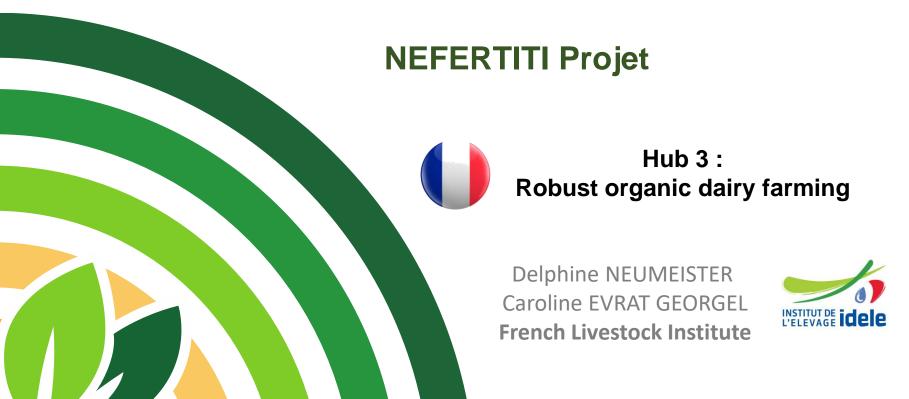




# Improving demonstration activities to foster change towards sustainable organic livestock farming



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# The H2020 NEFERTITI project





- **32** R&D partners
- **17** european countries
- 10 interactive thematic networks linked to livestock farming, field crops, horticulture, and the attractiveness of farming

# Objectives: improving the quality of demo activities



- → Stimulate the uptake of innovation by rural actors
- → Improve knowledge exchange and peer to peer learning
- Develop the connecting of agricultural networks across Europe



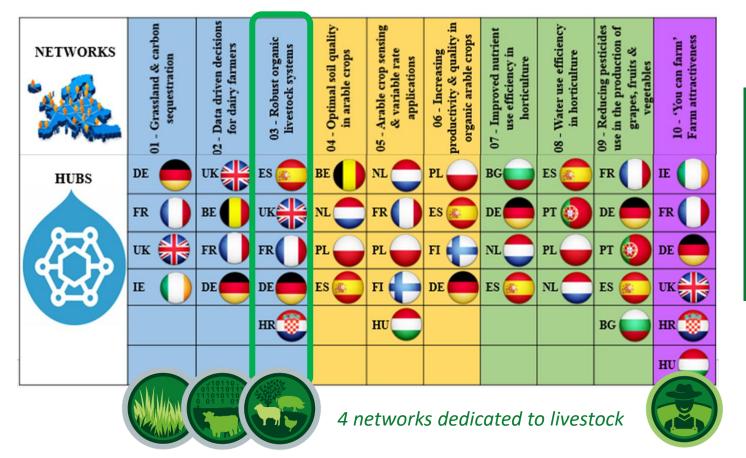
Contributing to a more competitive and sustainable agriculture

# 10 NETWORKS, divided into regional groups: the HUBs



Members of the hubs: farmers, advisors, trainers, researchers and policy makers Mission: to organise and improve the quality of demonstration activities

- →any event allowing an exchange between farmers and ecosystem actors
- →Ex: open days on farms, in experimental stations, technical days...



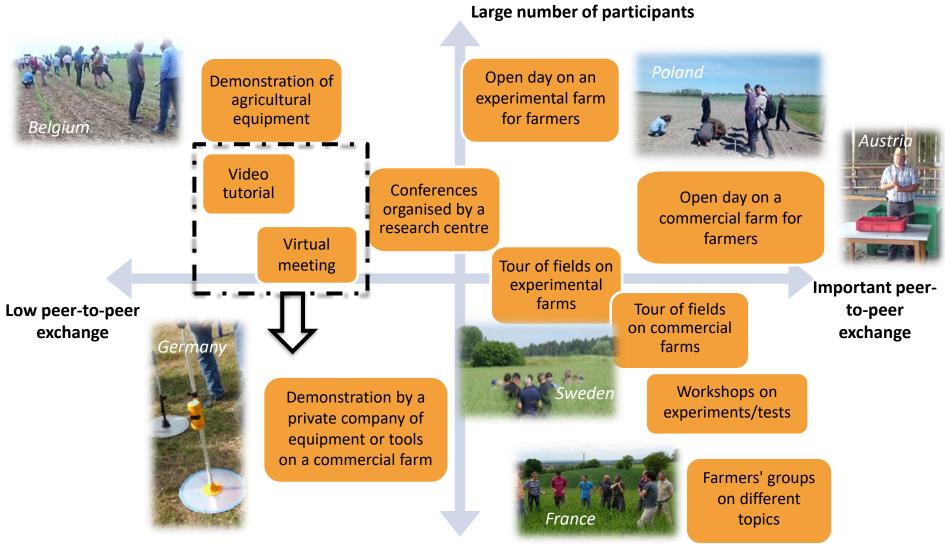
**3 CAMPAINS** 

780 demonstrations

45 000 participants

# **Diversity of demonstration activities**





Low number of participants

Source: Nefertiti, Agridemo, Plaid

#### Presentation of the French Hub on

# "Robust Organic Dairy Farming Systems"





Robust organic livestock systems







- → Perimeter : Brittany
- Coordination: Idele and Regional Chamber of Agriculture
- → Members: 6 organic dairy farmers and 4 organic field advisors
- → Actions: organise at least 15 demonstration activities on a given theme in 3 years (2019, 2020, 2021) (5/year)
  - → By benefiting from the tools created thanks to the project (from preparation to evaluation of the actions)
  - → By sharing the learnings with its European network, notably through annual cross visits

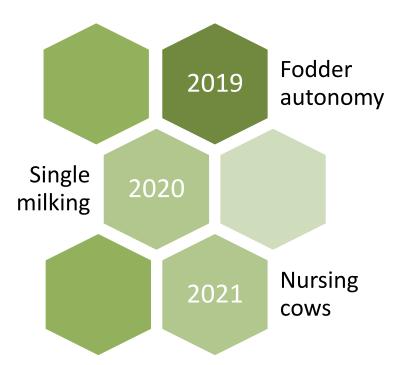
# Demonstration actions for the French organic hub: events organised and work themes



- Diversified formats of events:
  - Some in small groups to maximise peer-to-peer exchange.
  - Others for a large on-farm audience to maximise awareness and knowledge transfer through on-farm visualisation.

