



# CropTech.

SMART HYDROPONIC SYSTEMS



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Smart Automation Systems

Founded on August, 2015

CropTech. is a company providing smart automation systems and services mainly for agriculture sector, especially **hydroponics**, **aquaponics** and **aeroponics**. We believe that, maximizing **yields**, while lowering **costs** is possible only through extensive **innovations** in power optimization, self-diagnostics, fault detection, remote control and life support system for hydroponic systems. Thus, we build autonomous, highly scalable & cloud-connected hydroponics systems for home, small, medium & enterprise indoor and outdoor growing to fight global **food security problem**.

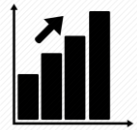
# Global Challenges vs.

*Addressing the problem and current trends in its solving process*



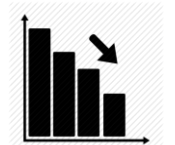
9.6b world population in 2050

Small or no growth in world arable land



Energy costs, clean energy requirements

Agriculture water supplies



Sustainability in Agriculture

Arable land degradation

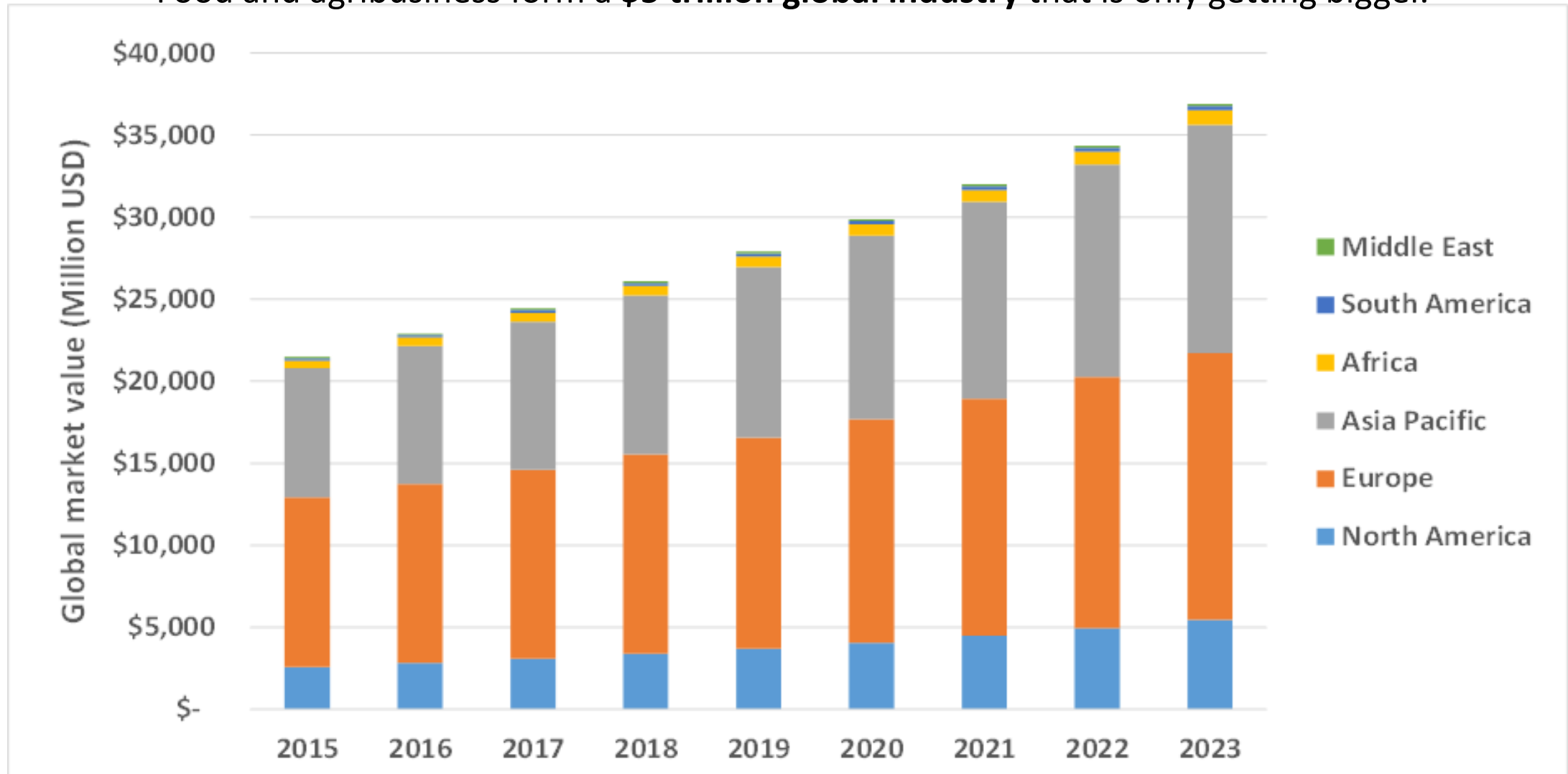


*Increasing the efficiency in agriculture is crucial and the most challenging task for future development. Growing crops like fruits and vegetables nearby urban areas eliminates the transportation energy costs and thus positively influence global greenhouse effect.*

