



TARCASSO FIELD LAB

# TarCasso Longevity Field

## Research & Demonstration Dossier v1

Soil Functionality | Basalt | MRV | Enhanced Rock Weathering

### CORE RESEARCH QUESTION

Can we measure soil improvement before we talk about carbon removal? Cassacco is designed to find out.



**Cassacco is the bridge between general ERW science and project-specific European field evidence.**

### Cassacco, Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Italy

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### STATUS NOTE

Research concept and public project dossier. It is not an agronomic prescription, a carbon-credit Project Design Document, a medical or nutrition claim, an investment document, or a crypto-asset white paper. University of Udine participation is proposed and subject to a formal agreement.



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## 0 Document Purpose & Status

*A compact concept paper for a soil-first European field laboratory in Cassacco.*

This dossier defines the research logic, evidence rules, measurement architecture and staged work programme for the TarCasso Longevity Field in Cassacco. It is designed to serve three functions at the same time: a scientific concept note, a briefing document for prospective research partners, and a transparent public description of what the field will - and will not - claim.

### POSITIONING

Soil functionality and soil resilience are the primary research objectives. Enhanced Rock Weathering (ERW) and carbon removal are secondary research pathways that will be measured only where field evidence supports them.

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| <b>~2.1 ha</b> | <b>10</b>            | <b>SOIL</b>            | <b>NO CLAIM</b> |
| SITE AREA      | AGRICULTURAL PARCELS | PRIMARY RESEARCH FOCUS | CARBON STATUS   |

### Current project status at the cut-off date

| Element                 | Current fact                                                                                                               | Status / implication                                             |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Site                    | Agricultural land in Cassacco, Friuli-Venezia Giulia; approximately 21,000 m <sup>2</sup> across ten agricultural parcels. | Established project site; final survey/site file to be verified. |
| Acquisition             | Signed preliminary purchase agreement is in place; final notarial transfer remains pending.                                | In progress.                                                     |
| Research protocol       | No field baseline, final treatment design or validated sampling plan has yet been completed.                               | To be developed before deployment.                               |
| University cooperation  | A scientific collaboration with the University of Udine is proposed.                                                       | Not yet a formal agreement.                                      |
| Balkan Basalt feedstock | Intended as the principal basalt research feedstock.                                                                       | Field batch must be characterised before application.            |
| ERW / carbon            | No project-specific CDR rate, credit, registry status or carbon claim exists.                                              | Research pathway only.                                           |

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# 1 Strategic Context - Why Soil First

*The field is designed around a soil problem first and a carbon opportunity second.*

Healthy soils underpin agricultural productivity, water regulation, biodiversity and food security. FAO continues to communicate that around one-third of global soils are already degraded and that, if current trends continue, the share could rise toward 90% by 2050. The figure is a global risk framing rather than a site-specific forecast, but it captures the direction of travel: soil degradation is becoming a strategic agricultural constraint, not merely an environmental topic. [1]

The European policy context now points in the same direction. The EU Soil Monitoring Law entered into force on 16 December 2025 and establishes a framework for Member States to monitor and assess soil health, address key soil threats and support improved soil resilience. The European Commission states that 60-70% of EU soils are currently in an unhealthy state. Cassacco is not presented as a compliance project under that law; the relevance is that the project aligns with a wider European shift from generic sustainability claims toward measured soil condition. [2]

The commercial ERW sector is also increasingly adopting a soil-first narrative. InPlanet currently describes its work as delivering durable carbon removal while building healthier, more resilient soils and explicitly frames soil degradation as the agricultural problem ERW can help address. Cassacco should not copy a tropical model. Its opportunity is to test the soil-first logic under temperate European conditions, with a deliberately small site and unusually deep measurement. [3]

## STRATEGIC PROPOSITION

SMALL FIELD. DEEP MEASUREMENT. OPEN EVIDENCE. Cassacco aims to become a temperate-climate European pilot for soil-function MRV and basalt-based enhanced weathering research.

