

 EuroDairy

EuroDairy: a pan-European network for dairy farming

EuroDairy is a new network to increase the economic, social and environmental sustainability of dairy farming in Europe, at a time of unprecedented challenge for the sector.

Funded by the EU Horizon 2020 programme, EuroDairy will foster the development and dissemination of practice-based innovations in dairy farming, targeting key sustainability issues following the abolition of milk quotas: socio-economic resilience, resource efficiency, animal care, and the integration of milk production with biodiversity objectives.

EuroDairy spans 14 countries, from Ireland to Poland, and from Sweden to Italy, encompassing 40% of dairy farmers, 45% of cows and 60% of European milk output. The project adopts the interactive model of the European Innovation Partnership, putting farmers at the centre of practice-based innovation, adapting and developing new and existing scientific knowledge to produce implementable solutions, which can then be shared across the network.

In the EU regions, farmer-driven 'Operational Groups' will come together to target specific problems or opportunities for the dairy sector. EuroDairy partners will stimulate the establishment of these 'multi-actor' groups, and the network will link these cross-border, so that innovations identified in one country or region, can be shared with another. In addition, the project will establish 120 innovating dairy farmers across Europe to demonstrate best practice, and push boundaries in the application of new knowledge.

Regional partner quotes

Katrine Lecornu, President of European Dairy Farmers – 'EDF is very pleased to be part of this project at a crucial time for European dairy farming. The ethos of EDF, to highlight the impact of translating science and innovation into commercial practice is a perfect complement to EuroDairy'.

Richard Holland, Chairman of the European Cattle Innovation Partnership – 'The involvement of dairy levy bodies, farmers' organisations and cooperatives, and knowledge institutions in an interactive bottom-up approach will ensure practical relevance, and multiply the benefits across Europe'.

Ray Keatinge, EuroDairy Project Coordinator, AHDB Dairy – 'EuroDairy is a huge opportunity for dairy farmers to exchange knowledge with scientists, industry experts and each other. I am very much looking forward to working with our 19 partners, and their associates in the main milk producing regions of the EU, to make a real difference to the sector'.

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Upcoming event

Our EuroDairy network will travel into Northern-Ireland for the next General Meeting. This will be in the Belfast-region begin of July 2018. Jason Rankin (Agrisearch) will be the host of the meeting.

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