

# Animal Task Force Seminar: Responsible Livestock Farming Systems

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## The Animal Task Force (since 2011)

- Promoting a sustainable and competitive animal production sector in Europe;
- By fostering knowledge development and innovation;
- Covering the total animal production chain.



## ATF members (2013)



Private sector represented by European Technology Platforms

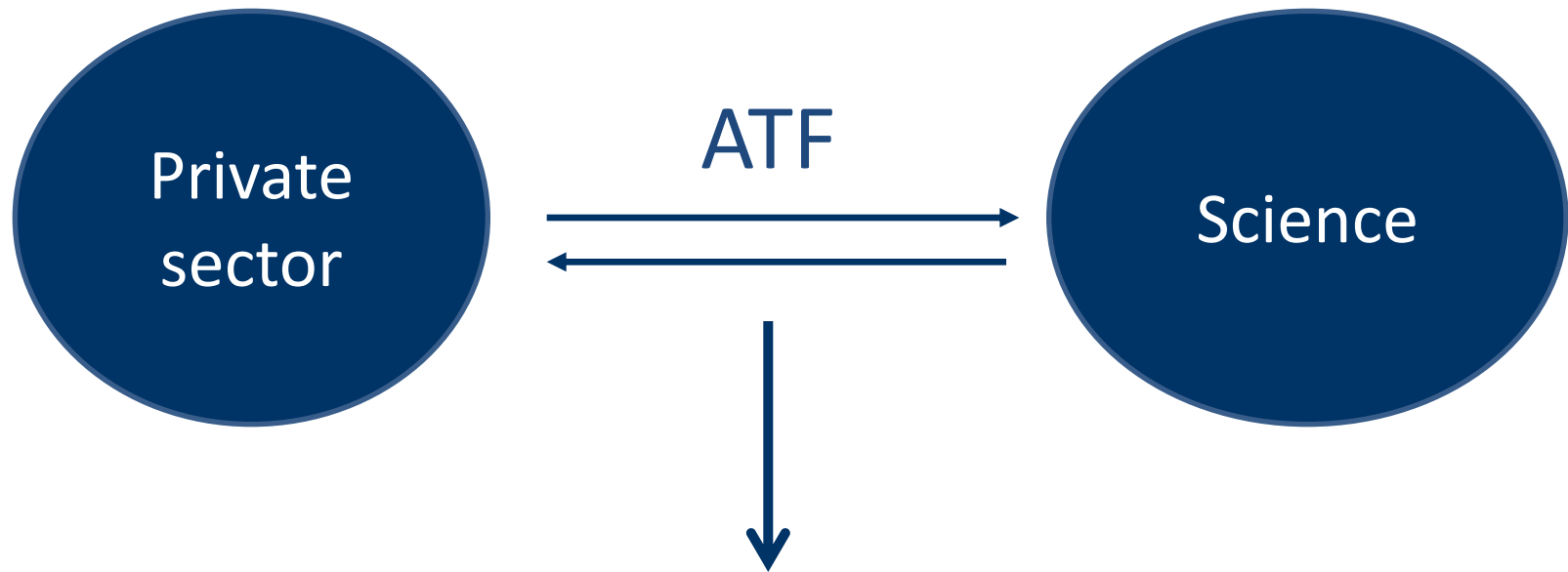
**EATIP, EUFETEC, FABRE-TP, ETPGAH**

Major European research providers

**Aarhus University, GEFETEC, IBNA, INIA, INRA, MTT, Polish Academy of Sciences, SLU, SRUC, Teagasc, UniBonn, University of Milan, Wageningen UR.**