## What changes in the project narrative

| Issue          | Soil-first approach                                                              | Why it matters                                                                  |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Old risk       | ERW becomes the headline before Cassacco has field data.                         | Carbon claims can outrun the evidence and make the soil project look secondary. |
| New hierarchy  | Soil functionality -> basalt response -> ERW signal -> independent verification. | Each layer remains valuable even if the next layer is not demonstrated.         |
| Research value | A null or mixed result is still useful.                                          | The project is structured to learn, not to prove a predetermined outcome.       |
| Public value   | The field becomes a demonstrator for measurement-led regenerative agriculture.   | Partners can inspect methods, data and limitations, not only marketing claims.  |



## 2 Cassacco as a European Living Field Laboratory

*A controlled, accessible site for repeated measurement under real agricultural conditions.*

The planned TarCasso Longevity Field comprises approximately 21,000 m<sup>2</sup> of agricultural land in Cassacco, Friuli-Venezia Giulia. The site is intentionally small enough for dense sampling, repeat measurements and controlled treatment plots, while being large enough to operate as a real agricultural field rather than a laboratory-only experiment. The land is divided across ten agricultural parcels; detailed field geometry, management history, drainage and within-site variability will be documented in Gate 1.

### MEANING OF LONGEVITY

In this dossier, "Longevity" refers first to the long-term functionality, fertility and resilience of soil and the agricultural system. It does not imply that basalt application, crops grown on the field, or TarCasso products deliver a human-health, anti-ageing or medical outcome.

### Project roles - proposed operating architecture

| Participant                               | Proposed role                                                                                                                      | Boundary                                                                                      |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| TarCasso                                  | Field-lab operator and local coordinator; crop strategy; field operations; public demonstration and farmer/community interface.    | Operational role subject to final land-use structure.                                         |
| Balkan Basalt                             | Feedstock supplier; batch identification; logistics; source documentation and technical cooperation on feedstock characterisation. | No feedstock performance claim before Gate 3.                                                 |
| Flour Yield / Insela UAB                  | Research-framework alignment, evidence labelling, data transparency and optional ecosystem reporting.                              | FYT does not acquire rights to the field, basalt, environmental attributes or future credits. |
| University of Udine - proposed            | Scientific design, soil baseline, soil-function monitoring, interpretation and publication support.                                | Subject to formal agreement; no endorsement is implied by this dossier.                       |
| Accredited laboratories / MRV specialists | Specialist feedstock, soil, water and trace-element analyses; future ERW methodology support.                                      | Independent services to be scoped.                                                            |
| Local farmers / agronomic advisers        | Practical cultivation, machinery, management records and local agronomic knowledge.                                                | Critical for real-world transferability.                                                      |

### Why Cassacco can be useful despite its small scale

Sampling intensity can be much higher per hectare than in commercial-scale deployments.

Control and treatment logic can be designed before application rather than reconstructed afterward.

The site can combine soil chemistry, agronomy, hydrology and ERW-relevant measurements in one protocol.

Long-term access allows repeated measurement across seasons, which is essential because mineral weathering and soil responses may be slow.

The field can function as a research, demonstration and partner-training site before any larger replication.



### 3 Research Hypothesis and Evidence Rules

*The project tests a hypothesis; it does not assume the result.*

#### CORE HYPOTHESIS

Properly characterised Balkan Basalt flour, applied under a site-specific agronomic protocol, may improve selected dimensions of soil functionality and resilience in Cassacco. The same deployment may also create a measurable enhanced-weathering signal. The magnitude, timing and reliability of either outcome remain to be established.

#### Primary research questions

1. Which soil functions are actually limiting at baseline, and which are already adequate?
2. Does the qualified basalt feedstock measurably change pH, base saturation, nutrient availability, plant-available silicon or other selected indicators relative to untreated controls?
3. Do any soil changes translate into observable crop response without introducing trace-element, pH or nutrient-imbalance risks?
4. Can a weathering signal be detected with sufficient statistical confidence under Cassacco climate, soil and management conditions?
5. If weathering is measurable, can the carbon pathway be quantified conservatively after non-carbonic acids, lifecycle emissions and uncertainty are considered?
6. Which measurements are scientifically useful and economically scalable to a future network of participating farms?

