

Welcome at the Animal Task Force seminar

Resource—use efficiency:

Implications for the Sustainability and Competitiveness of the European Livestock Sector

Wednesday November 7, Brussels





Programme

10.30 10.45	Welcome by Paul Vriesekoop & Pekka Pesonen Global Agenda of Action – by Henning Steinfeld, FAO
11.15	Discussion theme 1: Closing the efficiency gap Introduction by Ruud Tijssens, Agrifirm
12.30	Lunch
13.30	Discussion theme 2: Restoring value of grasslands Introduction by Alain Peeters, RHEA
15.00	Discussion theme 3: Zero discharge Introduction by Nigel Penlington, BPEX
16.15	Plenary discussion: Towards an Agenda of Action
17.00	Closing & Drinks



The ATF is:

A group of stakeholders from industry and knowledge institutes together working on

- > a sustainable and competitive livestock sector,
- > technological development and innovations,
- > integrated approaches across the value chain.

Emphasising both knowledge and practice









ATF members



Industry represented by European Technology Platforms EATIP, EUFETEC, FABRE-TP, ETPGAH

Major European research providers
INRA, WUR, SRUC, UniBonn, University of Milan,
Aarhus University, MTT, SLU, IBNA, INIA, Teagasc

Why ATF?



■ Livestock production is vitally important for Europe's future.



■In 2050: 9 billion people with increased buying power and an increased demand for animal products (200 %).



Environmental pressure of animal production has to go down.



• We need new integrated approaches to increase production and overcome new challenges.

> Innovations in the whole production chain are essential.



ATF Mission

To foster knowledge development and innovation for a globally competitive and environmentally positive livestock sector in Europe

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ATF Vision

To deliver European livestock production systems that are globally competitive and environmentally positive









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Objectives (I)

- To become recognised (by industry, EU Member State Departments, EU Directorates and research providers) as an effective enabling body for promoting knowledge exchange, and the setting of priorities for innovation.
- To enable knowledge exchange amongst research providers, end users and EU Directorates.
- To provide informed commentary to relevant EU Directorates on priorities for R&D (and other) investment aimed at enhancing sustainable innovation.



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Objectives (II)

- To enhance cooperation in European and interstate research and innovation
- To help ETIPs in achieving their objectives
- To be an effective lobbying body
- To act as a source of expertise for industry, policy makers and European institutions

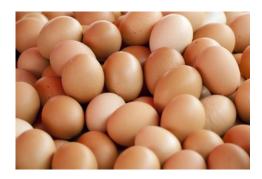




Areas ATF is working on:



Sustainability



Food quality, food safety, food security



Animal health & welfare



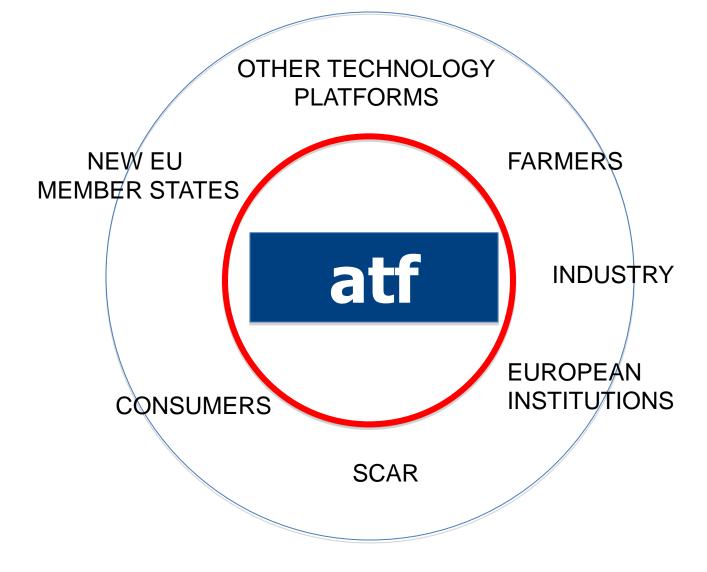
Finding new technologies that are acceptable to society



Building competence (training / learning)



Outreach to share skills and strategies





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