



# EAAP 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

## Animal Task Force Special Session

Block 3

**Healthy Livestock & People**

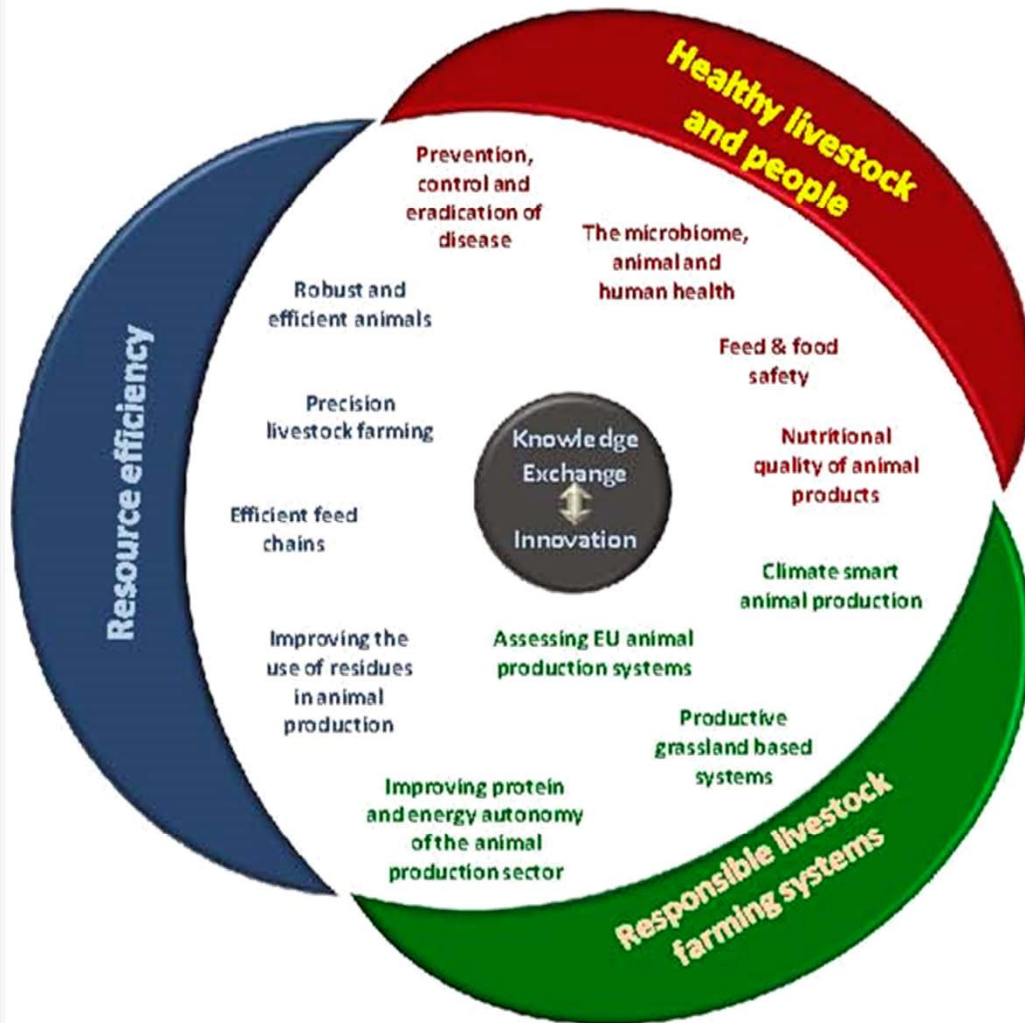


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# 3 pillars of the **atf** white paper



❖ resource efficiency

❖ responsible livestock farming systems  
(agro-ecology for livestock)

❖ healthy livestock & people :

1 prevention, control & eradication of diseases

2 the microbiome, animal & human health

3 feed & food safety

4 nutritional quality of animal products



# vision of a healthy livestock system in 2030 ?

Healthy livestock and people



behind the **atf** pillar, .....

..... for whom is it healthy ?

the animal

- 1 diseases prevention & control eradication
- 2 welfare

the consumer

farmers, stakeholders

- 3 food security (sufficiency)
- 4 food safety/ quality
- 5 fair / cheap prices  
income  
competitiveness

mankind & the planet

- 6 food security / safety  
political stability
- 7 public health (One Health)
- 8 environment  
sustainability  
ecosystem services



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foreseeable benefits

costs for a healthier livestock system ?  
conceivable trade-offs ?



## review of drivers

### 1 increasing demand

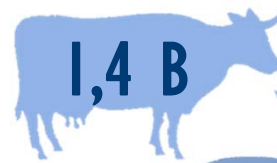
- ❖ EU: ~130 b€ / y 48 % GDP of agriculture in EU (> 50%, global scale, ~2016)
- ❖ on a global perspective: health conditions responsible for ~20% livestock production losses (pre-market)
- ❖ ± 20-25 % losses during processing & post-purchase (household)
- ❖ needs for livestock products X 2 by 2030
- ❖ speculation on livestock products availability ?

2013 main challenge: equity of access to a sufficient volume of foodstuffs

2050 9 billion people / food sufficiency ? speculation → affordability ?