# Hydroponics Market Size continues to Grow

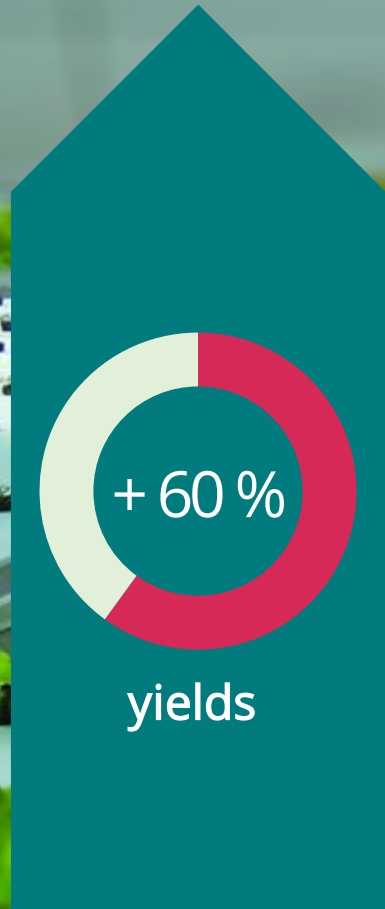
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Food and agribusiness form a **\$5 trillion global industry** that is only getting bigger.



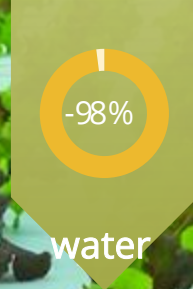
# Why Hydroponics?

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NO SOIL

WATER REUSE



Crops can grow twice as fast in hydroponics due to getting exactly the correct amounts of nutrients, water and oxygen.

Hydroponic growing can reduce water consumption by up to 90% compared to traditional farming techniques. Using Aeroponics the number attacks 98%.

Hydroponically grown crops can use NO herbicide or pesticide chemicals which significantly impact the environment and our bodies.

**Hydroponics** is a subset of hydroculture and is a method of growing plants using mineral nutrient solutions, in water, **without soil**. Terrestrial plants may be grown with their roots in the mineral nutrient solution only (liquid hydroponic systems) or in an inert medium, such as perlite, mineral wool, gravel, expanded clay pebbles or coconut husk (aggregate hydroponic systems). Hydroponics is a subset of **soilless culture**, but many types of soilless culture do not use the mineral nutrient solutions required for hydroponics.