#### Non-negotiable evidence distinctions

| Observation                    | must not be confused with | Higher-order claim                                    |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Basalt applied                 | is not                    | Basalt weathered                                      |
| Basalt weathered               | is not                    | Atmospheric CO2 removed                               |
| Gross geochemical uptake       | is not                    | Net lifecycle CDR                                     |
| Net CDR estimate               | is not                    | An independently verified credit                      |
| Change in soil chemistry       | is not                    | Improved crop performance                             |
| Change in crop composition     | is not                    | A human-health or longevity effect                    |
| Project data recorded on-chain | is not                    | Scientific verification                               |
| FYT ecosystem use              | is not                    | Ownership of field assets or environmental attributes |

These distinctions mirror the evidence discipline adopted in the Flour Yield Basalt & ERW Research Dossier. Cassacco is intended to generate project-specific evidence that can move selected claims up the evidence ladder - not to bypass it. [6]



## 4 Dual-MRV Architecture

*One field, two measurement systems: soil functionality first; ERW carbon MRV second.*

### CASSACCO RESEARCH ARCHITECTURE

Soil functionality first. ERW carbon MRV by design.



**Success is not defined by a carbon credit. Success is a defensible dataset that shows what changed, what did not, and why.**

The dual-MRV concept deliberately separates a primary Soil Functionality MRV layer from a secondary ERW / Carbon MRV layer. Both rely on the same disciplined baseline, field records and feedstock documentation, but they answer different questions and have different evidentiary thresholds.

### Why the separation matters

A field can show useful agronomic or soil-function changes without producing quantifiable or creditable CDR within the same period.

ERW can occur without improving every measured soil parameter; the mechanisms should not be bundled into a single success claim.

Soil-health monitoring is valuable for TarCasso and farmers even if the project never seeks a carbon credit.

Carbon MRV imposes additional system-boundary, lifecycle, uncertainty and verification requirements that should not dilute the soil programme.

#### WORKING PRINCIPLE

Soil MRV from Day One. ERW MRV by Design.



## 5 Track A - Soil Functionality and Resilience

*Primary research track: measure the condition and function of the soil before, during and after intervention.*

The soil programme should not rely on a single "soil health score". It should use a panel of physical, chemical and biological indicators selected for the actual Cassacco soils, crop system and research questions. Final methods and sampling density should be set with the scientific partner after the spatial baseline is understood.

### Proposed Cassacco Soil Function Panel

| Domain                  | Candidate indicators                                                                                                                  | Purpose                                              |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Chemical                | pH; CEC; base saturation; exchangeable Ca/Mg/K; available P; selected micronutrients; plant-available Si; EC/salinity where relevant. | Fertility, buffering and nutrient availability.      |
| Carbon / organic matter | SOC / TOC; organic matter fractions where justified.                                                                                  | Long-term soil condition and carbon-cycle context.   |
| Physical                | Texture; bulk density; aggregate stability; infiltration / water-holding proxies; compaction.                                         | Structure, rooting environment and water resilience. |
| Biological              | Microbial biomass / ATP or selected enzyme activity, subject to research design.                                                      | Biological activity and soil-function response.      |
| Safety / contaminants   | Cr, Ni, Co, As, Cd, Pb, Hg and other relevant elements; leachability/speciation where required.                                       | Environmental and agronomic safeguards.              |
| Crop / plant            | Growth, phenology, yield, tissue mineral profile and plant-available Si response where justified.                                     | Whether soil changes translate into plant response.  |

The University of Udine Environmental Soil Functionality group is a strong prospective fit for this architecture: its published capabilities include soil fertility analyses, plant-soil interactions, carbon-cycle and microbial-activity work, trace-metal analysis by high-resolution ICP-MS and development of rhizosphere microsensor capabilities. Its Soil Fertility Laboratory also lists physical, chemical and biological soil analyses. A formal collaboration would allow the field protocol to be designed with scientific independence before the first intervention. [4][5]

### Baseline rule

#### NO TREATMENT BEFORE BASELINE

No basalt should be applied to any research plot until the baseline sampling plan, control/treatment design, sample handling, laboratory methods and field-management recordkeeping are documented. A pre-intervention dataset is the asset that makes every later comparison meaningful.