### 2 environmental challenge

- ❖ rising animal population  
a burden on the environment



# livestock & animal health care sectors facts & trends

## 3 infectious threats emerging diseases

- ❖ transitions in land use, urbanization, human encroachment on wild life increased promiscuity animals/humans
- ❖ increased movements of animals, products and people
- ❖ 60% of human infectious diseases : animal origin
- ❖ 75% of emerging diseases are zoonoses
- ❖ one emerging disease every 8 months – BSE, BTV, H5N1 H1N1 H7N9, SBV



## 4 ongoing global change (climate)

- ❖ water & land scarcity ± political instability
- ❖ concerns regarding vector borne diseases



## 5 sub-optimal breeds (robustness / resistance to diseases)



# livestock & animal health care sectors facts & trends

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## weak links

- ❖ less efficient public policies in vulnerable countries, veterinary services and public health services neglected
- ❖ efficient veterinary services = public good

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## decrease of societal acceptance of health management practices

- ❖ flocks eradication, herd culling .....
- ❖ animal well being, welfare ∈ EU legislation, a component of health status



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## “food for feed”: competition for crops use (market imbalance)

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## animal / humans: a single pharmacopeia

- ❖ sharing drugs / challenge of prudent and sustainable use of anti-infectious (AI) molecules
- ❖ global management of AI-resistance : a One Health issue



# livestock production: 2013 farmer's duties

*animal health: more than a status of absence of pathology*

(« physical, mental and social status of well being » WHO, 1946)

## ❖ assignments to achieve :

- economy (competitiveness)
- environment protection
- social issues
- animal welfare / acceptance of livestock farming
- public health
- ethical issues

an ecosystem  
of competences

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## ❖ new ways of producing :

- agro-ecology
- ecologically intensive farming
- responsive, responsible, sustainable livestock production
- integrated management of animal health
- prudent & reduced use of anti-infectious drugs .....

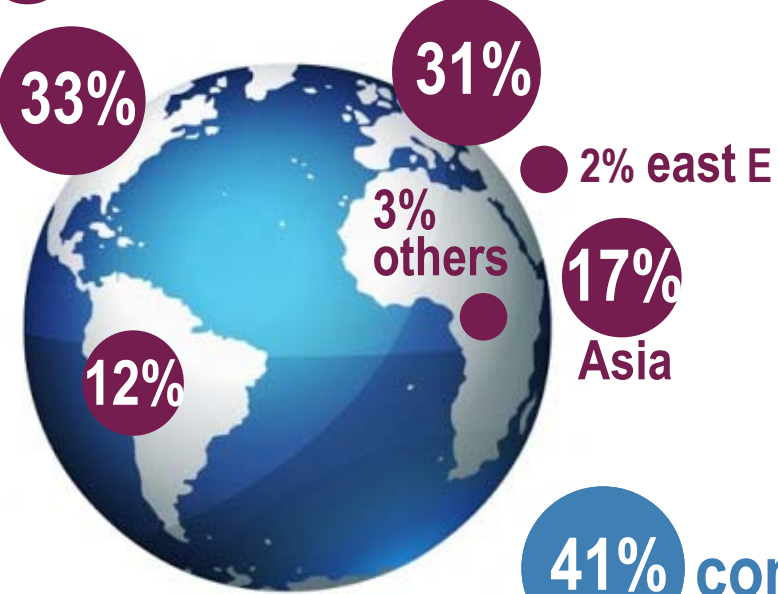
a "renaissance" period  
for livestock farming?





# animal health care sector facts & trends

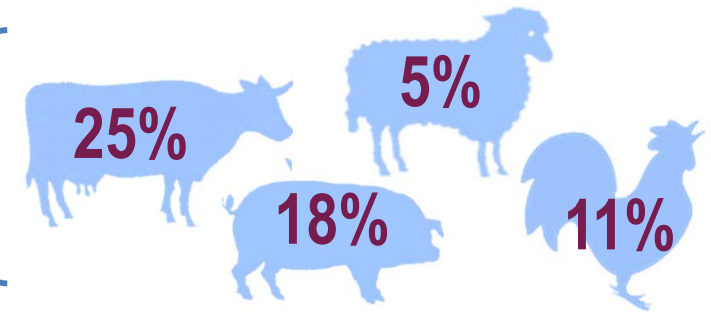
## 1 growing market



- 17,5 B€
- 1/40 of the « human » market
- +9,5 % / Yr, not in 2013

## 2 segmentation:

41% companion animals  
59% farm animals



within EU: FR 24%, DE 16%, UK 15%, IT 12%, ES 9%, NL 5%, BE 4%, DK 3%, PL 3%

## 3 condensed sector

❖ ≠ strategies (stand alone / subsidiaries)



## 4 investments

➔ vaccines

➔ anti-parasitic drugs  
anti-inflammatory

➔ dogs-cats

➔ AB (GP)



