

Animal Task Force

*Fostering knowledge-based innovation
for a sustainable and competitive
livestock sector in Europe*





The Animal Task Force (since 2011)

- A European Public-Private Platform (PPP): research, farmers' & industry organisations
- Promoting a sustainable and competitive animal production sector in Europe;
- By fostering knowledge development and innovation in Europe;
- Covering the whole animal production chain.
- ATF in close cooperation with



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Industry & farmers representative organisations



Knowledge providers

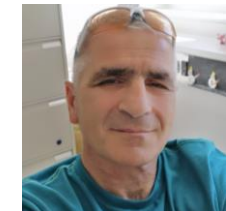


Partners



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- **Prof. Ana Sofia Santos, research organisations** (since Nov.2020)
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- **Ana Granados-Chapatte, industry organisations** (since Nov.2020)
General Secretary FABRE-TP
- **Laurent Journaux – Secretary General**
- **Susana De Magalhaes – Assistant to Secretary General**





Why we promote a sustainable livestock sector ?



- **Livestock production is vitally important for Europe's future** (€130 billion to the EU economy - 35% of the agricultural sector, employment for nearly 30 million people).
- **In a world with more people, can afford to consume more animal based proteins** (in 2050, more than 9 billion people will consume 2 times more meat, dairy and eggs).
- **With grand societal challenges regarding environmental footprint, animal welfare and ecosystem services**
- **Requiring new integrated approaches for optimal use of produced biomass in a circular biobased economy**

> **Innovations** in the whole production chain are essential.

Our strategy

- **Picture a future** for a sustainable, competitive & diverse livestock production sector in EU through innovation & knowledge transfer
- **Bring together** the EU livestock sector to enable our members create and share a common view
- **Understand** the issues (and up-coming issues=weak signals) faced by the livestock sector
- **Work for the benefit** of the livestock sector to find science-based solutions to the major challenge of global food security in the context of a limitation of global warming and resource use
- **Promote dialogue** between policymakers, knowledge providers, industry & civil society, as a representative of the EU livestock sector
- **Act as a source of expertise** for industry, policy makers, EU institutions
- **Promote the livestock sector** in EU initiatives



Actions by ATF



Arrange dialogue on sector innovation with key stakeholders in Europe

(EC, Members of Parliament, industry organisations, NGOs, scientific community)



Provide input for EU research agenda

(Horizon2020, EIP-Agri, JPI FACCE&HDHL, SCAR)



Enhance cooperation in European research & innovation



Enable knowledge exchange

(workshops, events, website)