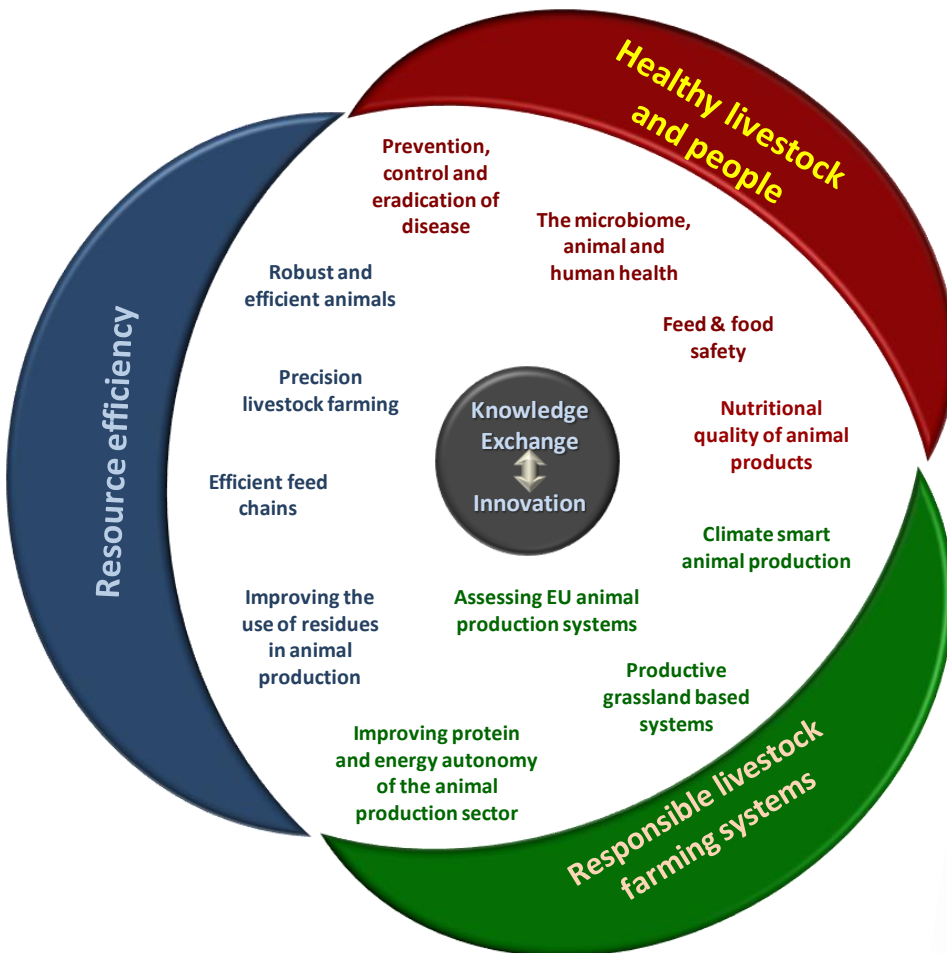
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**Vision on R&D needs to  
support sustainable  
livestock production**

# ATF White Paper



## And we do more:



Developing dialogue with key stakeholders in Europe.  
(European Commission, Members of Parliament, industry organisations, NGOs)



Providing input on EU research & innovation policy.  
(Horizon2020, EIP, JPI FACCE, SCAR)



Enhance cooperation in European and interstate research and innovation



Enable knowledge exchange amongst research providers, end users and EU Directorates.

## Activities in 2013



### Three events:

Healthy Livestock and people (May); Towards more sustainable animal production systems (August, EAAP); Seminar Responsible Livestock Farming Systems (Nov)



### Promoting animal production:

Website, brochure, social media (@AnimalTaskFrc)

### Fostering the integration between research, private sector and the EC



# Animal production is vitally important for:



- A balanced and healthy diet.



- Contributing to Europe's economy

## Economic value of Europe's animal production sector (2010)

- Annual turnover: €130 billion
- Accounting for 5% of EU employment
- Export: € 9.6 billion



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- Providing ecosystem services and landscape management.

