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The ad hoc action on Merino and Merino-derived breeds

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Monday 15th February 2021 13:50 (CET) - First session: the Merino and Merino-derived breeds in Europe: history, demography, and genetics



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- Merino and Merino derived breeds
- The values beyond their products (a tentative list)

History
Genetics
Cultural heritage
Landscape
Animal welfare

• Aims of the ad hoc action

Network
Genetics
Preservation by means of exploitation

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Aims of the ad hoc action: networking

- Animal scientist
- Breeders association
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- Institutions
- Customer, cultural association.....
- Wool and fashion industries

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Aims of the ad hoc action: Knowledge

- A comprehensive investigation at genomic level is ongoing
- Data collection on current status of the breeds: e. g. census, ongoing *in situ* and *ex situ* conservation and promotion actions.....

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Aims of the ad hoc action: valorisation

- A key issue is to preserve genetic resources also by the valorisation of their typical production (wool)
- Transfer the intangible values of the breeds to the wool

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