

Round Table – GENRES

*Ways to ensure sustainability of AnGR GENRES
project results*

EURECA

Local cattle breeds in Europe

**Development of policies and strategies
for self-sustaining breeds**

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Background



- Replacement of local/regional, often 'dual purpose' cattle breeds by specialized, international, mainstream breeds
- How to conserve local/regional breeds, their unique characteristics and important genetic, cultural, historical, socio-economic and environmental values ?
- Successful strategies and policies for conservation, development and use of such cattle breeds ?



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Individual breed assessments - 15 detailed breed case

study



EURECA approach



- Assessment of the *state* and *dynamics* of local cattle breeds in Europe
 - Breed demography
 - Breeding, conservation, marketing
 - Farmer survey
 - National coordinator survey
- From breed analysis to breed strategy development
 - SWOT analysis → breed strategies

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Recommendations EURECA (1)

for management of local cattle breeds in Europe



- Development of policies and strategies to make breeds more self-sustaining, to be included in National Action Plans
- Need for better indicators to assess breed status, that include demographic and non-demographic information, genetic and non-genetic information
- Support measures for breed conservation should take into account (future) farm profiles and attitudes
- Use of decision support tools (SWOT) and multi-stakeholder approach for strategic planning at breed level
- Common (EU) policies to be accompanied by local policies, tailored to specific breed/country situations

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Recommendations EURECA (2)

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- Breed managers to give proper attention to management of genetic variation to keep populations vital
- Breeding programs/policies to be strengthened to minimize profitability gap with mainstream breeds
- Further development of national cryoconservation programs and international collaboration
- Use strengths and opportunities to make breeds more self-sustaining and more independent from economic support
- Continue to exchange experiences and knowledge on breed strategies across breeds and countries

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To answer the question.....

- Bridge the gap between science/policies and practice. DG-Agri versus DG-Research
- Development of AnGR strategies through interaction between stakeholders
- Improve content of database – for better assessment of state of AnGR – to add outcome of specific GENRES projects to the EFABIS database
- Support the network! Exchange of knowledge and experiences.

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Thank you for your attention



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