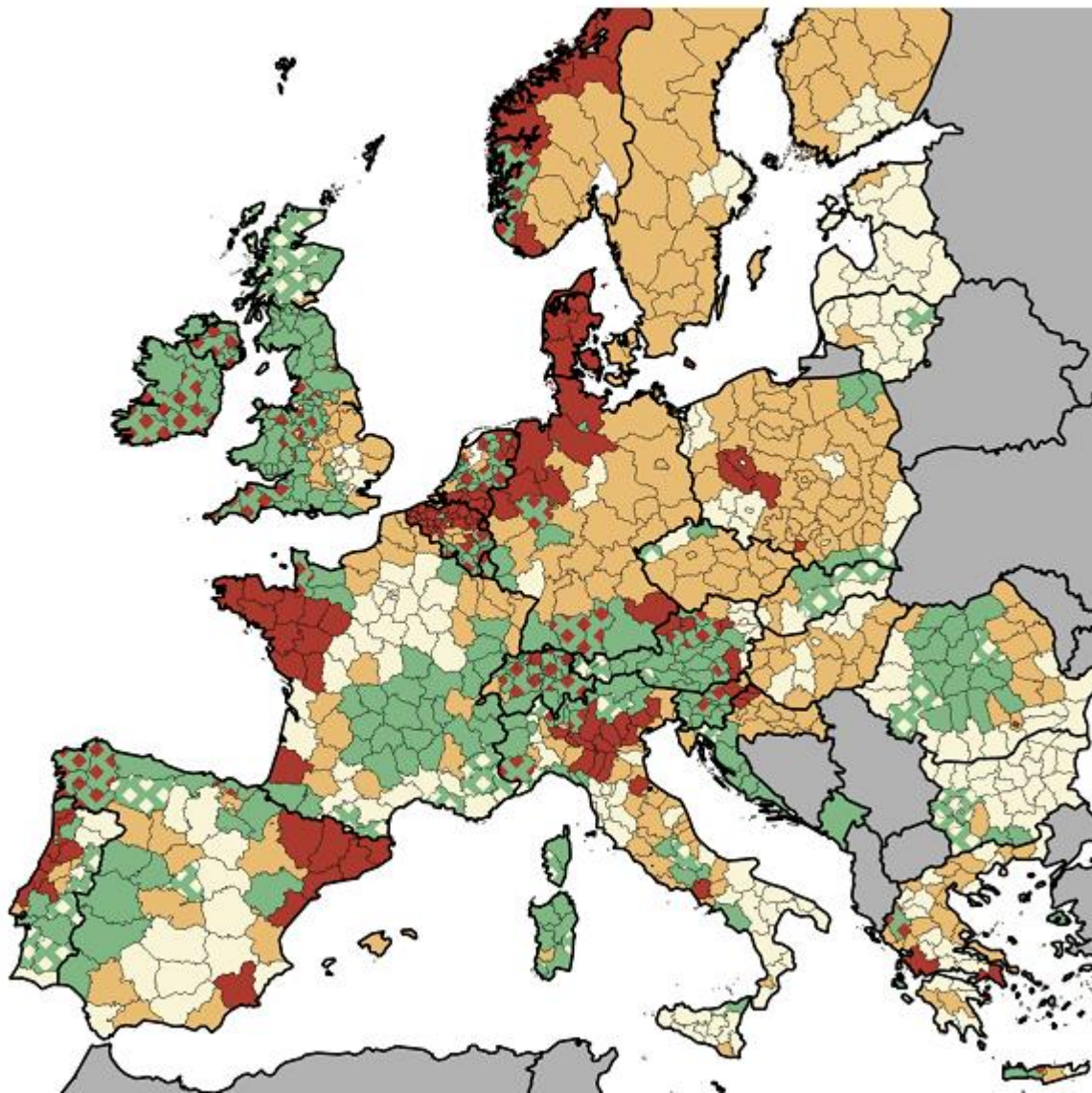


White paper



Brochure





Our Vision

Livestock4All

We recognise all types of livestock farming systems in European countries

- Varying according to local economic, geographical & sociological contexts
- for which the solutions are different



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- **Interdisciplinary research and innovation**
bringing together researchers with complementary expertise & actors of the agri-food chain and of the territories
- **Fostering the sustainability of the wide diversity of European production systems to improve the resilience of our food systems (ie. intensive systems, low inputs systems, organic and agro-ecological systems...)**
- **Holistic agricultural approaches will link more closely livestock and plants to better use and protect the properties of agro-ecosystems and maximize the use of biomasses through recycling and cascading approaches**



White Paper 2013 ([-link](#))