## 6 Track B - Basalt and Agronomic Response

*The intervention must be a qualified material, not a generic label called "basalt".*

Balkan Basalt is the intended research feedstock, but the specific material delivered to Cassacco must be characterised before field use. The purpose is twofold: first, to establish safety and agronomic suitability; second, to make later weathering and carbon measurements interpretable.

### Minimum field-feedstock dossier

| Component                   | Required information                                                                                                                       |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Identity & chain of custody | Source, batch ID, sampling locations, sample preparation, transport and delivery records.                                                  |
| Whole-rock chemistry        | Major oxides by suitable XRF/ICP method; total Ca, Mg, Fe, K, Na and relevant trace elements.                                              |
| Quantitative mineralogy     | qXRD / Rietveld; identify reactive phases and any quartz or other relevant minerals.                                                       |
| Particle characteristics    | Particle-size distribution; fines fraction; specific surface area where useful.                                                            |
| Environmental safety        | Quantitative trace elements; relevant leaching/speciation tests; Cr(VI) where warranted; dust / respirable silica screening as applicable. |
| ERW suitability             | Parameters required by the selected MRV methodology, including inputs needed for cation or immobile-tracer approaches.                     |
| Batch consistency           | Enough data to show whether the field-applied batch is representative and internally consistent.                                           |

Current ERW protocols reinforce this sequence. Isometric's Enhanced Weathering in Agriculture protocol requires detailed feedstock characterisation, a defined sampling framework, control/treatment logic, documented monitoring and independent validation/verification for crediting projects. Cassacco does not need to become a crediting project at the start, but designing the field so that these requirements remain technically possible avoids costly retrofitting later. [7]

### Dose policy

The dossier intentionally does not prescribe a public application rate. Peer-reviewed ERW and basalt-amendment studies use a wide range of doses, and transfer from one soil, climate or feedstock to another is not justified without site data. Cassacco treatment rates should therefore be selected only after Gates 1-3, with agronomic justification and statistical review.



## 7 Track C - ERW and Carbon MRV

*Secondary research track: preserve the option to quantify weathering and carbon removal without allowing carbon to drive the experiment.*

The ERW track asks a narrower question than the soil programme: can the dissolution of the applied silicate feedstock be detected, and can any resulting atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> removal be quantified conservatively? A positive soil response does not answer that question. Carbon accounting requires additional evidence about acid sources, hydrological export, carbonate formation, lifecycle emissions and statistical uncertainty.

### MRV-ready measurements - subject to method selection

Pre-deployment and post-deployment solid-phase soil sampling with georeferenced sample locations.

Feedstock-normalised cation or immobile-tracer measurements suitable for the chosen quantification pathway.

Porewater / soil-solution measurements where justified: Ca, Mg, alkalinity, dissolved inorganic carbon and supporting chemistry.

Weather, irrigation, fertiliser and liming records because they alter the acid budget and field interpretation.

Hydrology and drainage context sufficient to understand where generated alkalinity may move.

Lifecycle inventory for crushing/grinding, transport, spreading, sampling and laboratory activity if net CDR is later calculated.

Uncertainty budget and independent review before any verified carbon statement.

#### CARBON STATUS LADDER

NOT ASSESSED -> UNDER MEASUREMENT -> WEATHERING SIGNAL DETECTED -> CDR QUANTIFIED -> INDEPENDENTLY VERIFIED. Cassacco communications should never skip a stage.

### What the project is not trying to optimise in Phase 1

The first research cycle is not designed to maximise tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> removed or maximise credit issuance. It is designed to maximise evidence quality per hectare. That means denser baseline work, conservative controls, repeat sampling and transparent treatment of null or adverse results.