# 12 Best Fruits, Vegetables, and Herbs for Hydroponics

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## Vegetables

(world production/year)



Tomatoes  
163M tonnes (2013)



Cucumbers  
71M tonnes (2013)



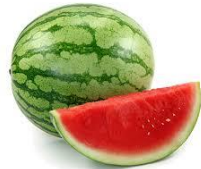
Lettuce  
24M tonnes (2013)



Radish  
1.3M tonnes (2013)

## Fruits

(world production/year)



Watermelon  
108M tonnes (2013)



Grapes  
77M tonnes (2013)



Strawberries  
7.7M tonnes (2013)



Blueberries  
420K tonnes (2013)

## Herbs

(world production/year)



Oregano  
71.3M tonnes (2013)



Chives  
13.3M tonnes (2013)



Rosemary  
1.2M tonnes (2013)



Basil  
257K tonnes (2013)

*On the other hand zucchini, corn, summer squash, potatoes, wheat are not very suitable plants for hydroponic systems. It is not because these will not grow in hydroponic environment, but because of the space they need. These have their place in standard fields*

# Running Costs of Hydroponic System

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**Energy:** 15% of total costs

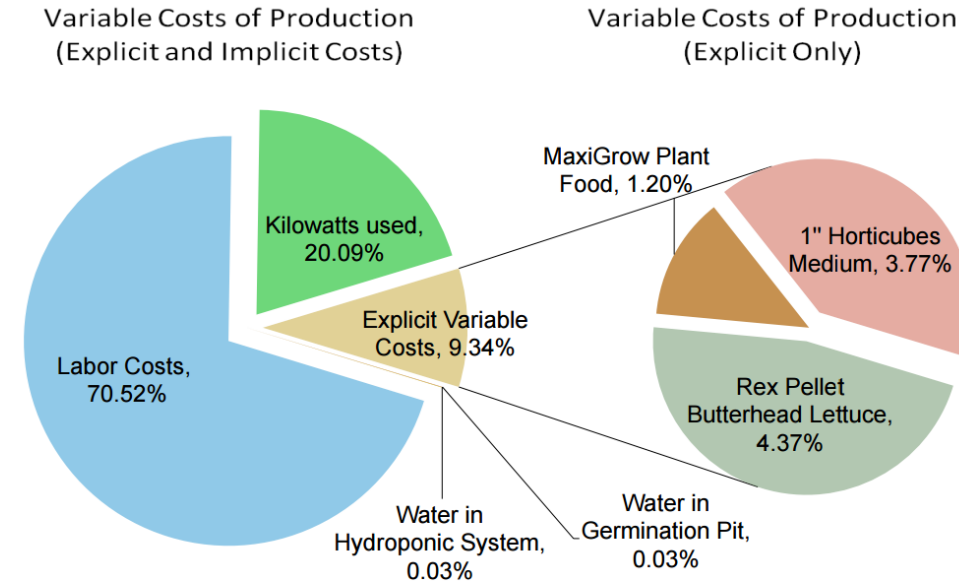
**Supplies:** 7% of total costs

**Water:** 5% of total costs

**Labor:** 60% of total costs

**Packaging and Marketing:** 8% of total costs

**Miscellaneous:** 3% of total costs



**High Precision monitoring, fault diagnostics and partial automation cuts the *production* labor costs by up to 50%**

More **sophisticated** methods have to be used for **fault detection, real-time monitoring, control and automation** of such systems. Utilization of artificial intelligence in hydroponic and aeroponic systems may lead not only to early fault detection, thus avoiding damage to grown plants, but may also help to fully automate all the processes required in aeroponics and hydroponics and adapt to current needs of grown plants in real-time without any or small interventions of human operators, help to **lower costs** and make the whole process **more efficient** and likely **more profitable**.

*OK, I've seen all the benefits, but what's the catch?*





# responzIO – Hydroponics Automation Unit

*Making hydroponics easier, more effective and even more profitable*



ResponzIO is the ultimate tool for automation, monitoring and remote control in various **hydroponics**, **aquaponics** or **aeroponics** applications. ResponzIO is also suitable automation system for soil culture systems **indoors** or **outdoors**.



