

Animal Task Force

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

Who we are?

Private sector organisations



Knowledge providers

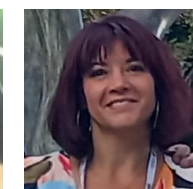


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What we do?

**Members
(Research &
private sector)**

- Providing input for EU research and innovation agendas
- Engaging in dialogue on sector innovation with key stakeholders in EU
- Enhancing cooperation in EU research & innovation
- Enabling knowledge exchange and act as a source of expertise

**EU authorities
NGOs and
stakeholders**



ATF Missions: engaging in dialogue and promoting R&I in the livestock sector

2020 : *What livestock has to offer to biodiversity and healthy soils*

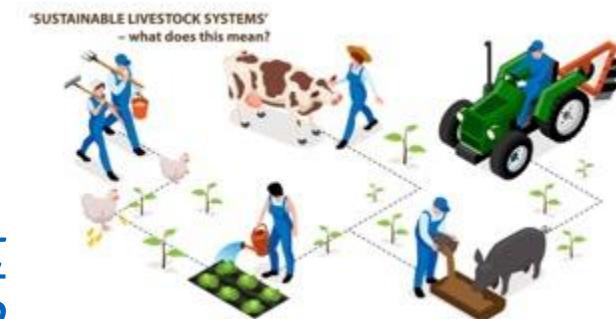
2021: *Going beyond the feed vs food competition: crops and animals together to address food and nutrition security*



2022 : *Livestock emissions and the COP26 targets*



2023 : *'Sustainable livestock systems' – what does that mean?*



2024: *"Livestock are more than food"*



2025: *Livestock Farming Systems in next generations: can we imagine the future?*



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Input to EU R&I agenda: Horizon Europe