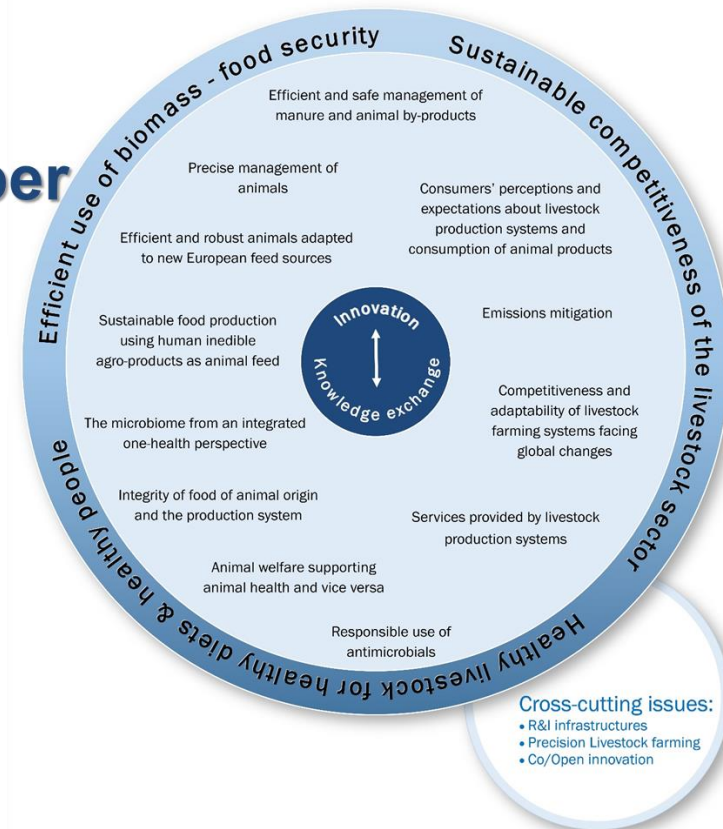
Addendum 2014

([-link](#))

Priority topics
input H2020 2016/17



ATF 2nd White Paper Dec. 2016 ([-link](#))



Cross-cutting issues:

- R&I infrastructures
- Precision Livestock farming
- Co/Open innovation



Input to EU R&I agenda

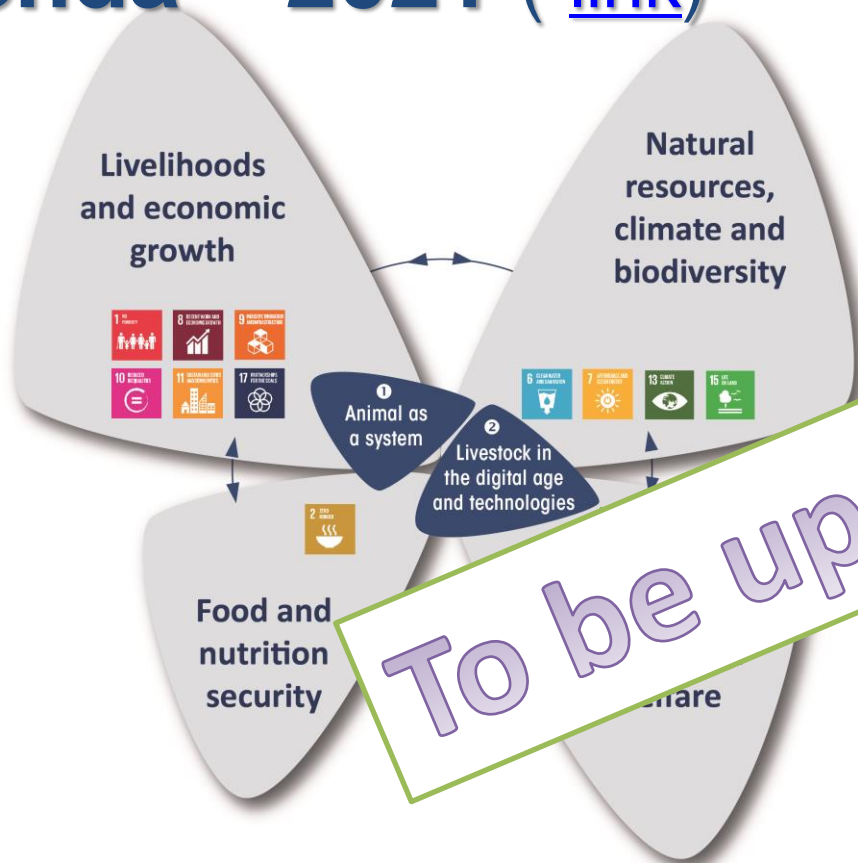
Horizon Europe

- Internal Action plan / next R&I Framework Programme (FP9). Dec. 2017
- Facts & figures - Why EU animal production is important today? Dec. 2017 [-link](#)
- Position paper towards FP9. March 2018 [-link](#)
- Vision Paper – A framework for suggested priorities for R&I within Horizon Europe. Feb. 2019 [-link](#)
- Strategic Research and Innovation agenda - Suggested priorities for R&I within Horizon Europe”. 2021





Strategic Research and Innovation agenda – 2021 ([-link](#))



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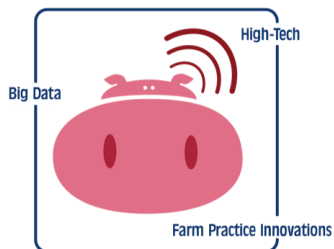




Year 2014

Towards innovations in animal production

How to implement
Precision Livestock Farming?



Year 2015

Precision Livestock Farming in Practice



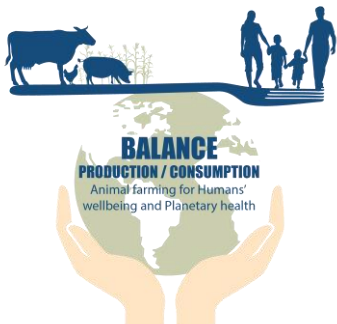
Year 2016

**Livestock, the key in a
European Circular Bio-Economy**



Year 2017

Food integrity: How can the animal production sector contribute?



Year 2018

Balance Prod/Consumption: Animal farming for Humans' well-being and planetary health



Year 2019

Towards a climate smart Eu livestock farming



Year 2020

What livestock has to offer to biodiversity and healthy soils

Year 2021

Going beyond the feed vs food competition: crops and animals together to address food and nutrition security





Livestock emissions and the COP26 targets

2nd One-day symposium of the ATF & EAAP Commission on Livestock Farming Systems

EAAP Annual Meeting
Porto, Portugal - Sept. 2022

12th ATF Seminar

Brussels - Nov. 2022



Livestock emissions and the COP26 targets



**New publication
now [available](#) !**





Year 2023

***The role of meat in society:
presenting the Dublin Declaration of Scientists***

ATF-BAMST symposium

Brussels

Wednesday 12th April 2023

The role of meat
in society:
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Dublin Declaration
of Scientists

Brussels – 12 April 2023



Year 2023

'Sustainable livestock systems' – what does that mean?