5 W low power consumption



99 % outstanding stability



20 different sensor types

## Package Includes:

- responzIO main controller
- 4-8 Programmable Power Sockets
- Ambient Light Sensor
- Air Humidity and Temperature Sensor
- PH/EC Sensor
- Water Temperature Sensor
- Water Flow Sensor

## Features:

- **Decision Support Features**
- Wifi/Ethernet Connectivity
- Web-based User Interface
- Remote Monitoring
- **Fault Diagnostics**
- Remote Control
- **Scalability**



CO2 sensor



Air humidity sensor



Flow sensor



Soil humidity sensor



Light sensor



PH sensor



Water temperature



Air temperature



Heater control



Ventilation control



Sprinkler control



Light control



Water level sensor



Dissolved oxygen



EC sensor

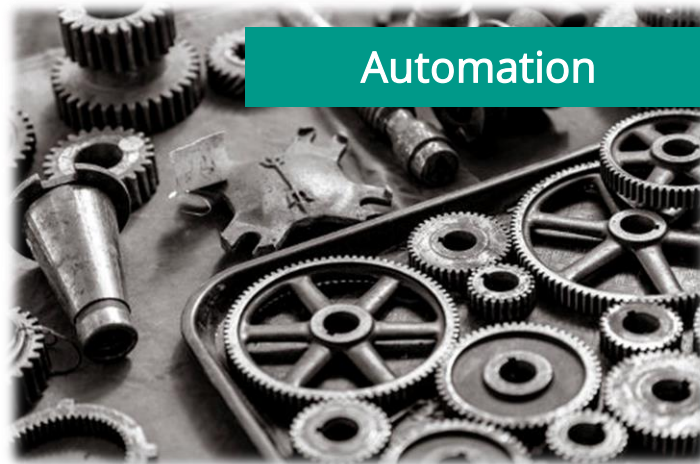
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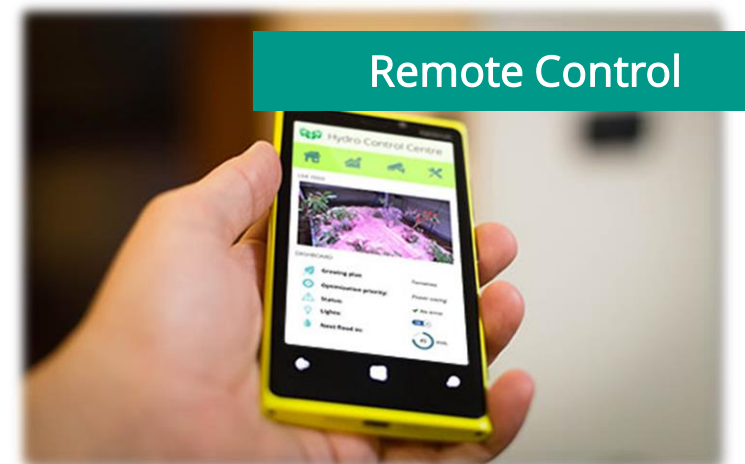
## Monitoring

AAA – Access, Anywhere, Anytime  
Collect, **analyze** and process data  
16 **Sensors** – real time monitoring  
**Alarms** when out of preset range  
Early failure **diagnostic** system  
**Export** data for further processing



## Automation

8 **programmable** power sockets  
**Irrigation**, heating, air conditioning  
Energy **efficient** light control  
Create your own **rules** for actions  
**Schedule** repetitive actions  
**Nutrition** solution conditioning



## Remote Control

Easy to use **web based interface**  
**Smartphone** application available  
**24/7** access to your ResponzIO  
Watch your plants getting **edible**  
**Notifications** in case of problems  
Share **experience** with your friends

# responzIO – Dashboard Preview

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ResponzIO



Dashboard



Lights

OK



Irrigation

OK

Camera



Lux meter  
3758 Lux

OK



Water Temp  
14 °C

WARNING



Humidity  
98 %

OK



Air Temp  
18 °C

WARNING

You can access your responzIO via:

**responzIO HotSpot**

Connect directly to responzIO wifi network  
(Phone, Tablet, Computer)

or

**Local Area Network**

(Phone, Tablet, Computer)

or

**Internet (cloud connection)**

(Phone, Tablet, Computer)