# dietary public health



❖ **atf** healthy people:

food safety

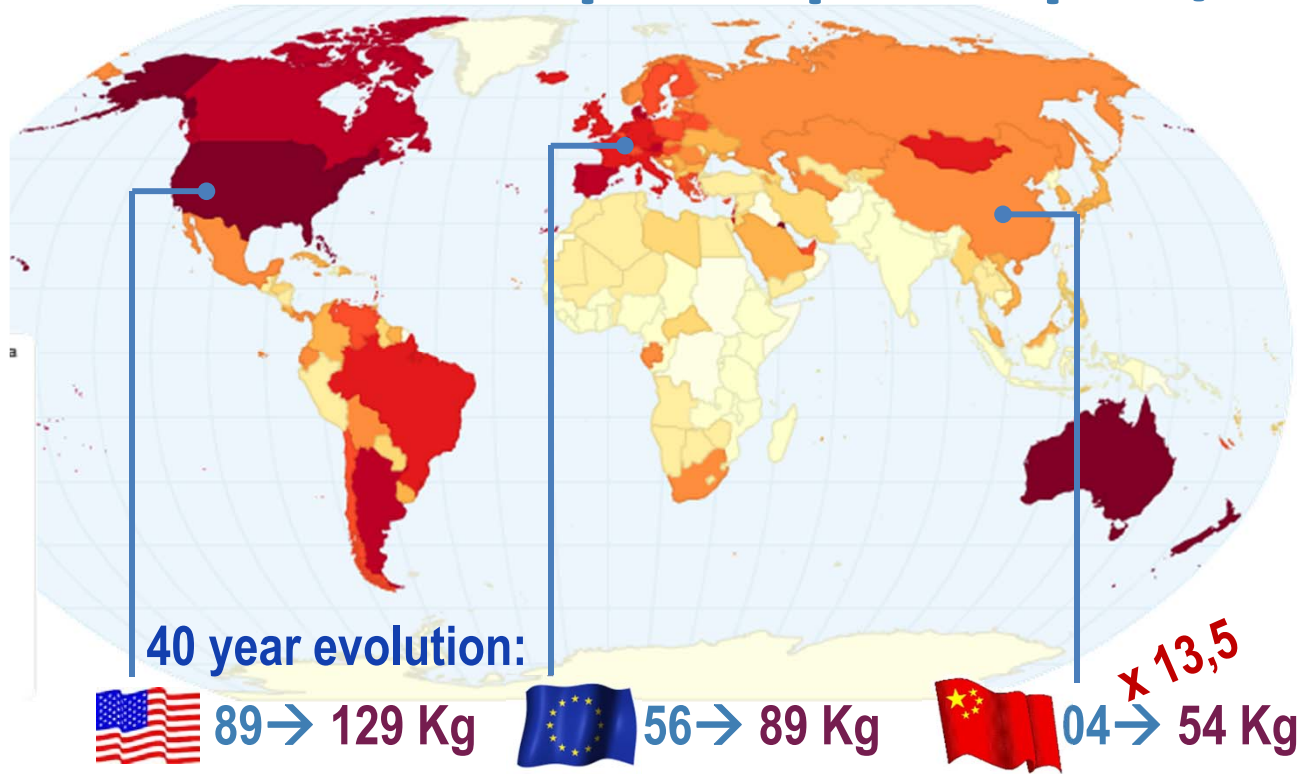
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impacts of high caloric intake, public health issue