## 8 Experimental Architecture and Sampling

*The design should be statistically defensible before it becomes visually impressive.*

The final field design should be prepared after the spatial baseline reveals how heterogeneous the site is. The ten-parcel structure may help create operational blocks, but cadastral boundaries should not substitute for scientific replication. Plot placement should follow soil and topographic variability, management practicality and statistical power.

### Proposed design principles

| Design element           | Cassacco principle                                                                     | Reason                                                            |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Control                  | Maintain untreated areas under the same crop and management regime.                    | Separates treatment response from weather and management.         |
| Treatment                | Use one or more application levels only after feedstock and baseline review.           | Tests dose-response without assuming the correct dose in advance. |
| Replication              | Replicate within the site where geometry and power analysis justify it.                | Avoids a single treated plot being mistaken for causal evidence.  |
| Randomisation / blocking | Use blocks or random allocation where operationally possible.                          | Reduces bias from within-field variation.                         |
| Predefined endpoints     | Define primary and secondary soil/crop metrics before application.                     | Prevents selective reporting of only favourable results.          |
| Sampling custody         | Unique sample IDs, coordinates, depth, date, operator and laboratory chain of custody. | Makes the dataset auditable and reusable.                         |
| Management parity        | Document fertiliser, lime, irrigation, tillage and crop-protection actions.            | Controls confounding variables.                                   |

### Indicative sampling rhythm - not a calendar promise

| Stage | Timing logic                            | Purpose                                                                             |
|-------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| T0    | Before any treatment                    | Full spatial baseline; feedstock specification completed.                           |
| T1    | After deployment / early establishment  | Operational verification; targeted safety and chemistry checks.                     |
| T2    | End of first growing cycle              | Soil-function panel + crop response; first comparative analysis.                    |
| T3+   | Annual / seasonally justified follow-up | Persistence, delayed mineral release, weathering signal and longer-term resilience. |

Exact intervals, depths, sample numbers and analytical methods remain part of the scientific protocol and should be set by the research team rather than by communications material.