#### Work themes :

 Topics systematically chosen according to the expectations of the hub's farmers, in order to meet the needs of the field



# **Demonstration actions for the French organic hub: Overview of events**

#### ⇒ Description of the farms and calendar of events online



| Year   |   | 2019       | 2020       | 2021          |  |
|--|---|------------|------------|---------------|--|
| Nb of demo<br>events                               | Physical event                              |            | 4          | 4             |  |
|  | Virtual event                               | -          | 1          | 1             |  |
| Nature of<br>events<br>(number of<br>participants) | Visit of an experimental farm               | 1<br>(190) | -          | -<br><u>1</u> |  |
|  | Open day on a farm                          | 4<br>(380) | 3<br>(290) | 4 (213)       |  |
|  | Agricultural fair                           |            |            |               |  |
|  | Wébinaire followed by debate (virtual)      | -          | 1<br>(185) | 1<br>(180)    |  |
|  | Workshop debate during the « organic week » | -          | 1<br>(7)   | -             |  |
|  | TOTAL démo events                           | 570        | 485        | 400           |  |
|  | Total network cross visit                   | 15         | 50         | 50            |  |



**Cross visit** 















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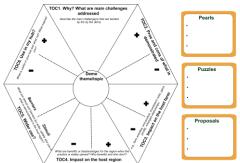


#### Main successes and lessons learned

# Collective learning at all levels of the project

- ... in the thematic networks
  - Key skills through the materials created and the exchanges
  - ➤ In particular the "soft skills": facilitation, communication, organisation...
- ...through the cross visits
  - Highly appreciated by farmers and organisers
  - > Strong "cross-fertilisation" between countries
- ...in the hubs
  - Peer to per exchange as a central element of a demonstration event
  - Evaluation as a means to improve the quality of the demo









# **Demonstration actions for the French organic hub:**



#### Main successes and lessons learned

# Maintaining a real cohesion within the hub, thanks to :

- A dynamic facilitation
- Regular and constructive exchanges
- Phases of debate and capitalisation on technical subjects

# > Development of virtual demos to adapt to the Covid-19 pandemic:

- A high level of reactivity to cope with the sudden cessation of face-toface meetings
- Technical uncertainties (handling of online platforms, connection problems, etc.)
- But an increase in skills for farmers as well as the facilitators and operators

#### Focus on virtual demos:



# A learning solution in times of health crisis

- Virtual demos as a « Plan A »
  - To be more inclusive and reach different populations (youth, women, geographically isolated populations)
  - > To reach a wide audience (international)
  - > To make up for a lack of budget (reduce travel costs, accommodation, etc.)
  - To respect hygiene rules (visit to risky farms or laboratories, pandemic...)

# > The 6 steps to organising a virtual demo are described in the guide





# Demonstration actions for the French organic hub:



# The main margins of progress

- > Evaluation and impact of demonstration activities:
  - Difficult to know what participants learn and what they will put into practice on their farms
    - → Better take into account the impact of the demonstration activities
    - → Improve the satisfaction questionnaire with more specific questions on impact
  - Lack of follow up
    - → Continue the technical discussion through **organized professional training sessions** with participants in the demo actions
- Anticipating the logistical organisation, an essential prerequisite for the smooth running of a demonstration action, in particular:
  - Upstream communication to reach the target audience
  - No "over-anticipating" given the sanitary context to avoid cancellations and rescheduling of events

# **Notable and structuring productions**

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# for the organisation of demonstration days

Consequent support for this digital transition, with the publication of methodological guides and the training of project members









# Want to learn more? Consult our guide available in all EU National languages!

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## **Training kit**

https://trainingkit.farmdemo.eu/





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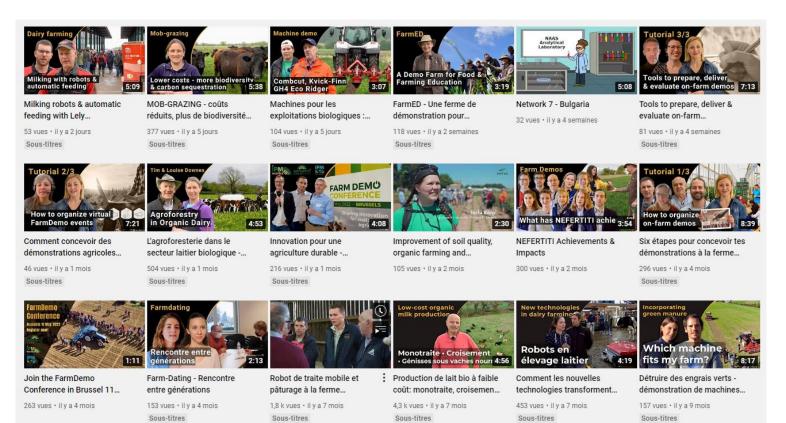


#### FarmDemo Video channel

- Fed by contributions from each hub
- Videos produced by a professional

















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