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# Feed-a-Gene



Adapting the **feed**, the **animal** and the **feeding techniques**  
to improve the efficiency and sustainability of monogastric livestock production systems

**Sustainable terrestrial livestock production**

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# Objectives



## Feed:

- Develop new local feed resources that are not/less in competition with food
- Improve the nutritional value of feed resources



## Gene:

- Identify novel traits indicative for feed efficiency and robustness
- “Do better with feeds that may be worse”



## Traits, models, and feeding techniques:

- Appreciate variation among animals
- Develop precision feeding techniques
- Evaluate the overall sustainability

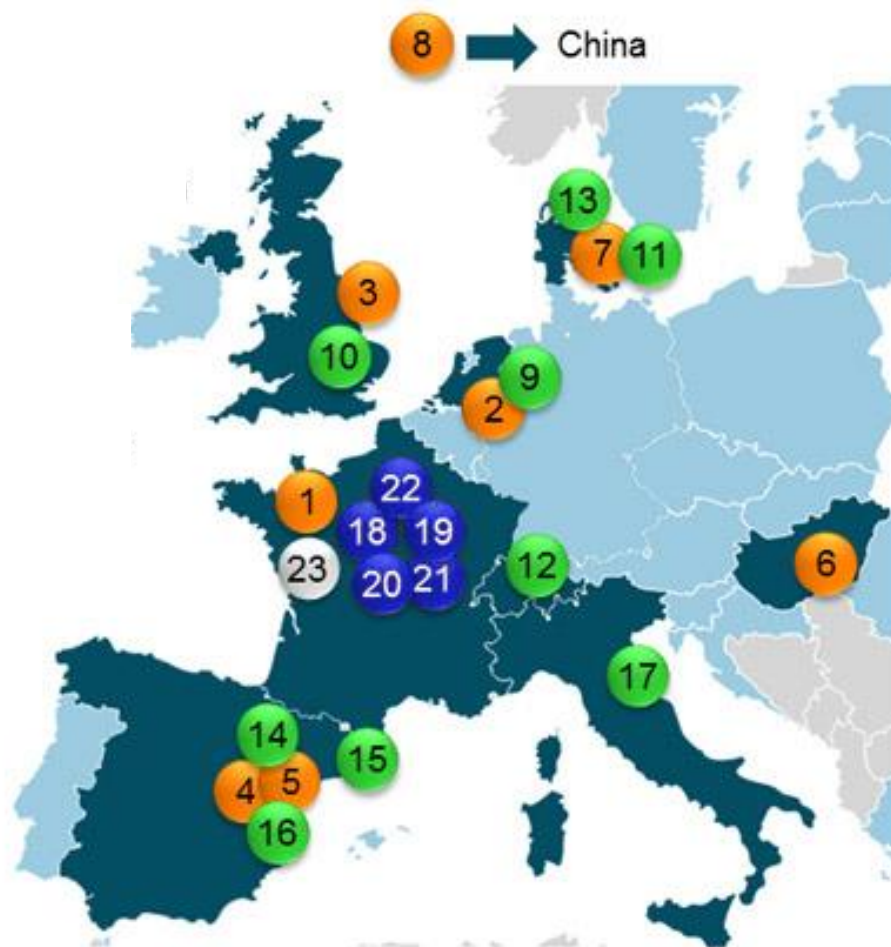


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# Partners



## Research



## Management



## Industry



## Extension





# What is in for stakeholders? How are they involved?

Not a game-changer but there are multiple ways to play the game. On protein autonomy:

- European-grown protein sources
- Fractionation technologies
- Animal genetics
- Precision livestock feeding



Multi-disciplinary and multi-actor approach

Communication:

- We do not communicate (enough) about animal production with society
- Perceptions differs depending on how the issue is addressed



# Research and innovation that are needed?

An ever-increasing need for integration:

- Observing variation becomes more accessible
- Indicators: there is no holy grail
- Open data
- Data-driven versus concept-driven integration?



Seek value in variation:

- Feed (*"In Denmark, you can grow grass, but not soybeans"*, create variation)
- Gene (progress takes time)
- Information-based technologies to manage variation have a great potential and are inevitable. But are we ready for it?

