



***Groasis Technology***  
compared to  
***drip irrigation***  
for landscaping purposes

note: this model does not take into account the full cost of a project, just the differences between using Groasis Waterboxes and drip irrigation.

This document is a template with assumptions  
Please ensure that the assumptions are correct for your specific project

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Remarks
<b>Groasis Technology in comparison with drip irrigation</b>
The project duration is 50 years as treeprojects (vines, olives,avocados, dates, etc.) always are longterm projects
All costs independent from use of Groasis waterboxx or drip irrigation that are equal have not been accounted in this document, so this document does not show all costs of tree plantations
As an example: the cost for a warehouse is not calculated, as for both systems one needs a warehouse
This means that this document cannot be used as a template for tree planting calculations. It focuses only on the financial differences caused by the use of the Groasis Technology compared to drip irrigation

Note: if column C in tab 'assumptions' states 1/0, complete calculation tab lines as following: Yes = 1, No = 0



Input	unit	single value
<b>PROJECT GENERICS</b>		
Project duration	years	50
Project size	ha	7.550
Number of trees per hectare	trees/ha	500
inflation rate (cost only)	%	3%
starting year		2011
<b>PROJECT PREPARATION</b>		
costs of reversed osmosis plant	EUR/m	5.000.000
how many hectares per reversed osmosis plant	ha/well	7.550
costs of digging grooves for main tube per meter	EUR/m	1
meters groove per ha	m/ha	100
costs of main tube per meter incl. connection to electric valves	EUR/m	10
drip irrigation tube costs per meter	EUR/m	1,25
number of tubes per hectare	tubes/ha	20
length of tubes per ha	m/ha	2.000
liters of water per tree per year	l/tree/yr	1.500
price of water per liter	EUR/l	0,002
price of pump(s) incl. installation for 7550 ha	EUR	200.000
electricity network per 7550 ha incl. installation	EUR	500.000
electric valves incl. installation per ha	EUR/ha	250
rows per electric valve per ha	rows/valve/ha	5
rows per ha	rows/ha	20
computer system incl. tools	EUR	250
hectares per computer	ha/computer	7.550
size of water pump(s)	kW	500
water pump costprice per kW	EUR/kW	0,10
pump hours per year for 7550ha	hrs/yr	2.000
Tractor hours to install drip irrigation per ha	hrs/ha	2
capillary drill cost	EUR	35.000
<b>Asset replacement info</b>		
drip irrigation tube life	yrs	12,5
drip irrigation tubes to be replaced in years		13, 26, 38
electric valve life	yrs	12,5
electric valves to be replaced in years		13, 26, 38
water pump life	yrs	25
pump to be replaced in years		26
computer system life	yrs	25
computersystems to be replaced in years		26
main tube system life	yrs	50
main tube system to be replaced in years		-
Number of planting holes per capillary drill over life time	holes/drill	1.000.000
Number of planting holes in project	holes	3.775.000
Number of additional capillary drills needed	drills	4
<b>PROJECT PLANTING</b>		
life time of planting with waterboxx	yrs	50
number of replanting with waterboxx over project lifetime		-
life time of planting with drip irrigation	yrs	25
number of replanting with drip irrigation over project lifetime		1
tractor cost incl. driver for drilling planting holes	EUR/hr	50
planting holes per hour		120
costs per man hour	EUR/hr	4
planting minutes per tree including assembling waterboxx	min/tree	8
planting minutes per tree drip irrigation	min/tree	6
man hours to install drip irrigation tubes per row	hr/row	2
man hours to install electric valves per row	hr/row	1
minutes per tree removing waterboxx after one year	min/tree	4
Groasis waterboxx ownership model		purchase
Costs of waterboxx (incl. transport)	EUR/box	12
Residual value of waterboxx	%	90%
Number of years to use the waterboxx	yrs	10
planting material selected for project		seed
costs of planting material for waterboxx from seed	EUR/seed	0,20
costs of planting material for waterboxx from cutling	EUR/cutling	0,30
costs of planting material for waterboxx from cutling plus graft	EUR/cutling+graft	1,00
costs of planting material for drip irrigation from seed	EUR/seed	0,75
costs of planting material for drip irrigation from cutling	EUR/cutling	1,00