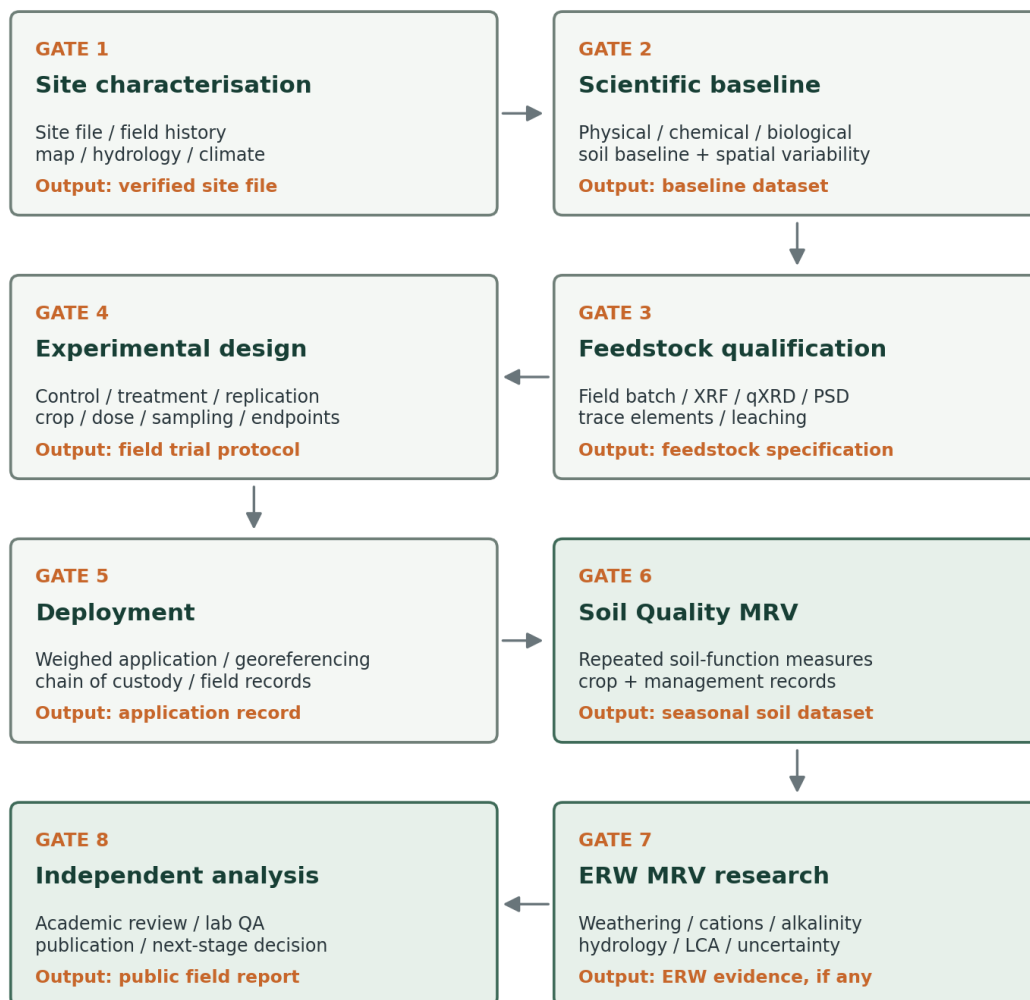


## 9 Gate Roadmap

*A gate closes when its output exists and has passed review.*

### CASSACCO GATE ROADMAP

Evidence gates for a soil-first field laboratory.



**Gate 1 and Gate 2 can begin in parallel. No claim advances beyond the evidence produced by its gate.**

### Hard rules encoded in the gates

No Balkan-Basalt-specific soil-benefit statement before controlled evidence exists.

No yield or input-reduction statement before field data are analysed against controls.

No CDR rate, basalt-to-CO<sub>2</sub> ratio or "carbon-backed" statement before the relevant ERW evidence and verification exist.

No carbon-credit or offtake statement unless a registry process has actually produced the corresponding public record.

No date promise overrides an incomplete evidence gate.



## 10 Proposed Scientific Collaboration - University of Udine

*The academic partner should help design the experiment before baseline sampling, not merely review the result afterward.*

The University of Udine is geographically and scientifically well positioned for a Cassacco collaboration. The Department of Agricultural, Food, Environmental and Animal Sciences (DI4A) combines agricultural, environmental, biological and chemical expertise and explicitly works on environmentally and economically sustainable agricultural practices. [8]

Within DI4A, the Environmental Soil Functionality / Soil Chemistry group publicly describes research in soil fertility, plant-soil interactions, organic matter, contamination and trace-metal analysis, with high-resolution ICP-MS and developing rhizosphere microsensor capabilities. These competences map closely onto the proposed Cassacco soil-function panel. [4][5]

### STATUS DISCIPLINE

This dossier proposes a University of Udine collaboration. It does not state or imply that the University has agreed to participate, endorsed Balkan Basalt, validated the project, or accepted any project claim.

### Suggested scope of a first academic work package

| Work package             | Proposed content                                                                                                            |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| WP1 - Baseline design    | Sampling grid / blocks; soil depths; core physical, chemical and biological indicators; statistical framework.              |
| WP2 - Treatment protocol | Control/treatment architecture; dose-selection logic; crop and management controls; predefined endpoints.                   |
| WP3 - Laboratory plan    | Methods, QA/QC, sample preservation and division between university and accredited external laboratories.                   |
| WP4 - Monitoring         | Seasonal soil-function measurements; selected crop and rhizosphere observations; interpretation.                            |
| WP5 - Publication        | Independent analysis of Year-1 dataset; technical report and, if justified, academic publication or conference output.      |
| WP6 - ERW interface      | Advise which soil / porewater measurements can support an ERW workstream without distorting the primary soil-health design. |

### Partner principle

Scientific independence should be explicit. TarCasso and Flour Yield may fund or facilitate the field work, but methods, data interpretation and publication rules should be agreed in advance so that negative or null results can be reported with the same visibility as positive results.



