

Practice Abstract #37

Innovation gaps in the livestock and permanent grasslands sector

The EUREKA project (www.h2020eureka.eu) studied over 100 multi-actor projects (MAPs) funded under the EU Horizon 2020 programme. This included analysing the main knowledge categories of projects in the livestock and permanent grassland sector based on the domain ontology of AGROVOC (<https://www.fao.org/agrovoc/>).

Some categories in this sector are broadly covered by both H2020 multi-actor projects (MAPs) and EIP-AGRI Focus Groups (FGs):

- Milk and meat, pork/cattle, goats and poultry are widely tackled for the **Products** category.
- For the **Activities** category, farming systems and practices and production associated with milk and meat were the two knowledge fields most covered.
- Within **Topics**, only sustainability and productivity was extensively addressed.

Other categories, however, are addressed mainly by either MAPs or FGs, and therefore lack this powerful MAP-FG complementarity:

- Sheep within **Products** category, being only covered by MAPs (and not by FGs).
- For the **Activities** category, water and integrated management, animal feeding, data analysis, and ecosystem and information services delivery were tackled by MAPs. On the other hand, FGs dealt with knowledge and innovation linked to grassland management and grazing systems.
- Within **Topics**, quality and resilience and efficiency were covered by MAPs while profitability & pollution were addressed by FG.
- Only MAPs covered the **Resources and methods** category, which includes innovation, farm inputs and natural resources, and the same was the case for **Pest and diseases**.

Consequently, these gaps and imbalances in the knowledge areas identified above should be addressed to promote wider implementation of the whole spectrum of EIP-AGRI activities.