ResponzIO



Humidity

Air Temperature

Lux M

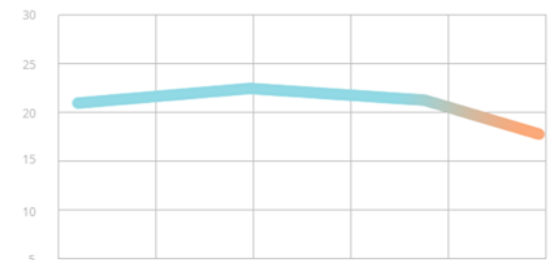


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WARNING: Air temperature too low



Statistics | Last Week



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responzIO dashboard

192.168.1.100

Radoslav

responzIO

Devices

Sensors

Device	Status	Sensor	Value	Alert
Actuator 3	Off	Light 1	853 lux	OK
Actuator 4	Off	Air temp. 1	22.3 c	OK
Actuator 1	On	Air hum. 1	47 %	OK
Actuator 2	Off	PH 1	6.8 ph	OK
		EC 1	0.1 uS/cm	OK
		Water flow 1	1.1 l/min	Alert
		Water temp. 1	21.5 c	OK

# responzIO Use Cases

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## *responzIO Integration*



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# Beta Test Project

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**20x** responzIO manufactured and sold – avg price 249 euro

- **Hydroponic Distributors**
- **Retails – grow shops**
- **End customers**
- **High School Project**
- **Other Hydroponic Project Integrations**



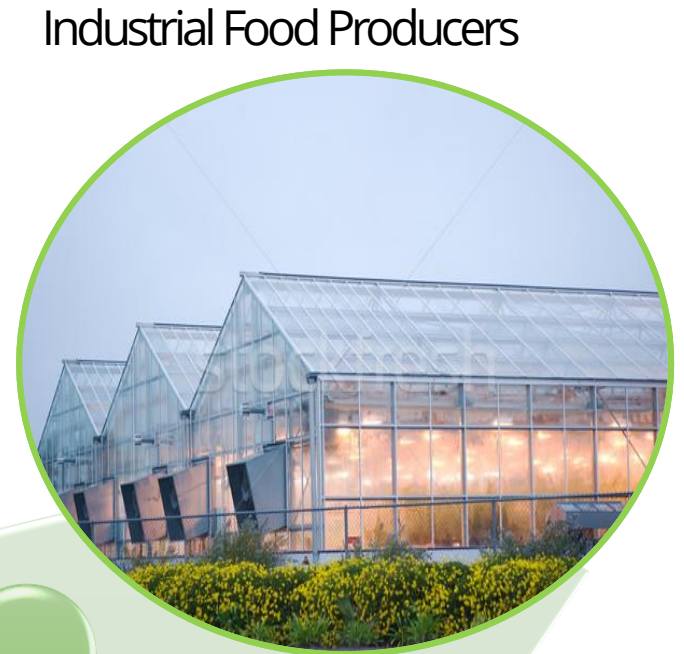


# Competition

							
Price (end customer)	599e	599e	599e	650e	549e*	1200e	3999e
Country of origin	Slovakia	Poland	Canada	Germany	USA	USA	USA
Wifi/Ethernet	✓	BT	GSM	✗	✗	✓	RS232
Web-based User Interface	✓	✗	N/A	✗	✗	✓	✗
Monitoring/diagnostics/control	✓	✓	Limited	Limited	✓	✓	✓
Programmable	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Smartphone application	✓	Windows app	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗
Additional Sensors Available	✓	Limited	Limited	Limited	✓	Limited	✗

