

Animal Task Force

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

Who we are?

Private sector organisations



Knowledge providers

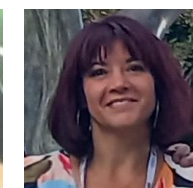


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What we do?

**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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Policy brief on biodiversity 2021



June 2025

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Strategic Research & Innovation Agenda 2024



A Strategic Research and Innovation
Agenda for a sustainable livestock sector in
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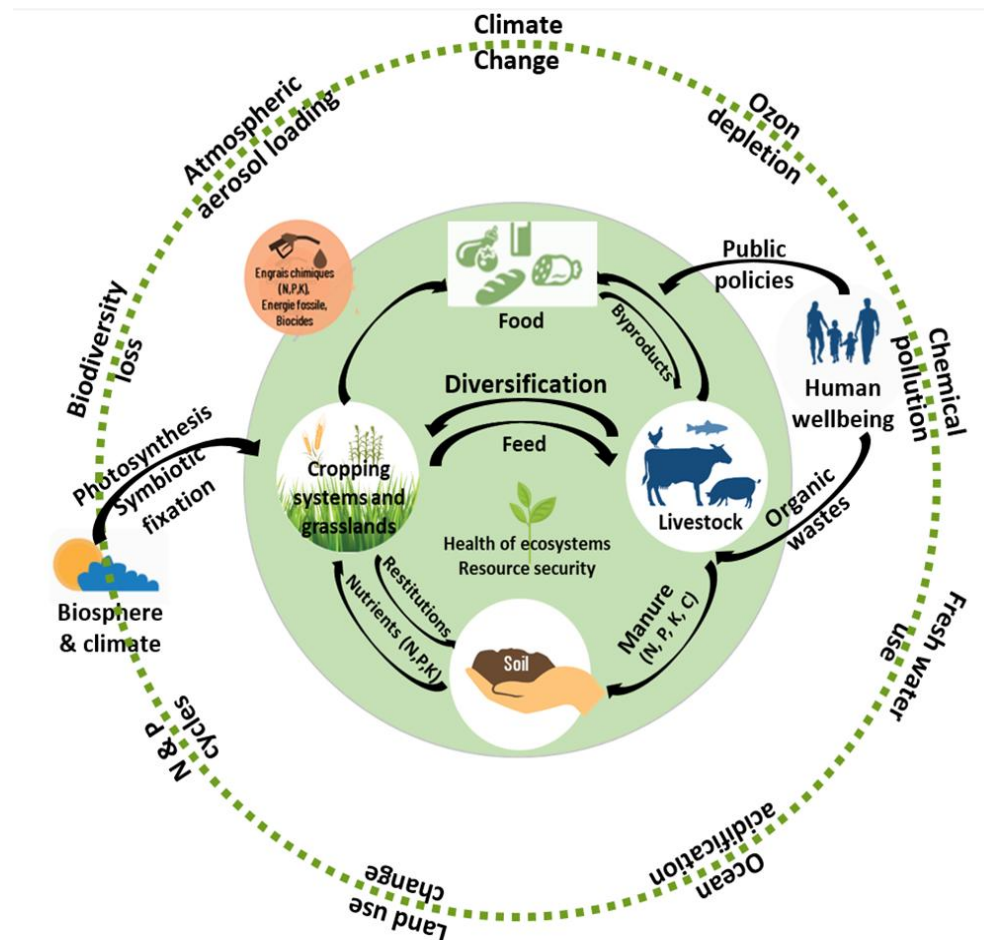
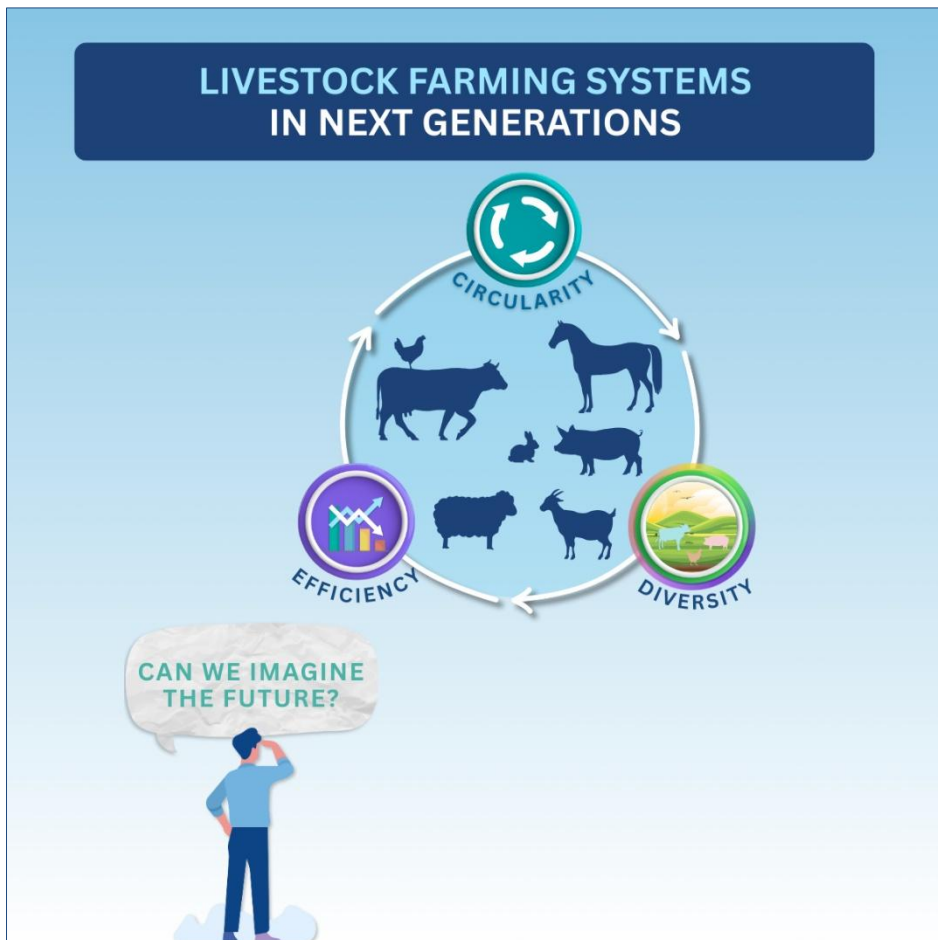
Challenges, ways of progress and suggested priorities for research for Horizon Europe to enhance innovation and sustainability in the livestock production sector of Europe's food supply chains

