t)), w_i^{(s)}(t) \in [0.5, 2.0]$$

#### Profit Weight Update (Temporal)

$$w_i^{(p)}(t+1) = w_i^{(p)}(t) + \lambda_{\text{econ}}(U_{\text{econ},i}(t) - w_i^{(p)}(t)), w_i^{(p)}(t) \in [0.5, 2.0]$$

#### Legend

- $w_i^{(s)}$ : Peer weight (0.5–2.0)
- $\lambda_{\text{social}}$ : Social learning rate (0.0–1.0)
- $\phi$ : Fraction adopting ( $0 \leq \phi \leq 1$ )
- $w_i^{(p)}$ : Profit weight (0.5–2.0)
- $\lambda_{\text{econ}}$ : Economic learning rate (0.0–1.0)
- $U_{\text{econ},i}$ : Economic utility (EUR/ha)

### 4. Emissions Calculation

$$E_i = 5.0 \cdot (1 - 0.5 \cdot A_i)$$

#### Legend

- $E_i$ : Emissions (t CO<sub>2</sub>-eq/ha/year)
- $A_i$ : Adoption status (1 if adopted, 0 otherwise)
- 5.0: Baseline emissions for non-adopters (t CO<sub>2</sub>-eq/ha/year)
- 0.5: Emissions reduction factor for adopters

## 5. Policy Cost and Cost-Effectiveness

$$\begin{aligned}\text{PolicyCost}_{ha} &= S \cdot \phi \\ \text{EmissionsSaved}_{ha} &= \max(5.0 - \bar{E}, 0) \\ \text{CostPerTonne} &= \frac{\text{PolicyCost}_{ha}}{\text{EmissionsSaved}_{ha}}, \quad \text{if } \text{EmissionsSaved}_{ha} > 0.01, \\ &\quad \text{NaN,} \quad \text{otherwise.}\end{aligned}$$

### Legend

- $\text{PolicyCost}_{ha}$ : Policy cost per hectare (EUR/ha/year)
- $S$ : Subsidy for adoption (EUR/ha/year)
- $\phi$ : Fraction adopting ( $0 \leq \phi \leq 1$ )
- $\bar{E}$ : Average emissions (t CO<sub>2</sub>-eq/ha/year)
- 5.0: Baseline emissions for non-adopters (t CO<sub>2</sub>-eq/ha/year)
- $\text{EmissionsSaved}_{ha}$ : Emissions saved per hectare (t CO<sub>2</sub>-eq/ha/year)
- 0.01: Threshold to avoid division by very small numbers
- $\text{CostPerTonne}$ : Cost per tonne CO<sub>2</sub> saved (EUR/t CO<sub>2</sub>)
- NaN: Not a Number, used when savings are too small