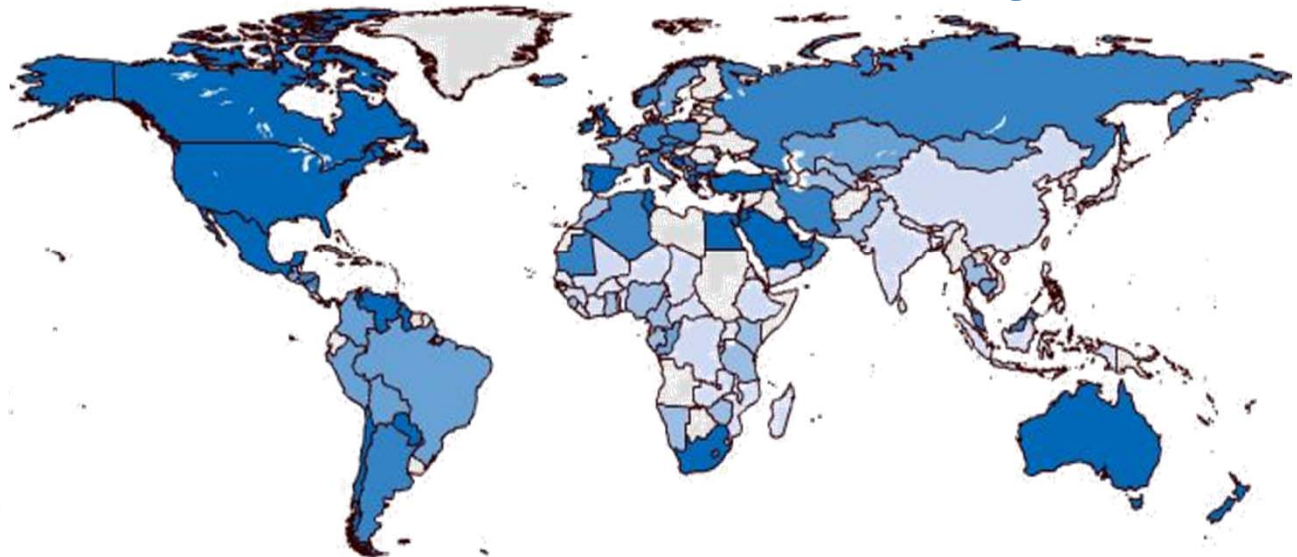


both issues at the same time in some countries

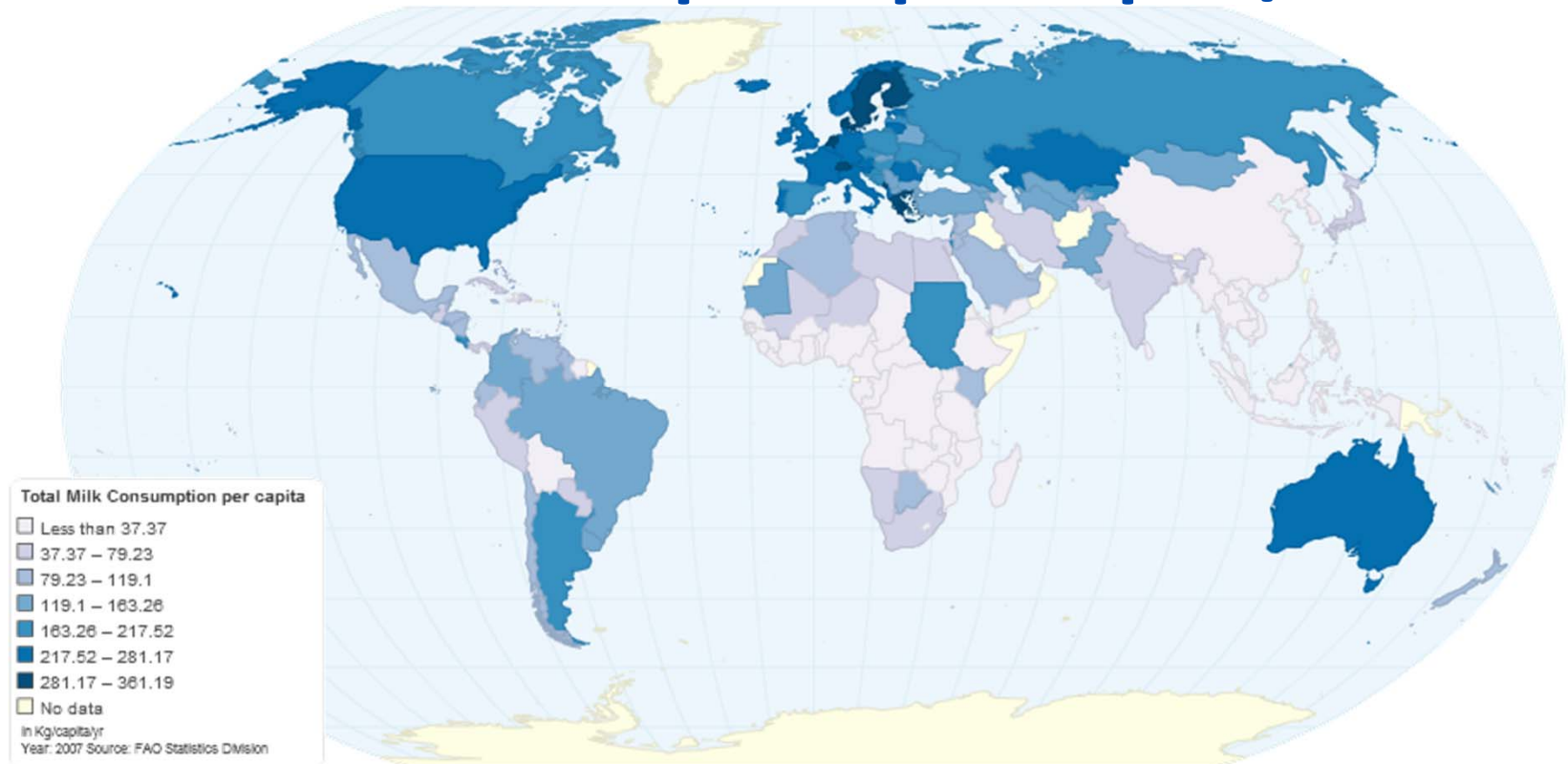
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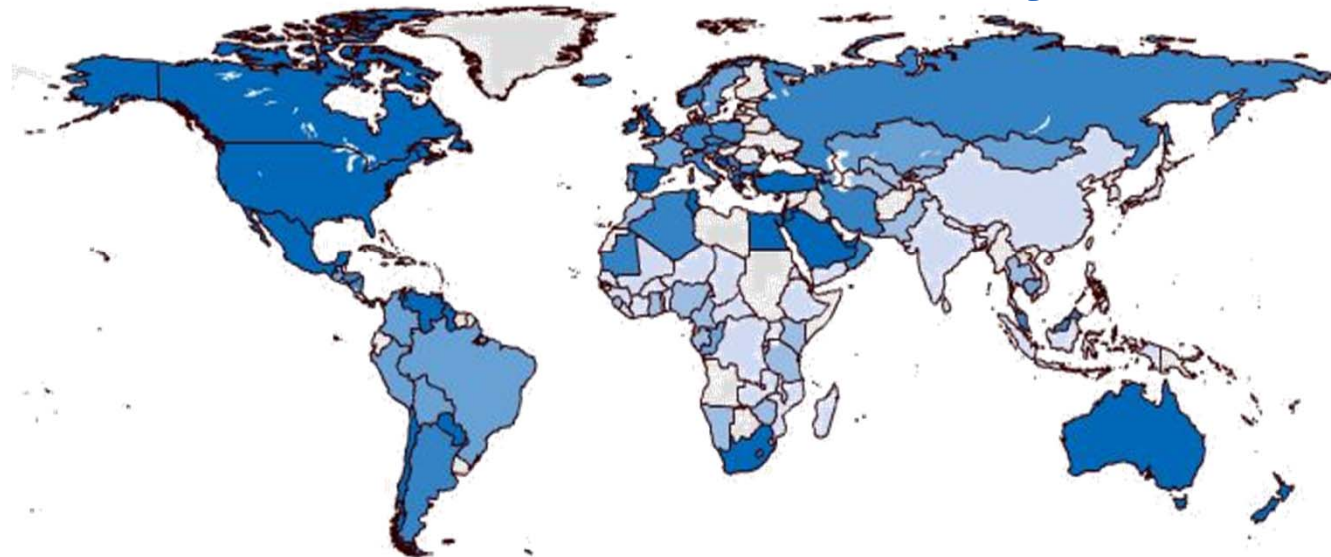