Fourth White Paper of the Animal Task Force

August 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

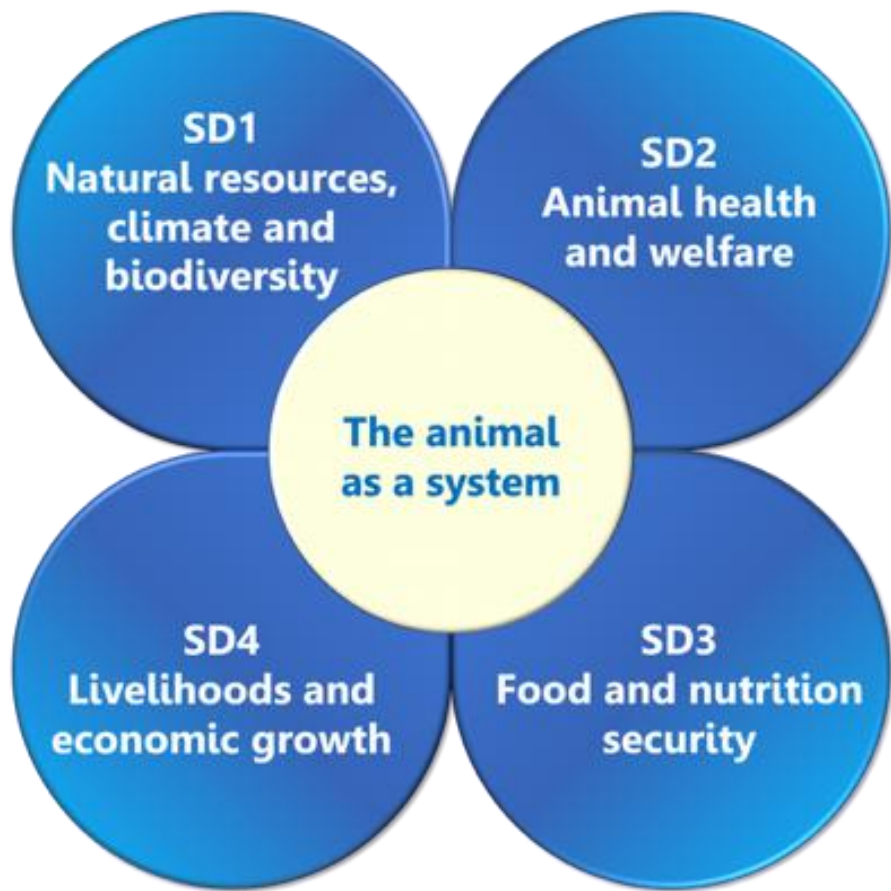
- Keep resource use within planetary boundaries
- Enhance biodiversity and ecosystem services
- Ensure high animal health and welfare standards
- Support farmer wellbeing and vibrant rural livelihood
- Provide affordable, safe, nutritious food

Strategic Alignment

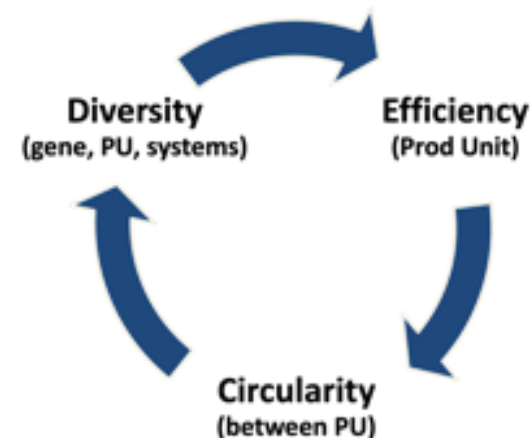
- Aligns with the European vision for agriculture and food, supporting socio-economic resilience in rural areas and a competitive livestock sector
- These priorities are essential for the future of livestock and will inform the forthcoming Livestock Strategy.

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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