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A stakeholder platform to disseminate results from SMARTER project

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Abstract

SMARTER (SMAll RuminanT breeding for Efficiency and Resilience) is an H2020 EU multi-actor project, whose global objective is to use new and collaborative strategies to improve resilience and efficiency of the sheep and goat sectors at the animal, population/breed and system/farm levels. A dedicated work package aims to maximize the impact of the project by optimizing the dissemination and the exploitation of the results. To meet this goal, a stakeholder platform has been constructed, including the more relevant organizations that may help to undertake the ambition of exploiting the results at the best. The objective of this paper is to present the stakeholder platform, how it was built and the role and expected actions which were adopted during its first meeting in 2019 in Edinburgh.

The stakeholder platform of the SMARTER project includes so far 30 organizations which represent the end-users of the project's results. The stakeholder platform comprises (i) national stakeholders, chosen among a list proposed by the partners, (ii) trans-national stakeholders, mainly policy makers linked with European bodies, and (iii) stakeholders support of the project. The list of stakeholders is flexible and may be regularly updated when new organizations apply. During a specific meeting held in Edinburgh in November 2019, the different stakeholders had the opportunities to introduce themselves and express their expectations from the project and the consortium. Basically, the stakeholder platform will be consulted regularly during the project to guide the participatory research and ensure SMARTER outputs are applicable. In addition to the stakeholder platform itself, the network of scientists and practitioners organizations provided by EAAP and ICAR, responsible for this action, will give a wide audience and access for the dissemination of the results.

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