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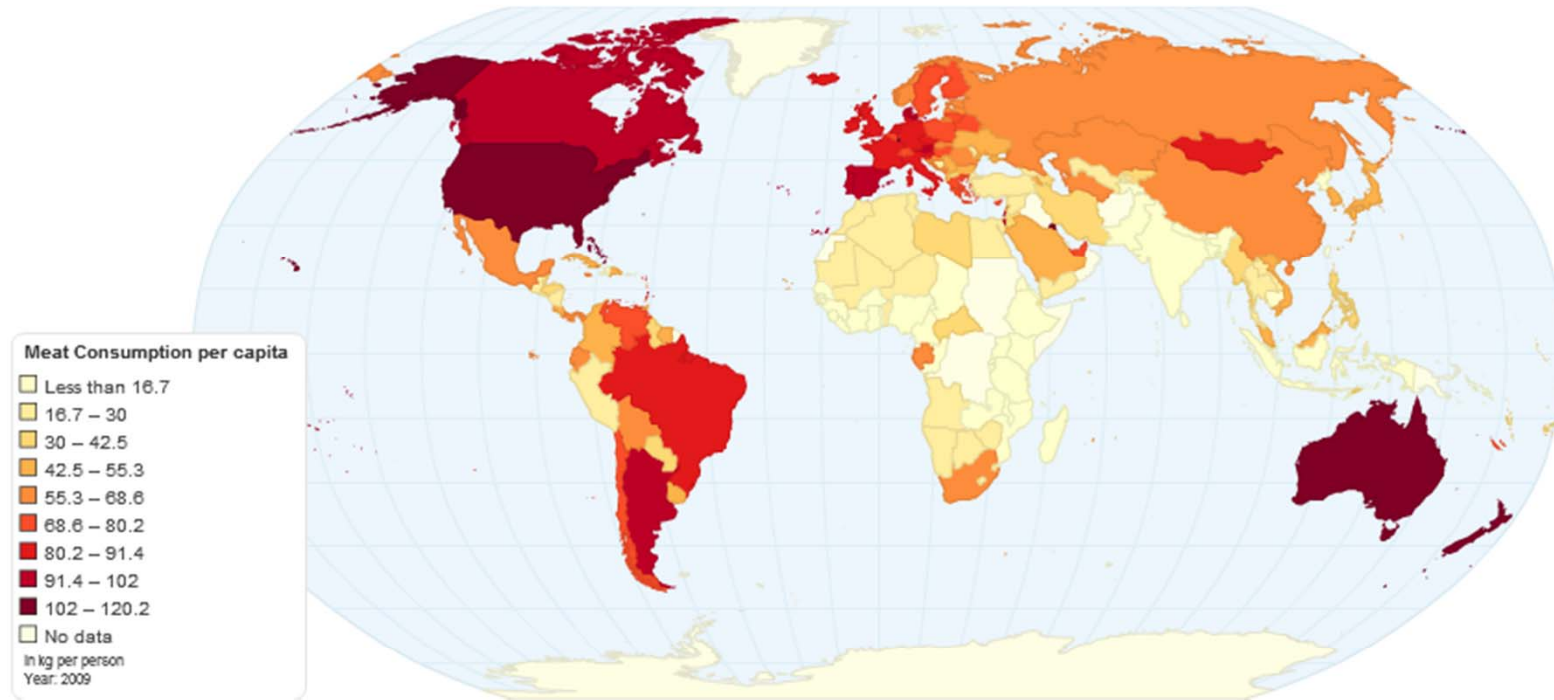
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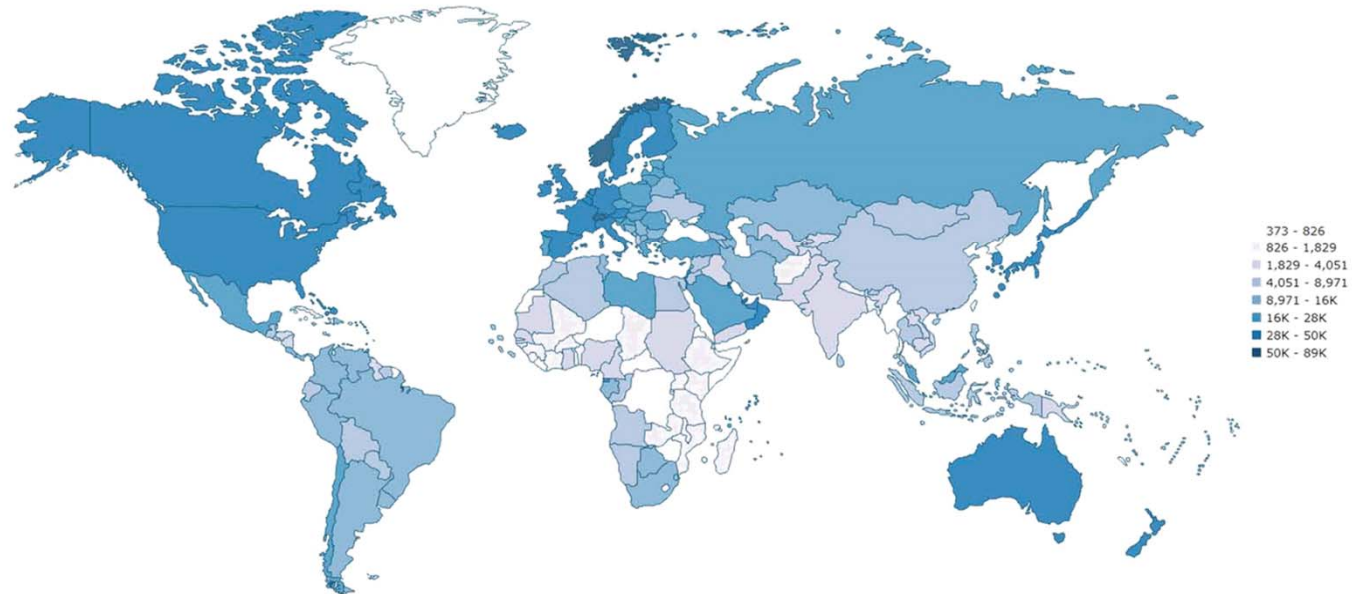