Input	unit	single value
costs of planting material for drip irrigation from cutling plus graft	EUR/cutling+graft	2,00
first time planting with waterboxx	year	1
first time planting with drip irrigation	year	1
amount of water put in waterboxx after planting	l/waterboxx	50
<b>ANNUAL MAINTENANCE</b>		
man hours of maintenance of drip irrigation tubes	hr/ha/yr	10
<b>FINANCIAL STRUCTURE</b>		
Cost of capital	%	7%

Key Indicators		Waterboxx	Drip Irrigation
Net Present Value (NPV)	million EUR	(13,49)	(369,32)
Internal Rate of Return (IRR)	%	N/A	N/A
Capital employed	million EUR	(4,86)	(53,09)
Financing need	million EUR	(51,56)	(1.755,45)
Payback (break even)	years	50	50
Water requirements over project lifetime	million liters	188,75	283.125,00

Net present value (NPV) is the total present value of a time series of cash flows; it measures the excess or shortfall of cash flows, in present value terms, once financing charges are met. NPV is an indicator of how much value an investment or project adds for the investor; it is an indicator of the value or magnitude of an investment.

The internal rate of return (IRR) is a rate of return used to measure and compare the profitability of investments. The internal rate of return on an investment is the annualized effective compounded return rate that can be earned on the invested capital; it is the interest rate at which the costs of the investment lead to the benefits of the investment. This means that all gains from the investment are inherent to the time value of money and that the investment has a zero net present value at this interest rate. IRR is an indicator of the efficiency, quality, or yield of an investment.

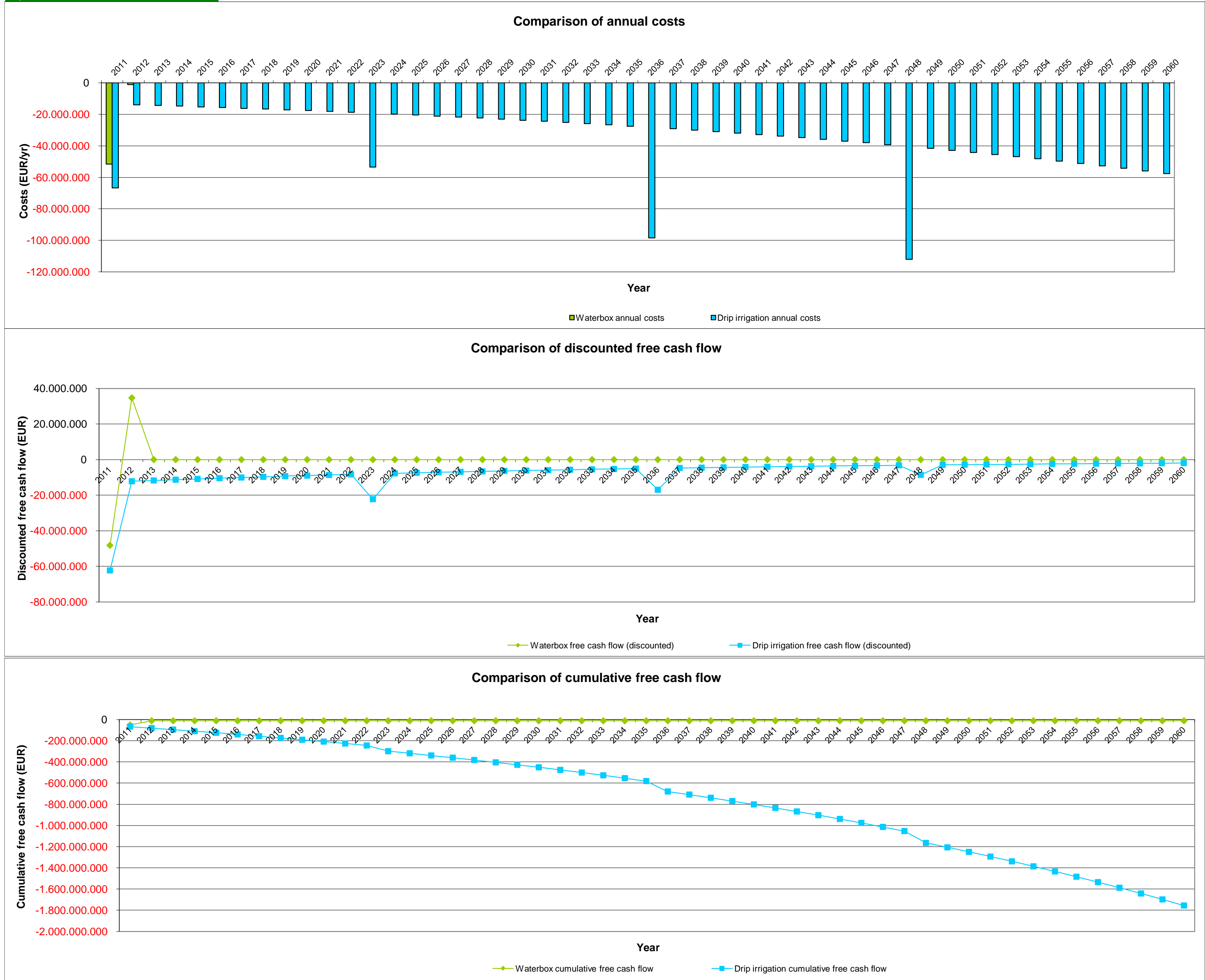
Capital employed represents the capital investment necessary for the project.