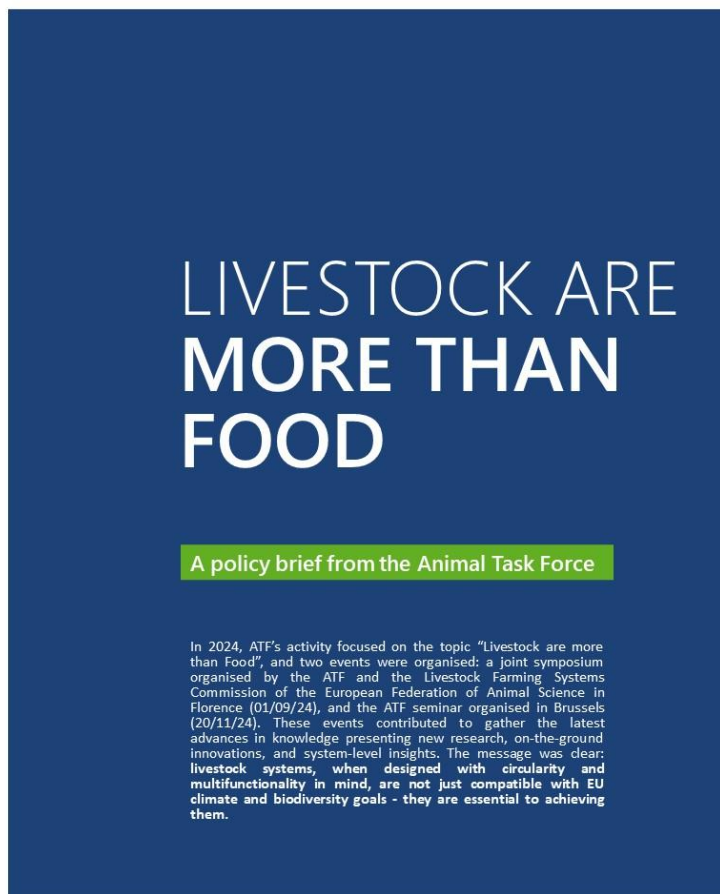
Policy brief on biodiversity 2021



Policy brief on Meat



June 2025



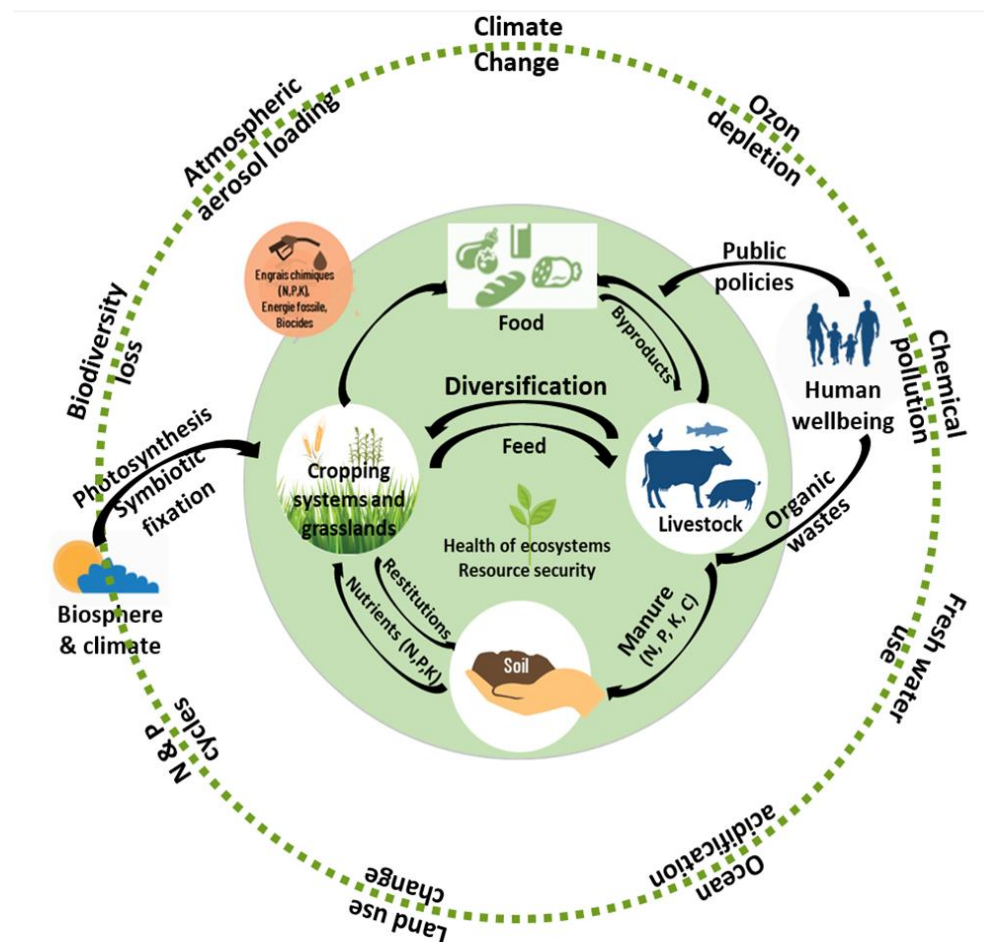
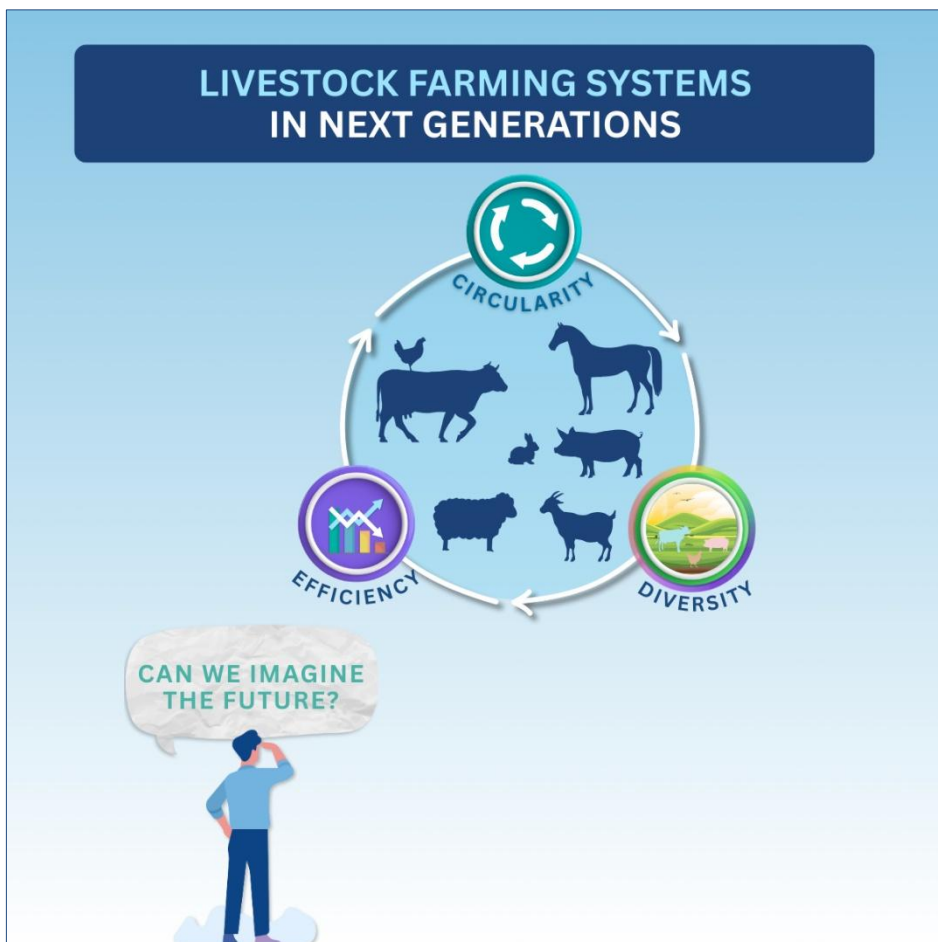
White Paper 4



Strategic Research & Innovation Agenda 2024



What will be the role of livestock in future farming systems?



