



Thematic Group (TG) on the CAP's Role in Supporting Sustainable and Competitive Livestock Systems

1st meeting
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Welcome and Introduction

EU CAP Network

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What does the EU CAP Network support?



- ✦ Design and implementation of CAP strategic plans – CAP Implementation Contact Point.
- ✦ Innovation and knowledge exchange, including EIP-AGRI.
- ✦ Evaluation and monitoring of the CAP – Evaluation Helpdesk.



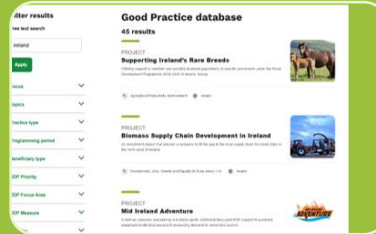


Main Activities (examples)



Networking & exchange

- Peer-to-peer learning across different sectors and levels
- [National CAP Networks](#)
- [Meetings, seminars, TGs, LEADER](#) etc.
- [ARIA](#)



Knowledge development

- Share ideas and develop recommendations to improve CAP design and implementation
- [Analytical summaries](#)
- [Good Practices](#)



Information sharing

- Dissemination of outcomes and results
- [Publications](#)
- [Newsletters](#)
- [Social Media](#)



Local & transnational support

- Tools to maintain and encourage cooperation
- [LAG Directory](#)
- [TNC offers](#)
- Clusters





Thematic Groups (TGs)

What they do

- Up to 5 TGs per year focusing on specific topics on CAP design and implementation
- Two formal meetings and potential in-between activities
- Approx. 40 TG members from different backgrounds

What participants gain

- Peer-to-peer exchange and practical insights
- Create networks
- Useful resources (best practice examples, recommendations, reports etc.)
- Contribution to improved CAP design and implementation



Curious about past topics and results?

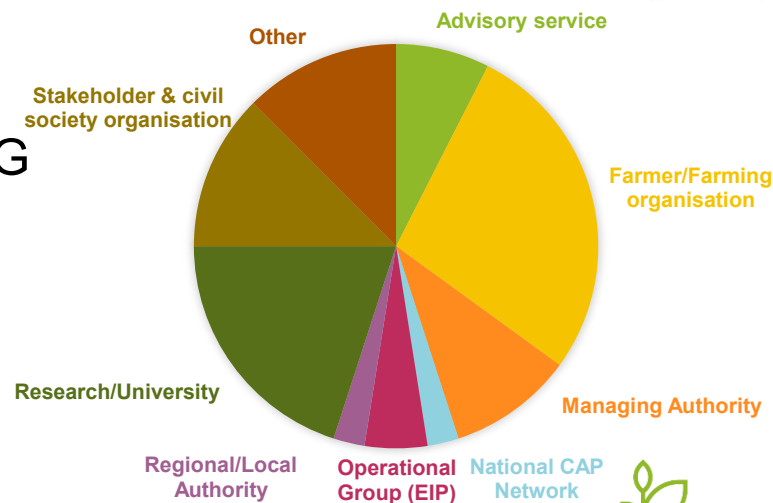
👉 Visit our [website](#) to explore previous TGs and their outputs





Composition of the TG

- 40 members selected from 108 expressions of interest
- 18 EU MS plus EU level organisations represented in TG
- Variety of stakeholder groups



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Objectives of the TG

The main goal of this TG is to explore how to improve the way **CSPs are used to support transitions to more sustainable livestock systems**, taking into account the **diversity of systems** in the EU. It will explore ways to reduce their climate/environmental footprint as well as maintain those systems that are beneficial for biodiversity and landscapes, taking into account the economic and socio-cultural implications of such changes to make them resilient for the future. It will build on experiences and situations in **different regions and value chains**.

- Share examples
- Identify key issues



- Develop pathways for sustainable & competitive livestock systems



- Discuss enabling conditions
- Consider the role of CSPs and different interventions



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Aim of today





Agenda of the Day (morning)

09:00 – 09:30

Introduction

09:30 – 10:45

Setting the scene:

- Framing presentation (*Catherine Pfeifer and Michele Nori*)
- Showcasing opportunities for action in diverse settings (*examples from TG members*)

10:45 – 11:15

Coffee break

11:15 – 12:30

Small group discussion: Diverse livestock systems – Categorising the main challenges and possible solutions

12:30 – 13:30

Networking lunch





Agenda of the Day (afternoon)

13:30 – 14:45

Interactive Session: Developing pathways for sustainable and competitive livestock systems in Europe

14:45 – 15:00

Coffee break

15:00 – 15:45

Harvesting from interactive sessions: Sharing the different pathways identified and reflection on common threads

15:45 – 16:00

Next steps.

2nd meeting on 15-16 April

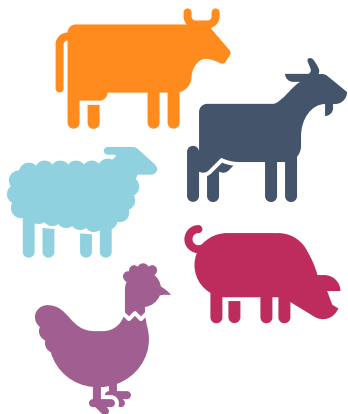


Ground rules for the meeting

- **Be present:** Laptops closed; phones on silent. Stay focused on the conversation in the room
- **Respect each other:** Listen with curiosity, keep an open mind, allow others to finish before responding and avoid dominating the conversation .
- **Be constructive:** All perspectives are welcome. Share your views in a way that helps move the discussion forward.
- **Inspire each other:** Build on others' ideas rather than blocking them. Use a “Yes, and...” mindset.



Diversity of livestock – diversity on our plates



→ Can you identify what kind of cheese it is and where it comes from?



European Cheese Quiz



Animal and origin

1



Gouda (sheep)

2



Alpenstolz

3



Cabriolait

Bonus questions

A



~2,500 varieties

B



~27 – 30 kg