Maximum project finance needed during project duration

Payback period refers to the period of time required for the return on an investment to "repay" the sum of the original investment (capital employed).

Total water requirements - Waterboxx filled in year 1 only, drip irrigation has regular water supply to trees

### Key charts













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4.507.692	4.642.923	4.782.211	4.925.677	5.073.447	5.225.651	5.382.420	5.543.893	5.710.210	5.881.516	6.057.961	6.239.700	6.426.891	6.619.698
901.538	928.585	956.442	985.135	1.014.689	1.045.130	1.076.484	1.108.779	1.142.042	1.176.303	1.211.592	1.247.940	1.285.378	1.323.940

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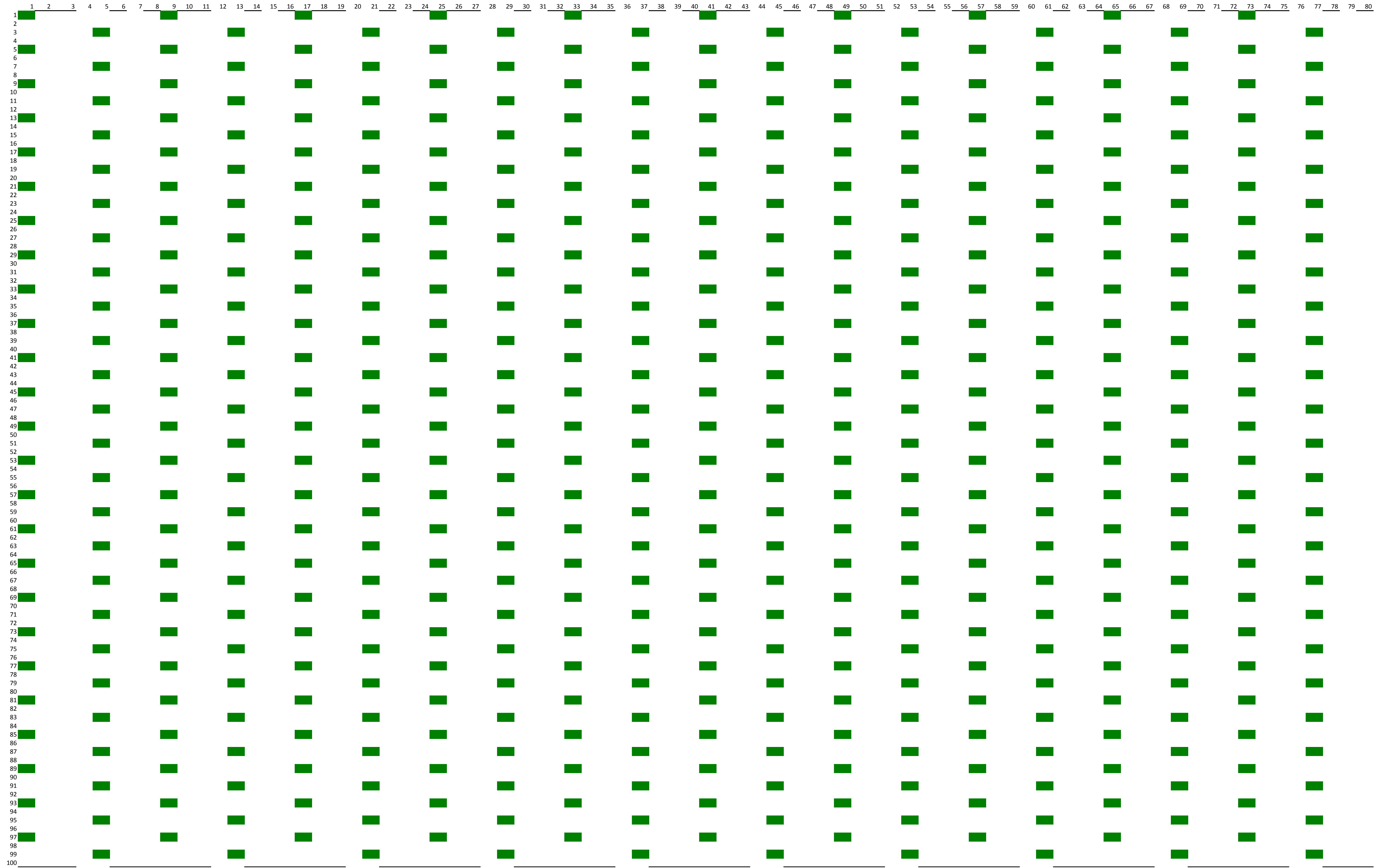
Risk analysis	
Groasis Technology	Drip irrigation
six year proven technology	thirty five year proven technology
if growing on rocks lower investment in soil	higher investment in soil
if growing on rocks lower interest costs on capital investment in soil	higher capital costs
No inflation of costs risk	inflation of costs risk
no risk of higher costs for energy	risk of higher energy cost
no risk of lack of availability of ground water	risk of lack of groundwater
no risk caused by political decisions	risk of political decisions
no risk on ban on use of groundwater	risk on ban on use of groundwater if cities have lack of water during periods of drought
no risk on brackish water problems	heavy use of drip irrigation may lead to brackish groundwater, already many areas world wide have been left for this reason
no risk on losing crop if use of groundwater is banned	risk of losing crop if irrigation is banned, this might happen with a severe drought when cities get priority. This might happen in the coming 100 years as a cause of climate change
no risk of rising prices of irrigation water	water price per liter will rise considerably, when price rises from 0,002 euro to 0,02 euro per liter (assumptions cell C23) the cost of water rises to 13bn euro (calc_dripirrigation cell c38). Drip irrigation production will result in an even bigger loss
No risk on soil salination	if irrigation water contains minerals and/or salt, over time the soil will be polluted and also too salted to produce and turn into unusable eternally. This is undoubtedly the case with water from natural sources with high mineral levels, from cleaned sewage water sources or produced from seawater through the reversed osmosis technology. Several formerly fertile zones in California have now been abandoned for this reason. Many cities in the Middle East start to replace the soil where trees are dying as raising the water gift doesn't help anymore. The certain capital loss caused by this reason is unimaginable high and cannot be solved others than by higher water gifts until the conductivity of the soil is higher than that of the roots. Once this level has been reached the plants will die because of draught even if the roots are surrounded by water. <b>See photo.</b>