3rd one-day symposium of the
ATF & EAAP commission on
Livestock Farming Systems

EAAP Annual Meeting, Lyon

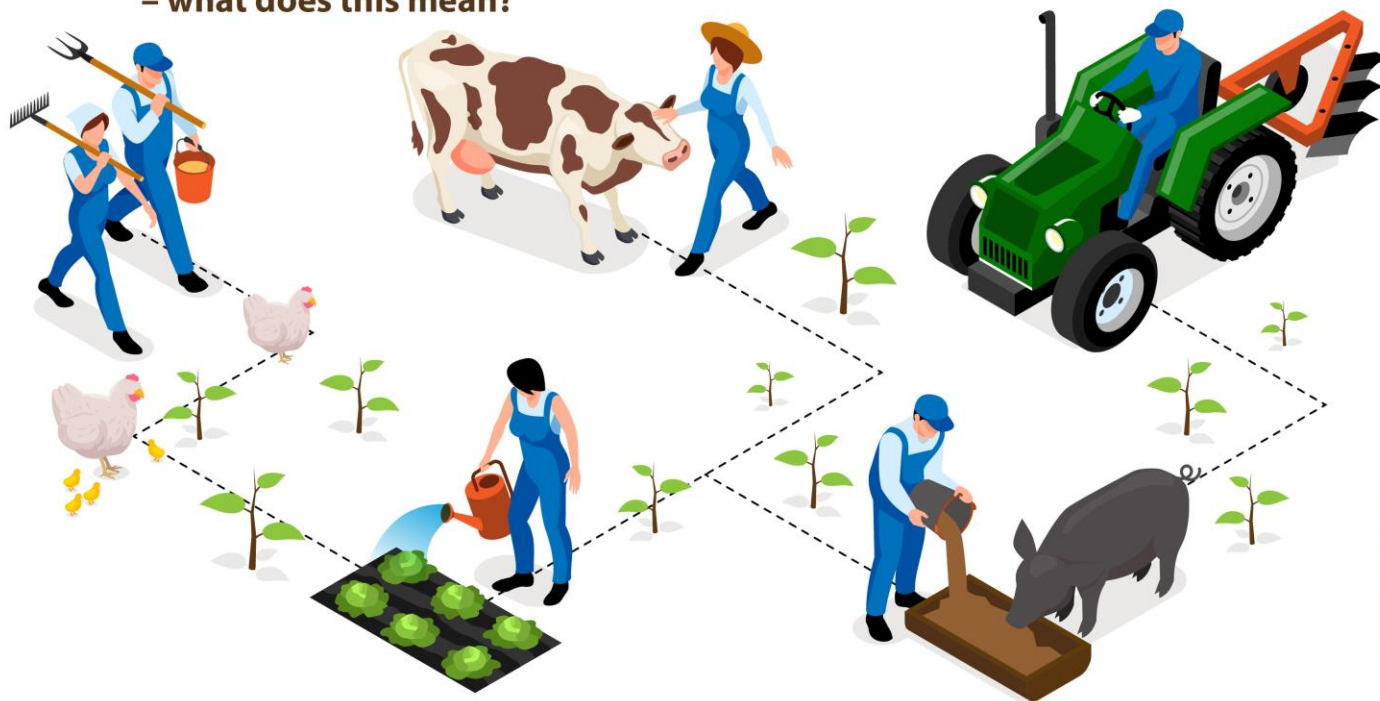
Monday 28th August 2023

ATF 13th Seminar

Brussels

Wednesday 15th November 2023

'SUSTAINABLE LIVESTOCK SYSTEMS'
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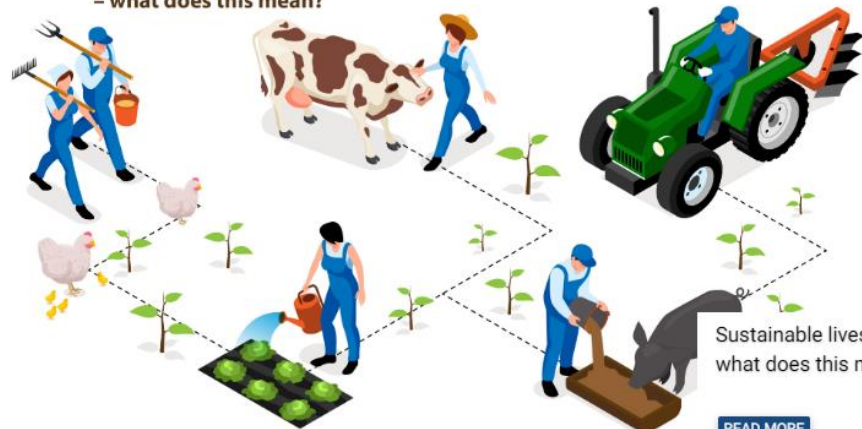
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The Animal Task Force, for a sustainable and competitive livestock sector in Europe

The Animal Task Force is a European Public-Private Partnership of research organisations and farmer and industry organisations, working together on a sustainable and competitive European livestock production sector by fostering knowledge development and innovation in the whole animal production chain.

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Events

