

Operational Group “EuroDairy – Rhône-Alpes”: September 2016 to August 2018



EuroDairy topics

WP 3 : Resource Efficiency



WP 4 : Biodiversity



WP 5 : Animal Care



WP 6 : Socio-economic Resilience



Context

As everywhere in the European Union, the end of the administrative management of milk volume and the volatility of the market increased the competition amongst dairy industries, dairy farms and dairy areas. The common challenge lies in the competitiveness of dairy cattle and related sectors. Rhône-Alpes region is involved in these issues.

Dairy managers and representatives are really concerned about the future of dairy farmers in the region: which system, what size, which markets for each territory... They have strongly expressed the need for foresight, comparison with other dairy regions and for solutions to adapt to the new challenges of dairy farming.

Partnership and governance (activity)

As a steering committee, the “Progress and experiment council” coordinates this program and follows the tasks with its board of farmers. The technical partners lead the Operational Group and identify innovations and good practices in animal husbandry. All partners and breeders involved in this group bring their complementary points of view on them.

- Pôle d’Expérimentation et de Progrès Bovin Lait : Coordinator
- Rhone-Alp’Elevage (livestock association – Farmers board)
- Farmers
- FIDOCL (milk performance recording organization & technical advices)
- Chambres d’Agriculture (technical and strategic advices)
- Institut de l’Elevage (Idele) (advices & methodological supports)
- Centre d’Elevage de Poisy (Training center for farmers)
- Lycée du Valentin and Cibeins (High school)



Project period

September 2016 to August 2018

Main tasks (what will we expect to do?)

Through the networking of farmers, advisors and scientists, this EURODAIRY Rhône-Alpes project aims to:

- Work and exchange ideas with 20 partners from 14 EU countries and main dairy areas (meetings, methods, innovations & demonstration transfer),
- Look forward innovations and good practices from scientific and technical literature, meetings, video exchanges or identified directly on farms
- Try, practice and analyze innovative solutions to get some results, benchmarks and comparison data to develop the competitiveness of dairy farms in Rhône-Alpes region.

Pilot Farms involved (who is involved?)

12 pilot farms:

- Selected after a call for application in all Rhône-Alpes area.
- Coming from different networks: 3 are connected to Inosys-Livestock farms network, 4 with European Dairy Farmers and 5 with the milk performance recording organization.

2 farms connected to agricultural high school (Cibeins and Valentin)

1 knowledge transfer center (Centre d'élevage de Poisy)



Main results 2016-2017 - How does it work ? Website ?

Kick off meeting with all partners in November 2016 and February 2017

- To know each partner
- To select 12 innovative pilot farms
- To discuss about the project
- To define the way to work, the agenda
- To define the working method of the operational group

Capture and edit 4 Video to show innovative features on 4 farms for July 2017

European seminar organized in Annecy in July 2017, with dairy farmers meeting

Implement a video platform and newsletters

Agenda and actions expected on 2017

2017 will be devoted to:

- Follow each farm and record data (economic, social and environmental)
- Analyze the results and measuring resilience.
- Visit farms and identify the innovations and innovative farmers
- Discuss about their innovations and how farmers deal with these issues on their farms
- Find best solution to spread these innovations

Comparison with cattle results of other operational group. November 2017



Centre d'élevage de Poisy – Poisy training center

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