Other capacities	
Groasis Technology	Drip irrigation
growing on rocks possible	growing on rocks not possible
sustainable - only in the first year water is used between 20 to 100 liters depending from the growing place	not sustainable - plants are eternally irrigated with scarce groundwater or expensive filtered water through reversed osmosis. Trees in cities in Middle East receive daily 60 to 100 liters per day. This is average 2,920,000 liters in 100 years. Vines receive between 800 to 1,400 liters per year per plant. This is average 110,000 liters per plant in 100 years. As soon as water is priced, this way of producing is outdated.
less fungicide use = less risk for personel	high fungicide use = higher risk for personel
higher product quality level	lower product quality level
higher sales price for the product because of better internal and external quality	lower sales price
eco label possible	eco label not possible
less complicated management	complicated management
less crop means less wear of machinery/ less use of energy/ less packing material/ lower transportcosts/ etc. / these differences in lower costs are not taken into account in this template	double crop means double wear of machinery/ double use of energy in warehouses/ double packing material/ double transportcosts/ etc. / these differences in higher costs are not taken into account in this template
less crop means necessity of smaller buildings and smaller refrigidator / these differences in costs are not taken into account	double crop means necessity of bigger buildings and bigger refrigidator / these differences in costs are not taken into account
applying waterboxx can be done with low educated people and as the work itself is light, with possibly with females	applying computerized high tech irrigation demands higher educated personel, so less chances for low educated people As applying the technology is heavy work, this work is less appropriate for females

Legend

- 25 trees per row
- 20 rows
- 500 trees total

Planting scheme (the grid below represents 1ha, 100m x 100m)



Potential planting scheme for 1 ha