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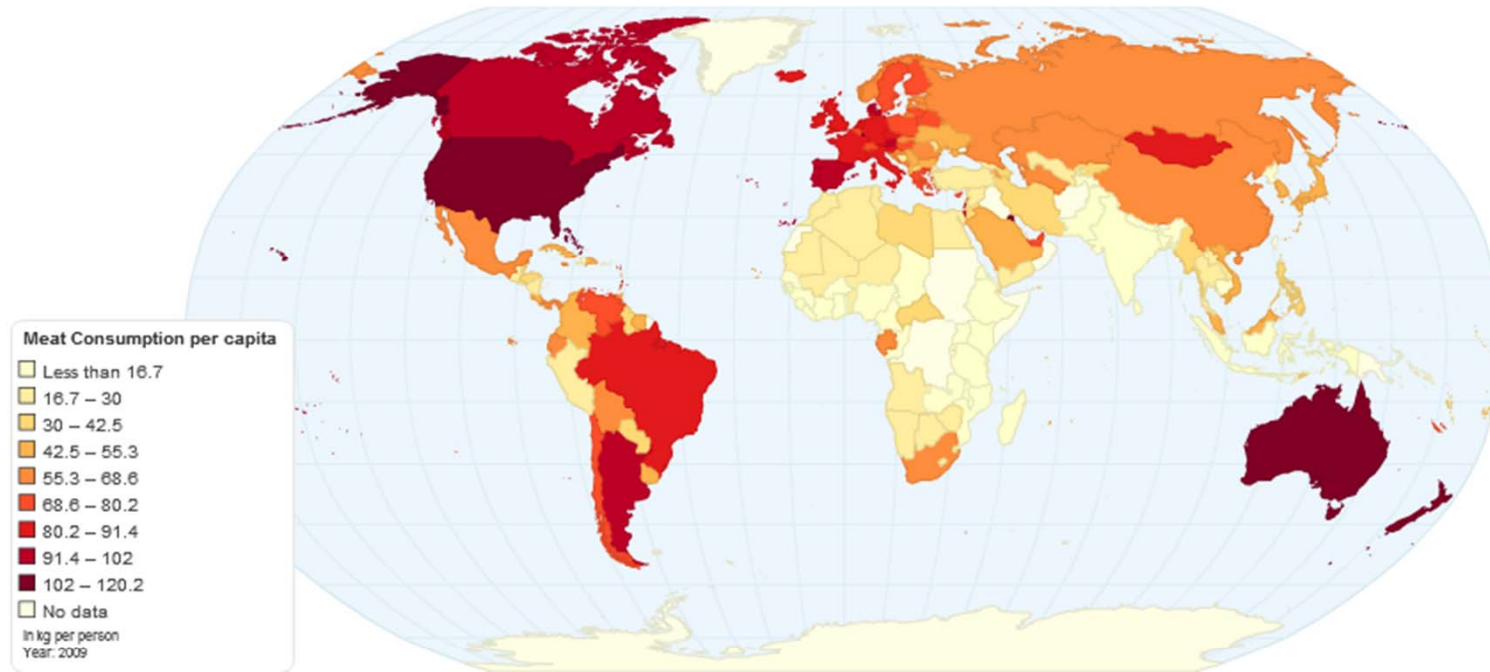
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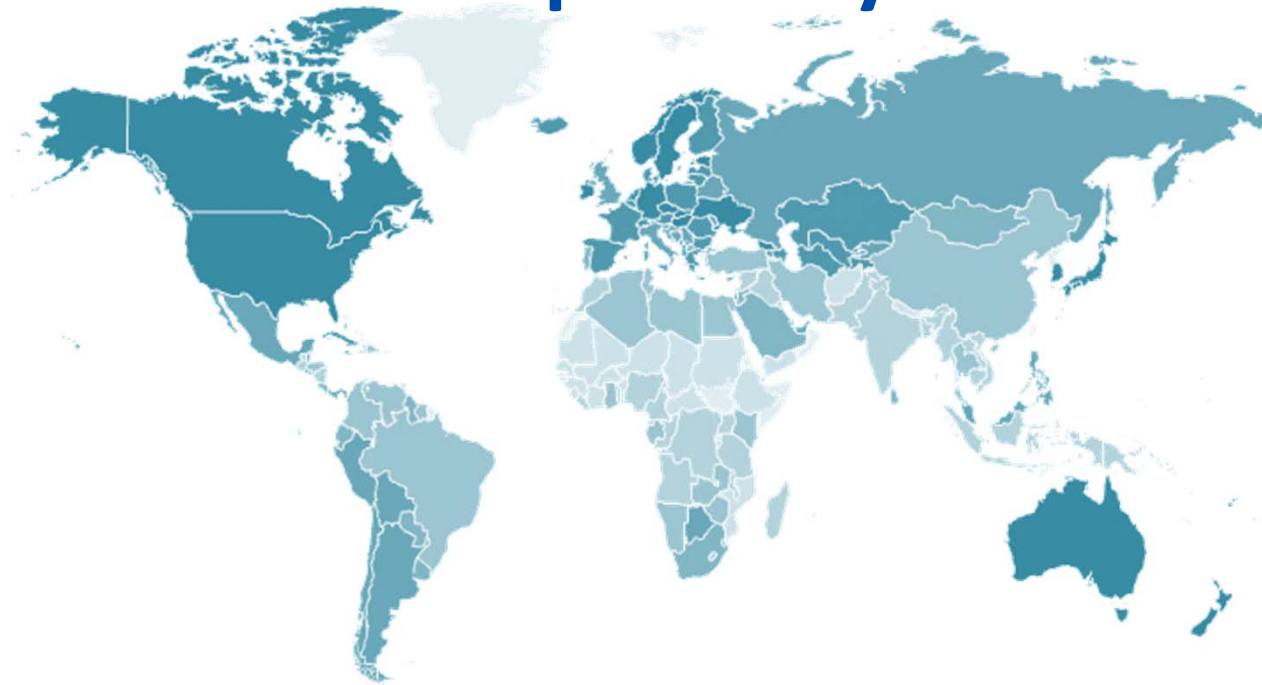
# GDP per capita