# TYPICAL CUSTOMERS

*Customer identification and market analysis*













Stage 1

Stage 2

Stage 3

# Distribution Channels

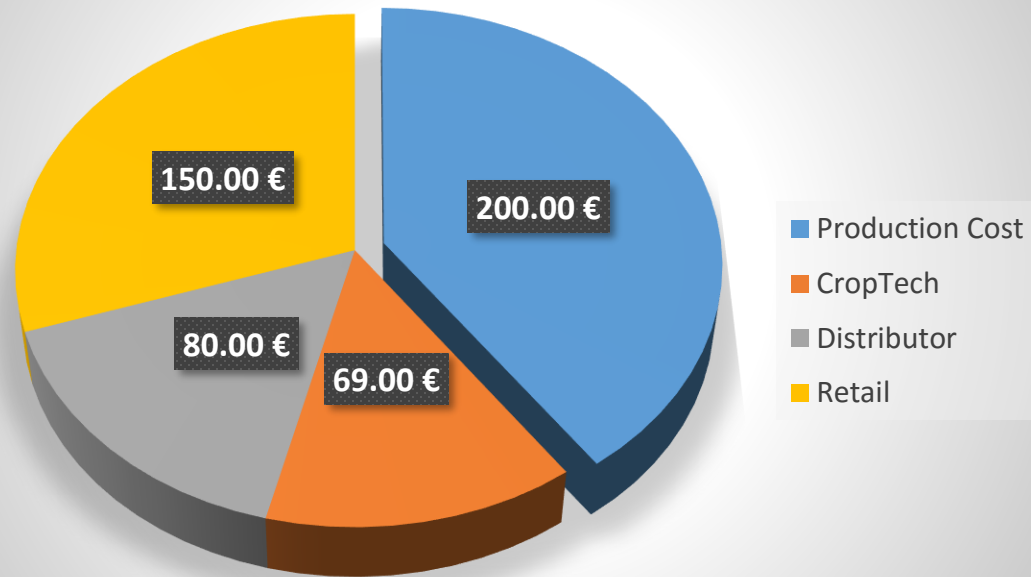
*Pricing, sales, funding and other financial related analysis*

Distributor	Country	Orders/Month
Naarden		5
NaiaFarm		5
PlantyMe		5
ABC House		5-10
WlochPL		5-10
Drehandel		10-15
Distro #1		10-15
Distro #2		10-15
Distro #3		10-15
Distro #4		10-15

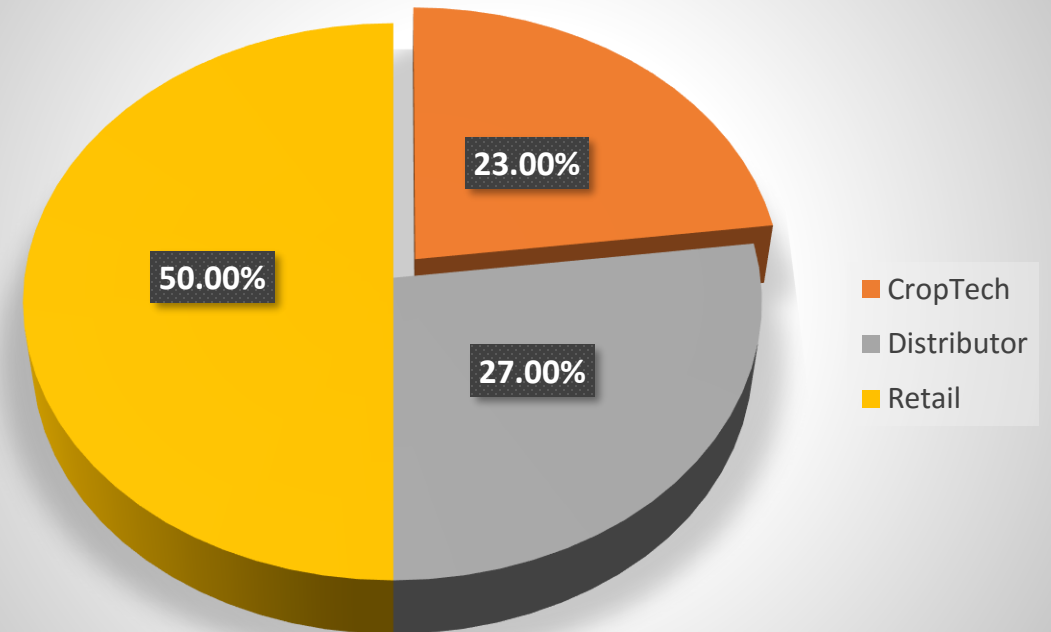
# Product Pricing Strategy

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## ResponzIO Sales Prices 499+€



