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IMPROVING THE LINKS FOR CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF THE AnGR: SECTOR/INDUSTRY POINTS OF VIEW

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Problem



Solution



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**Founded
in 1982**
as a **Technical and
representative
national forum**
for **Member
Organizations**



Purebred Livestock Organizations



**Largest umbrella Organization
regarding the Purebred Livestock
sector in Spain**



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109 Spanish Purebred Livestock Organizations

(cattle, sheep, goats, swine, horses...)

officially recognized
by the Ministry of Agriculture
and the Autonomous Communities,
to manage and coordinate
actions related to the herd books
and the breeding programs
of the livestock breeds



MAIN FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSABILITIES



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- Preservation, improvement and sustainable use of livestock breeds in Spain



MAIN FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSABILITIES

- To represent, manage and defend the interests of its Member Organizations, both in Spain and abroad



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- FEAGAS collaborates with public bodies/institutions, universities, research centers, etc. for the conservation, breeding, management and sustainable use of the Spanish Livestock Breeds.



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- FEAGAS organizes the participation of the Spanish Livestock Breeds in the national and international purebred exhibitions, officially approved by Ministry of Agriculture.



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MAIN FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSABILITIES OF THE BREEDERS ASSOCIATIONS



A) Establish the goals for the breeds (conservation, breeding and promotion) and in charge of its management.

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B) Implement the Breeding Programme officially approved for each breed.

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C) Report, as required by the competent authority, on the actions carry out in the implementation of its Breeding Programme.

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D) Guarantee access to its data bases, with the form and conditions determined by the competent authority, and report information to the National Database for Livestock Breeds (ARCA).

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E) Carry out the programme for the dissemination of the improvement of its breed.

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Main concerns/ problems of the livestock sector



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- Lack of private investment



- Hard to introduce new technologies and innovations

The sector is reluctant to change

2. Main concerns/problems of the livestock sector

- A big part of the scientific research is not related to the real problems of the livestock sector:

- ✓ Adaptation to the environment and resistance to illness.
- ✓ Cover the future demands of the consumers, focusing on those products
- ✓ that may change in the future.
- ✓ Determination of genes of interest.
- ✓ Technological innovations that allows an easier and cheaper handling.
- ✓ Management improvement, etc.



2. Main concerns/problems of the livestock sector

- Publics Bodies do not soundly prioritize research projects that may have a huge impact on the Livestock Sector.



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Main solutions



3. Main solutions to answer to the lack of private investment



- Explore new financial frames that makes the sector more attractive to investors: better tax treatments, increase public aids related to private investment, etc.

3. Main solutions to answer to the lack of private investment



- Improve the profitability of the farms through better policies of marketing (allow people to get more information about livestock products) and exportations.