# meat consumption per capita/ Y



# life expectancy



# the fairy tale scenario !

## environmental issues under control

- global change stopped or reversed
- efficient surveillance → reliable modeling (pathogen – vector spreading)
- land use issues addressed
- ↘ livestock impact

## feed issues

- healthy novel feed supplements
- less crops as feed
- ↗ feed quality (toxins)

## food issues

- food sufficiency maintained + better sharing
- food safety (carriers/ excretors)
- ↗ proteins from plant origin

❖ GM animals? GMO?

## improved animal health

- access to robust & resilient breeds
- know how to phenotype traits
- efficient & environmentally-safe control strategies (pathogens & vectors)
- efficient & resilient health services
- health problems: not a burden



- strategy implemented (AB-resistance ↘)

- reduced rate of emerging diseases
- innovation crisis for AI drugs solved (+ affordable)
- network of biocontained animal facilities (+ affordable)

## social issues addressed

- livestock products accepted
- welfare monitored (+ measurable)
- vaccination socially accepted

# Livestock, Veterinary Public Health research: **GAPS & GOALS**

## 1 a paradigm shift for research investigations ?

❖ current “disciplinary” pattern not optimal for new expected outputs

❖ hypothesis-driven science → +++ data-driven science

▶ **holistic approaches** , **multi- / trans-disciplinary strategies**

▶ **broad scope + integrated scales** (herds, flocks, territories)

added value from collaborating disciplines: genetics - genomics, populations genetics, physiology, nutrition, livestock systems, pathology, infectiology, pharmacology, toxicology, .....