## ResponzIO Gross Margins

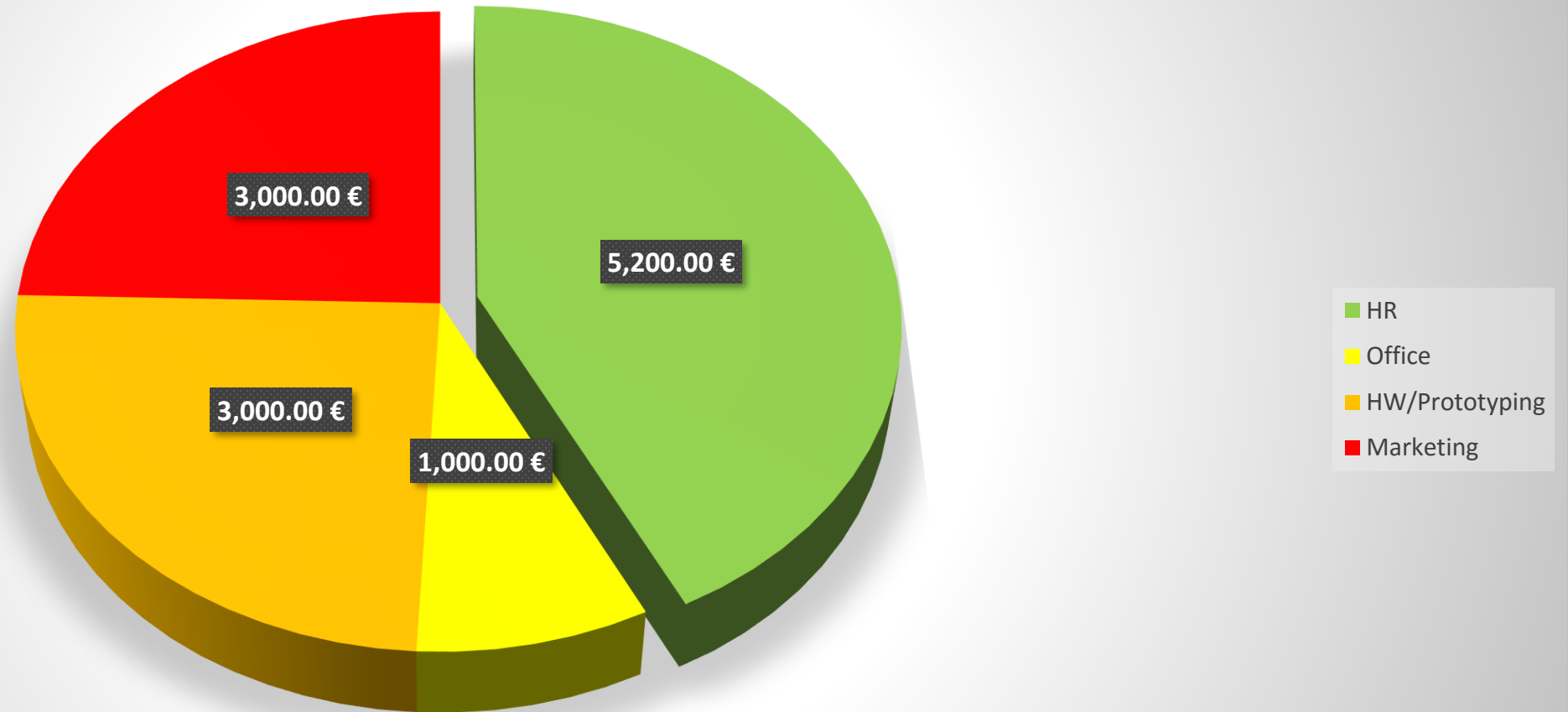


*Production Cost might be lower (10-25%) considering mass production of more than 1000pcs.*

