## **European Milk Recording : An European Economic Interest Grouping of Milk Recording Organizations**

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## **Abstract**

Milk Recording Organization from European Countries (Belgium, Germany, UK, Ireland, Luxembourg, France and Austria) worked together with research teams through an European project called OptiMIR. The goal of OptiMIR was to use the MIR spectral data from the milk recording in mathematical models to provide the decision making tools (energy balance, acidosis, ketosis,...). The Milk Recording Organizations involved in OptiMIR decide to create an European Economic Interest Grouping called "EUROPEAN MILK RECORDING" or EMR to go further in their collaboration.

EMR represents 5.7 millions of recorded cows.

The purpose of the grouping is to facilitate or develop the economic activities of its members. The mains activities of EMR are today:

- to maintain continued the spectral data standardization
- to host and maintain the transnational database;
- to regularly upgrade the OptiMIR models
- to disseminate standardization service and OptiMIR models in other countries
- to develop new research and development
- to represent its members to manufacturers (robots, sensors,...) and to European Institutions

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