# A responsible livestock production for Europe



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



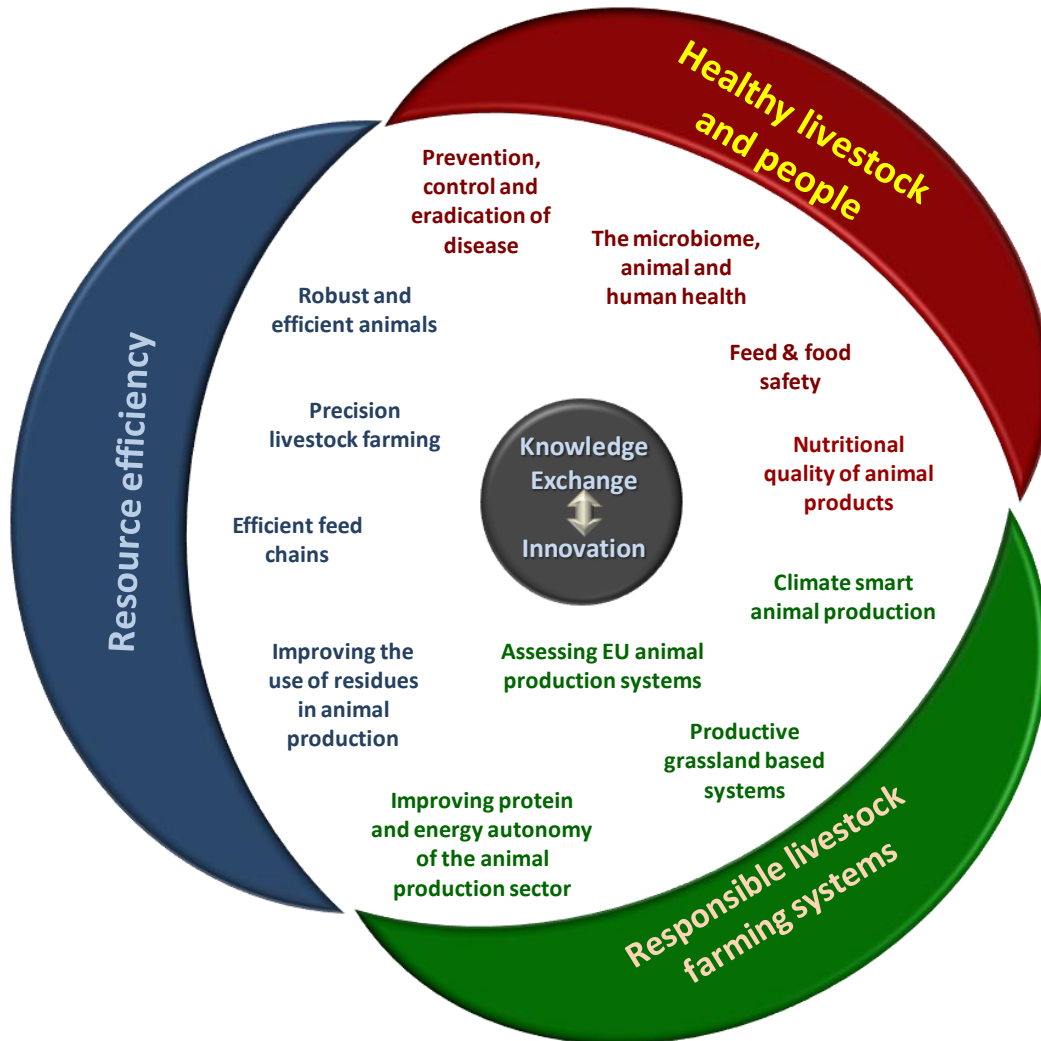
- Turn environmental pressure of animal production into **environmental positive** production.



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

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

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1. Resource Efficiency  
*ATF Seminar 2012*
2. Healthy Livestock & people  
*ATF/EADGENE event, May 2013*
3. Responsible Livestock Farming Systems  
*EAAP, August 2013*  
*ATF Seminar, Nov 2013*