## 11 Data Governance, Transparency and Dashboards

*A public pilot becomes credible when the provenance and status of each data point are visible.*

### Minimum research data architecture

| Layer                     | Content                                                                                        | Rule                                                                |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Raw data                  | Laboratory files, field sheets, sample coordinates, crop records, weather and management logs. | Retained with immutable version history.                            |
| Metadata                  | Sample ID, date, depth, plot, operator, method, laboratory, units, detection limits.           | Required for interpretability.                                      |
| QA/QC                     | Blanks, duplicates, standards, outlier rules and documented corrections.                       | Separates measurement quality from narrative.                       |
| Evidence status           | Proposed / measured / field-observed / independently reviewed / registry-verified.             | Visible beside every public claim.                                  |
| Public release            | Methods, core data tables, limitations and versioned field reports.                            | Supports external scrutiny and replication.                         |
| On-chain layer - optional | Hash or timestamp of final reports / datasets.                                                 | Proof of document integrity only; not proof of scientific validity. |

### Two public dashboards - different questions

| Dashboard              | What it shows                                                                                                                                    | Communication rule                                  |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Soil Health Dashboard  | Baseline versus treatment/control changes in selected soil-function indicators; crop observations; field management.                             | Primary public dashboard.                           |
| ERW Research Dashboard | Feedstock batch; tonnes applied; sampling status; weathering evidence status; carbon status ladder; verifier/registry status if ever applicable. | Secondary dashboard; no CDR figure until justified. |

#### FYT BOUNDARY

If Cassacco data are displayed in Flour Yield or FYT ecosystem interfaces, the data should retain the same evidence label and source provenance. FYT does not represent ownership of the field, basalt, soil improvements, carbon removals or future environmental credits.



## 12 Risk Controls, Success Criteria and Scaling

*The research programme should be robust enough to learn from outcomes that are positive, neutral or adverse.*

### Principal research and operating risks

| Risk                    | Failure mode                                               | Control                                                                         |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Site heterogeneity      | Treatment effect obscured by pre-existing variability.     | Spatial baseline; blocking; replication; predefined statistics.                 |
| Feedstock variability   | Field-applied basalt differs from tested material.         | Batch IDs; representative sampling; chain of custody; retain reference samples. |
| pH / nutrient imbalance | High or unsuitable dose alters micronutrient availability. | Baseline compatibility screen; conservative dose; repeated monitoring.          |
| Trace elements / dust   | Material contains or mobilises undesirable constituents.   | Quantitative feedstock testing; leachability/speciation; worker controls.       |
| Weather confounding     | Rainfall / heat dominates crop response.                   | Control plots; weather records; multi-season interpretation.                    |
| Slow weathering signal  | No resolvable ERW signal within early monitoring period.   | Treat as a valid result; continue soil track; avoid model-to-proof conversion.  |
| Communication overreach | Research result becomes a product, health or token claim.  | Evidence labels; publication review; explicit prohibited-claim list.            |

### What success means after the first full research cycle

A verified site file, baseline dataset and feedstock specification exist and can be independently reviewed.

The field contains documented control and treatment areas with traceable management and application records.

Soil-function changes - positive, neutral or adverse - are quantified with uncertainty rather than described impressionistically.

Any crop response is reported with context and not generalised beyond the site.

The ERW workstream either detects a defensible weathering signal or clearly documents why it has not yet been resolved.

The methodology, cost and operational lessons are sufficient to decide whether a second site or farmer-network replication is justified.

### Scaling pathway

Cassacco should be treated as a learning asset, not a miniature commercial ERW project. The preferred path is: prove the measurement system on one intensively monitored field -> replicate selected protocols with nearby farmers -> standardise the data package -> then evaluate larger deployments. This keeps scaling conditional on evidence rather than narrative.