# Running Costs

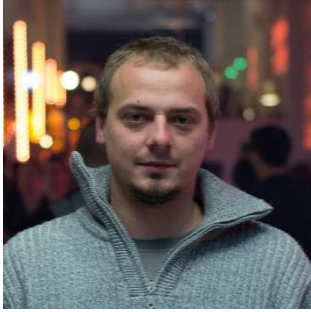
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**Total monthly running costs: 12 000eur**



# The Team Behind the CropTech Technology

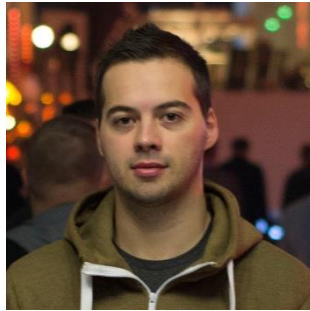
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# ROADMAP

*Pricing, sales, funding and other financial related analysis*

Enter the market V4 with ResponzIO

Finish Series A 1M+

70% of EU market Covered

*Jun*

*July*

August

*September*

*October*

*November*

*December*

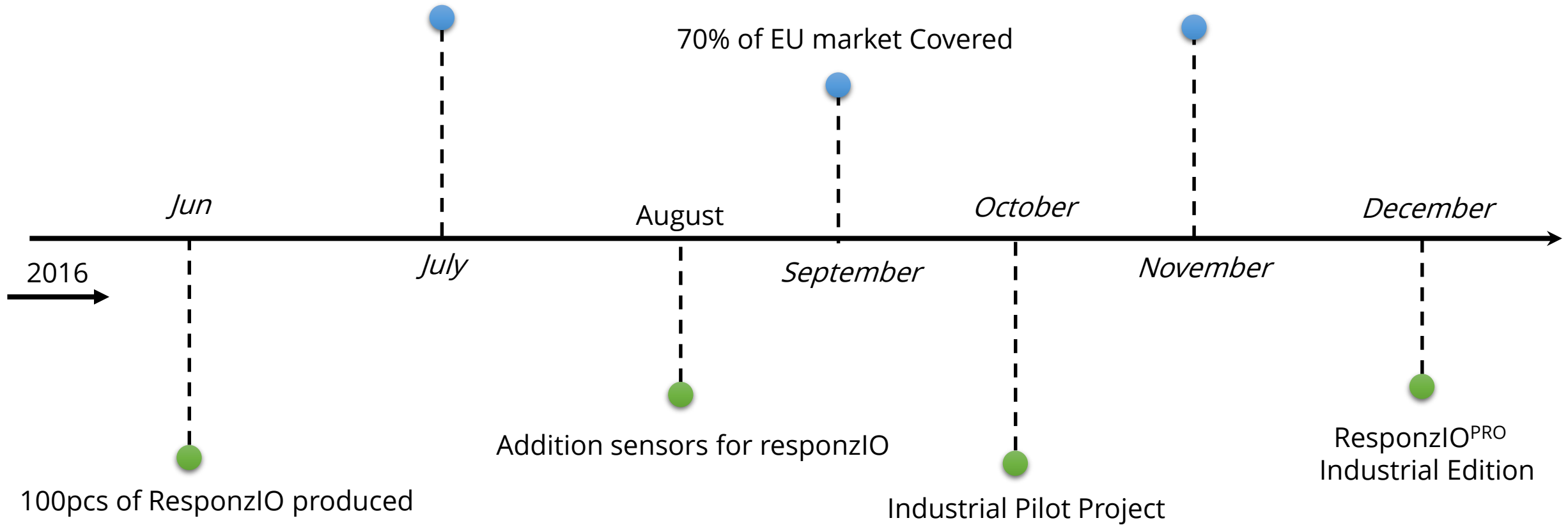
2016

100pcs of ResponzIO produced

Addition sensors for responzIO

Industrial Pilot Project

ResponzIO<sup>PRO</sup>  
Industrial Edition



*responzIO launches on July 2016*





Growing plants has **never** been so **easy**!



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