Livestock are an essential component of sustainable and circular agri-food systems

Vision for Responsible Livestock

Core Principles

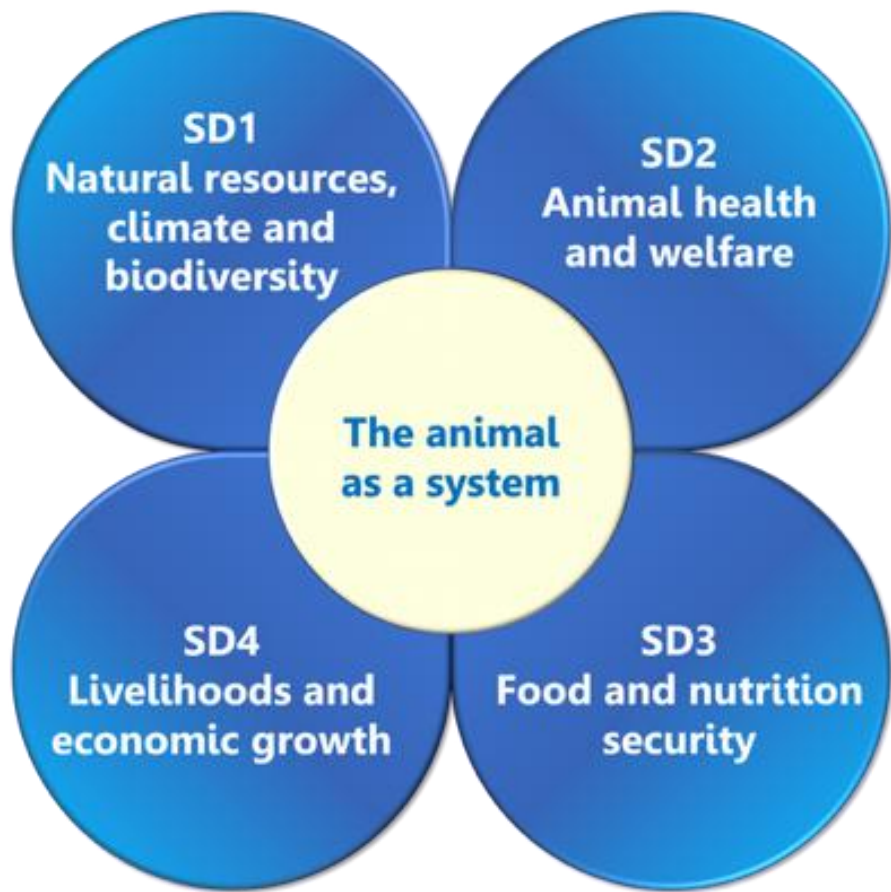
- Keep resource use within planetary boundaries
- Enhance biodiversity and ecosystem services
- Ensure high animal health and welfare standards
- Support farmer wellbeing and vibrant rural livelihood
- Provide affordable, safe, nutritious food

Strategic Alignment

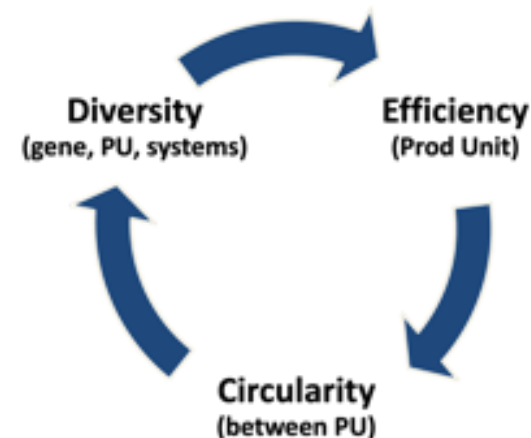
- Aligns with the European vision for agriculture and food, supporting socio-economic resilience in rural areas and a competitive livestock sector
- These priorities are essential for the future of livestock and will inform the forthcoming Livestock Strategy.

ATF SRIA Suggested priorities

Four sustainability domains and a cross-cutting issue



These are key interdependent objectives for a just and safe transition of European livestock food and farming systems that merit **support from European research and innovation funding**



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