## 13 Indicative Work Programme

*Gate-based sequence; calendar dates are planning references, not evidentiary promises.*

| Phase                          | Indicative timing                 | Primary output                                                                                                                           | Gate      |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Phase 0 - Closing & setup      | Q4 2026 indicative                | Complete site acquisition / long-term use structure; field mapping; historical management file; identify research lead and laboratories. | Gate 1    |
| Phase 1 - Baseline & protocol  | Late 2026 / early 2027 indicative | Scientific baseline; feedstock campaign; University / laboratory protocol; power and plot design.                                        | Gates 2-4 |
| Phase 2 - First deployment     | 2027 growing cycle indicative     | Apply qualified feedstock to defined treatment plots; preserve controls; record full operations.                                         | Gate 5    |
| Phase 3 - Soil MRV             | 2027 onward                       | Repeat soil-function and crop measurements; publish first comparative dataset.                                                           | Gate 6    |
| Phase 4 - ERW MRV              | Runs alongside monitoring         | Conduct selected solid/aqueous measurements and LCA only where methodologically justified.                                               | Gate 7    |
| Phase 5 - Review & publication | After sufficient data             | Independent analysis; public field report; decision on replication and any registry dialogue.                                            | Gate 8    |

### IMMEDIATE NEXT ACTIONS

1) prepare the verified site file; 2) approach the University of Udine with a compact scientific cooperation brief; 3) define the baseline sampling campaign; 4) launch the Balkan Basalt field-feedstock characterisation; 5) do not apply basalt to research plots before the protocol is frozen.

### Decision point after Year 1

The key decision is not "Did we generate a carbon credit?" It is: "Did the field produce a dataset strong enough to justify a larger, replicated European programme?" A positive answer may come from soil-function evidence, ERW evidence, or both.



## 14 Public Communication Rules

*Credibility is built by saying less than the data permit, not more.*

### Permitted positioning at project launch

"A European temperate-climate pilot for soil-function MRV and basalt-based enhanced weathering research."

"A small-scale living field laboratory focused on soil resilience, measurement and open evidence."

"University collaboration is proposed and under discussion" - until a formal agreement exists.

"Balkan Basalt is the intended research feedstock" - until the field batch is qualified.

"ERW and carbon removal are research pathways" - until measurement supports stronger wording.

### Statements that are not permitted without new evidence

| Area               | Do not say                                                      | Evidence required                                                        |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Agronomy           | "Balkan Basalt improves Cassacco soil"                          | Requires controlled field evidence from Cassacco.                        |
| Yield / inputs     | "Basalt increases yield" or "reduces fertiliser/pesticide need" | Requires crop-specific field data and controls.                          |
| Carbon             | "1 tonne of Balkan Basalt removes X tonnes of CO2"              | Requires project-specific quantification and system-boundary accounting. |
| Credits            | "Cassacco generates carbon credits"                             | Requires registry validation, verification and issuance.                 |
| Health / longevity | "Basalt-grown food improves human longevity"                    | Not supported by the proposed field study.                               |
| Token / asset      | "FYT is backed by Cassacco, basalt or future carbon credits"    | Contradicts FYT's current utility-token structure.                       |

#### PUBLIC PHILOSOPHY

MEASURE FIRST. LABEL THE EVIDENCE. PUBLISH THE LIMITS. SCALE ONLY WHAT REPLICATES.

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*This dossier is intentionally compact and relies on the broader Flour Yield research dossier for the full ERW literature base.*

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## Recommended next-stage documents

| Ref. | Document                                    | Format                 | Purpose                                                                                                  |
|------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A    | Cassacco University Cooperation Brief       | 3-5 pages              | Scope, research questions, proposed work packages, independence, data/publication principles.            |
| B    | Cassacco Verified Site File                 | Technical annex        | Parcel map, field history, baseline metadata, hydrology, access, management and legal-use documentation. |
| C    | Balkan Basalt Field Feedstock Specification | Laboratory dossier     | Batch-specific chemistry, mineralogy, PSD, safety and chain of custody.                                  |
| D    | Cassacco Field Trial Protocol               | Scientific protocol    | Plot design, controls, dose logic, sampling plan, endpoints, statistics and QA/QC.                       |
| E    | Cassacco Field Report - Reporting Period 1  | Public evidence report | First comparative soil/crop dataset; ERW evidence status; limitations and next decision.                 |

### END STATE

The objective of Version 1 is not to pre-write the result. It is to create the governance and measurement architecture that will make the result - whatever it is - credible.