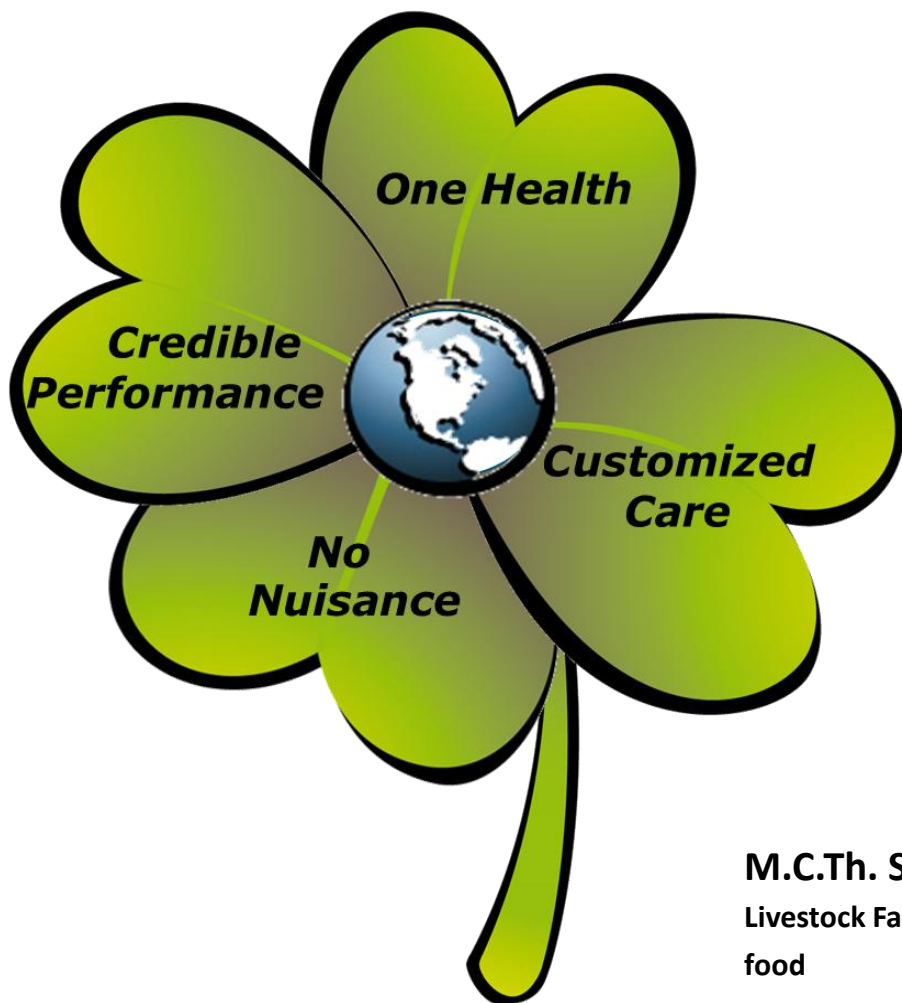
# Responsible livestock farming systems

## *From trade-offs to win-win-win*

- How we can turn the trade-offs between social, environmental and economic aspects of animal production to win-win-wins?
- How is this dealt with in practice?
- What can we learn from industry and research to create more responsible livestock farming systems?



# Livestock Farming with Care



M.C.Th. Scholten, I.J.M. de Boer, B. Gremmen, C. Lokhorst;  
Livestock Farming with Care: towards sustainable production of animal-source food

# Livestock Farming with Care

- Scholten, M. (2013) - E

# Programme

## Morning session 10:00-12:30

George Lyon – Member of European Parliament

Responsible livestock farming from a private sector perspective

*4 Representatives from the private sector*

*Lunch - 12:30 - 13:30*

## Afternoon session - 13:30 – 17:00

Responsible livestock farming from a research perspective

*4 Scientists on methodologies to assess RLFS*

Mairead McGuinness, Member of European Parliament

General discussion: the way forward

**ATF drinks reception – 17:00 – 18:00**



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We promote a sustainable and competitive livestock sector in Europe. We are a leading body of expertise, representing key stakeholders from industry and research from across Europe.  
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**Events**

Towards more sustainable animal production systems - ATF, INRA special session during EAAP 2013



Our members represent 11 different EU Member States. Click on this map to see which Member States are involved.  
For a list and more info on our members, click here.



**News Headlines**

ATF organises Special Session during EAAP 2013  
The Animal Task Force together with INRA and EAAP organise a Special Session on the future of animal production systems during the EAAP Annual Meeting in Nantes on Thursday August 29.  
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MEPs and Council agree on Horizon2020  
The Irish Presidency, the European Parliament's negotiators and the European Commission have concluded negotiations on the EU's next research and innovation programme Horizon 2020 package.



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