+ maths + **statistics** + **economy** + **sociology**

## 2 big challenge; big data !

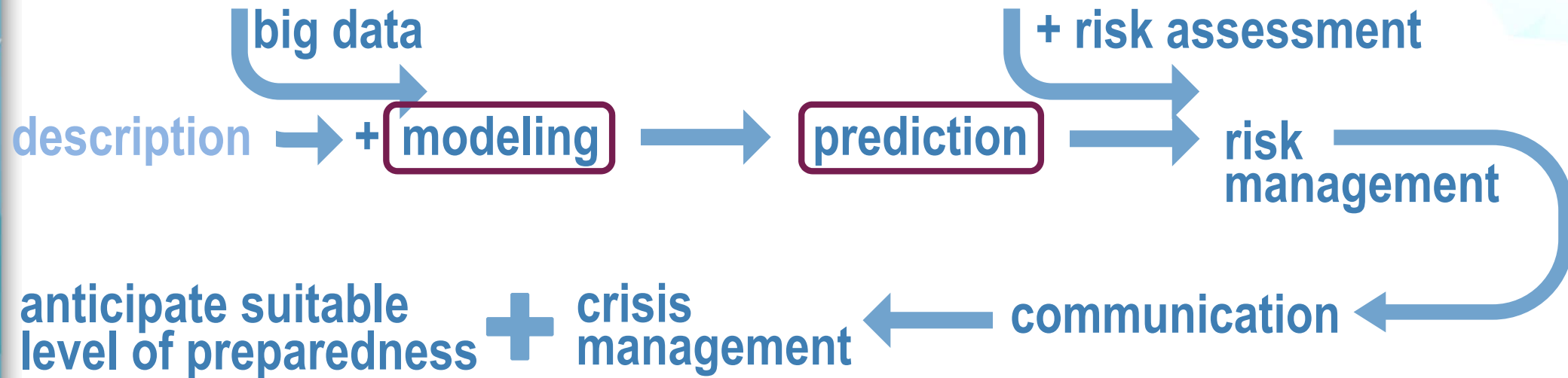
❖ full benefits from omics / “signatures” biology

❖ **data mining** (multivariate analyses + merging data sets) big challenge / opportunity



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## 3 a conceptual move !



❖ a socially useful science

## 4 shared threats; shared benefits ! emerging zoonoses, AB-Resistance, .....

## 5 “ecosystem” thinking !

❖ animal as a system  
or pathogen

❖ animal in a system  
or pathogen

animal suitable for given conditions:  
“customized systems”





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## 6 targeting new impacts & new dialogs between hosts and pathogens

❖ immunity

❖ RNA interference

❖ inflammation (control)

❖ epigenetic impacts (pathogens, contaminants)

relevance for intracellular early dialogs / early responses/ novel targets ?  
viruses, intracellular bacteria & parasites

## 7 providing flexible links with all stakeholders,

❖ transfer of knowledge, technologies & know how,  
+ involvement in **teaching & training**

❖ sustain “**precision farming**” /fine animal monitoring/  
ad hoc technologies/ ICT

## 8 think global / act global

❖ networking at a global scale (  STAR-IDAZ ) / global “EraNet”/ Ahniwa+

❖ being H2020-friendly Better Society, Competitive Industries, Excellent Science

❖ network of biocontained research facilities, pan european sharing



## ❖ 4 **atf** sub-topics 1

- **prevention control & eradication**
  - genomic selection, +++ unequivocal phenotypic markers for health, disease resistance or tolerance.
  - high throughput phenotyping, libraries of reliable markers to select traits.
  - endemic production diseases not disregarded.
  - epidemiology: new endeavor surveillance +++ , big data genomic sequencing, high throughput approaches.
  - pathobiome as an ecosystem, + role of symbionts
    - AB-Resistance

## • the microbiome animal & human health 2

- mucosal flora (gut, lung, ...) & skin
- early gut colonization, weaning
- distant impacts ? hepatic priming for chemical protection ?
- silent pathogen hosting, dialogs
- microbiote signature as marker
- stably manipulating the microbiote : long term goal

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- **feed & food safety**

- cautious use of by-products of the food production chain.

- use omics to develop fast, cheap and reliable new ways to detect chemical and biological hazards.

- work on satisfactory methods suitable for harmlessness assessment . (more challenging than proof of toxicity)

- link disciplines to work on risks. (≠ working on threats)

- challenge of evaluating low and mixed exposures.

- **AB-Resistance**

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- **nutritional improvements**

- **nutrigenetics –genomics:** animal in a system; integrated solutions for intended purposes. (interactions genetics-environment + livestock management)

- **healthy by design products :** (≠ healthy by nature)

- socially acceptable ?
- extra value created ?
- consumer willingness to pay?
- translation into innovation?

- assessment of the impact of welfare on product quality.



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