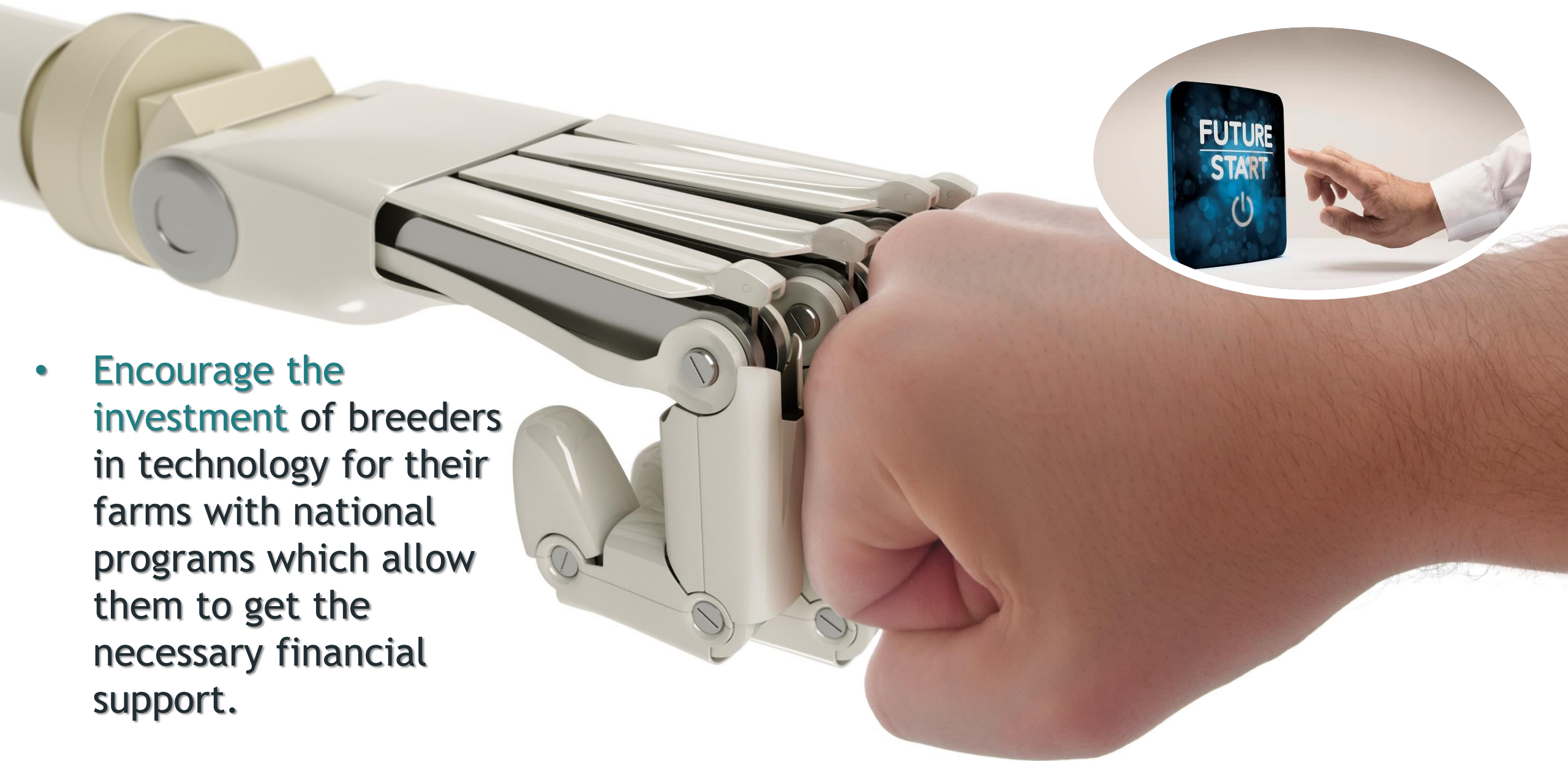
3. Main solutions to answer the reluctance of the sector to change



- Offer the right training to breeders in order to explain them the advantages of the introduction of innovations in their farms (reduce handlings time, increase of the productivity, increase of profitability, etc.)

3. Main solutions to answer the reluctance of the sector to change

- Encourage the investment of breeders in technology for their farms with national programs which allow them to get the necessary financial support.



3. Main solutions to answer to the poor interaction between the breeders and the researchers



Set up a new work group formed by FEAGAS' Staff and representatives of the universities in order to look for synergies and ease the Project processing.

3. Main solutions to answer to the poor interaction between the breeders and the researchers



Form new mixed research groups where should be included scientific researchers (universities and research institutes) and field workers (Livestock technicians/breeders) in order to establish an useful feedback system and a continuous exchange of ideas and needs.

3. Main solutions to answer to the poor interaction between the breeders and the researchers

Increase the communication between the Universities and the rural world through field visits by the university workers and the invitation of rural workers to the university.

3. Solutions to answer the need of prioritization of the projects that meets a real need of the sector.

**Establishment
from the public
bodies of priority
areas for
investigation in
line with the needs
of the livestock
sector. (European
system)**

3. Solutions to answer the need of prioritization of the projects that meets a real need of the sector.



Swap research funds from the universities to the purebred associations, allowing these organizations to focus the research in their main topics of interest and to choose the best research entity for their needs.

3. Solutions to answer the need of prioritization of the projects that meets a real need of the sector.



Include people from the purebred livestock sector in the evaluation committee for the approval of research projects

(INIA RZ/AnGR)

- It is essential **to work with the same approach** to take advantage of working together.
- The **AnGR** cannot be seen only from a point of view/perspective.
- It is necessary not only to exchange ideas but **to set up a formal place where regularly bring together positions.**
- Actions like the launching of the branding **Local Breed 100%** is a **clear example** of a coordinated support/effort to the AnGR.



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Conclusions

Thank you
very much
for your
attention!!!

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