



***Ad hoc* “Merino network”:**
Merino and Merino-derived breeds in Europe
State of art – *in situ* valorization.



Merino breeds in France: a short oversight

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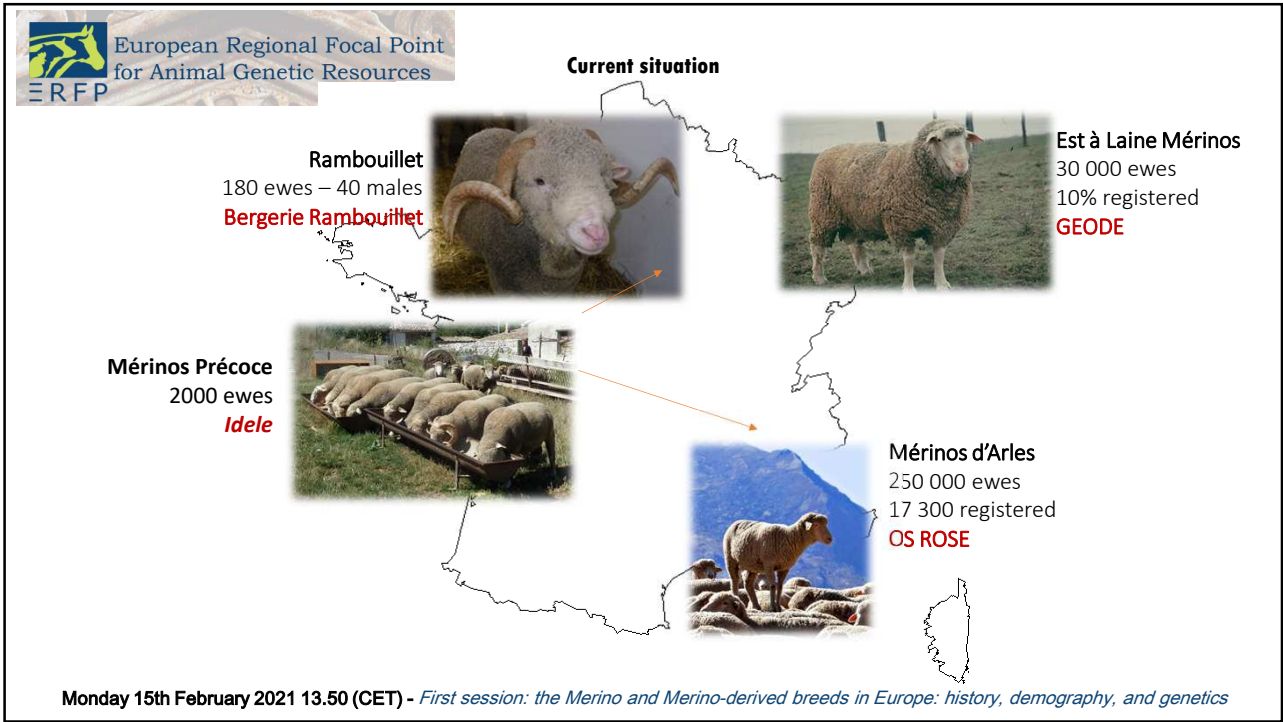
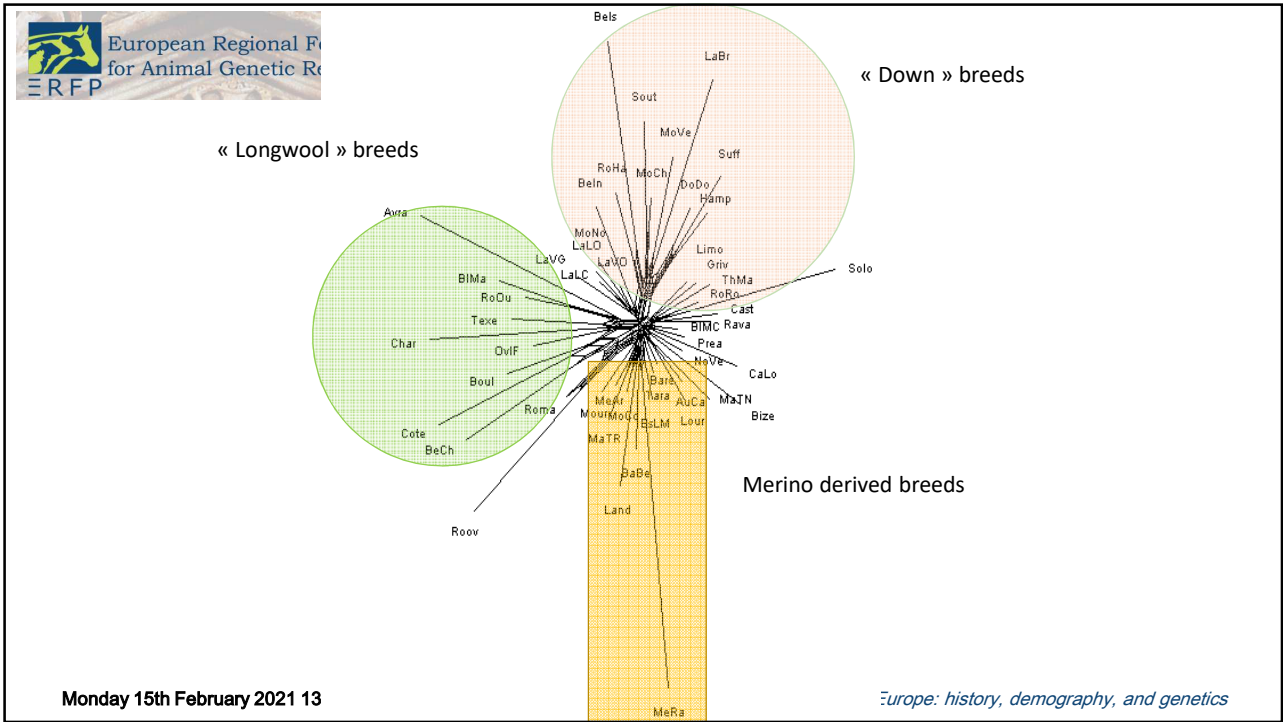
History

First importation of Spanish Merino: 1786 – 336 ewes and 42 rams from different lines

=> Set up experimental royal farms which are used as nucleus to improve the French breeds



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Food and non-food products and services

Arles:

Meat mostly, included in a “Label Rouge” (quality products)
Ecosystem services by grazing (mountains areas / ski slopes in summer)
Wool: from individual initiatives to a new collective brand (2018)

Est à Laine:

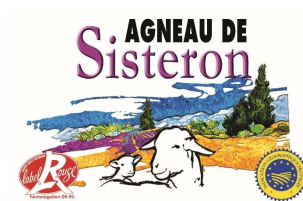
Meat mostly
Sale of F1 breeding stock

Précoce:

Individual initiatives : meat and /or wool

Rambouillet:

“Live” Museum !
Wool



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