

**AUDITING FIVE SPANISH BEEF  
CATTLE BREEDERS'  
ASSOCIATIONS FOR THE  
ICAR  
CERTIFICATE OF QUALITY:  
EXPERIENCES OF AN  
AUDITOR**

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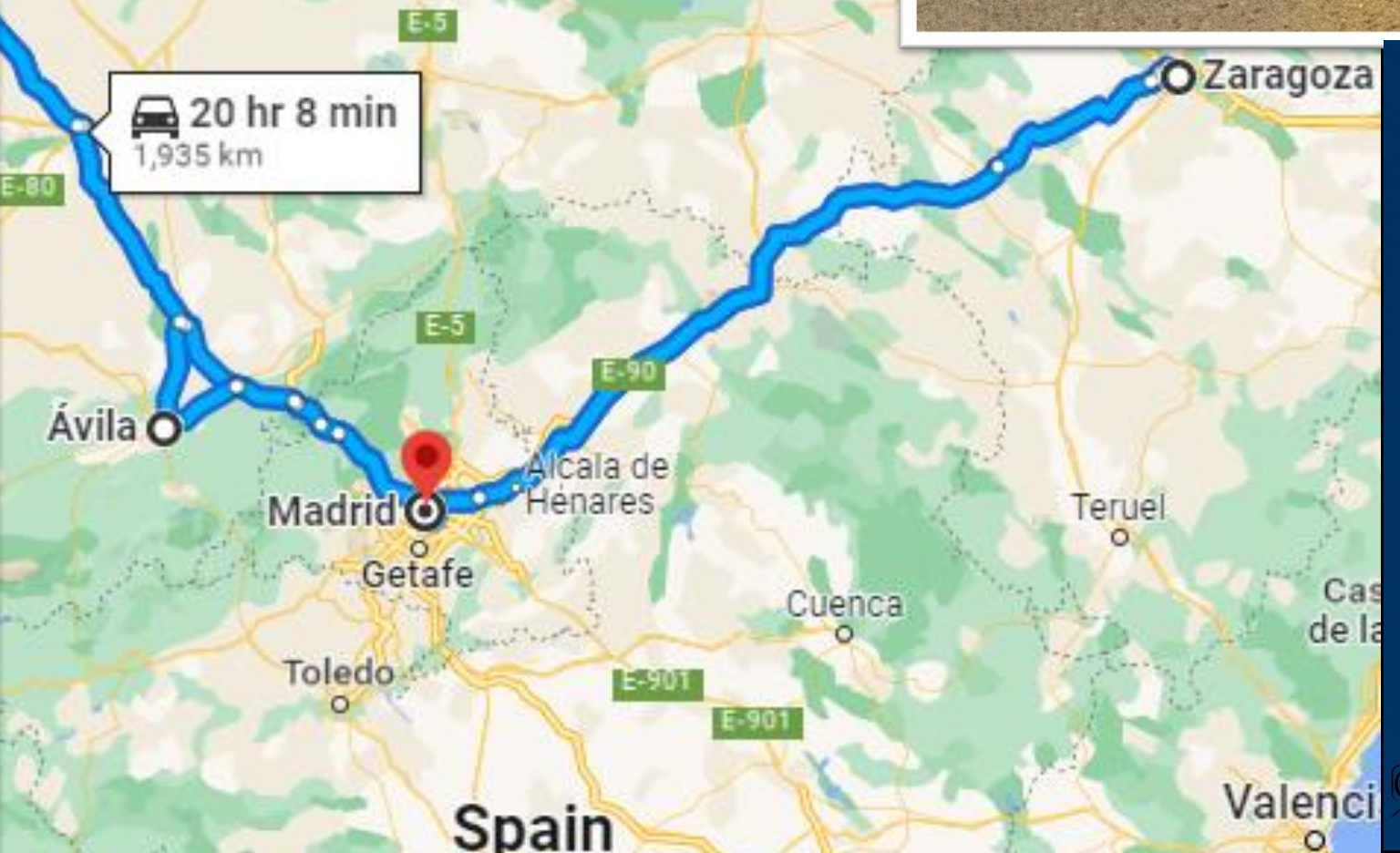
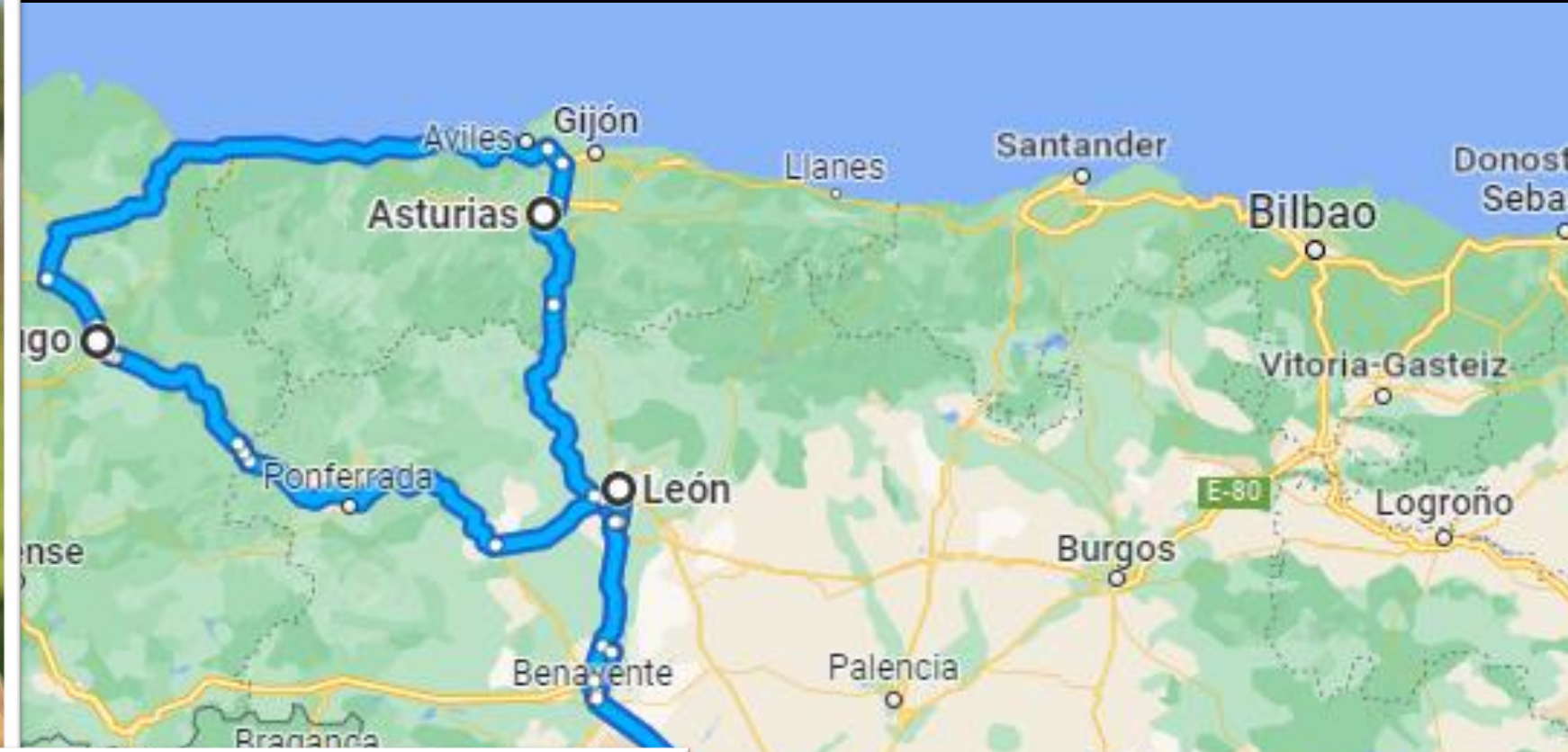




DIPUTACION GENERAL DE ARAGON  
CENTRO DE SELECCION Y REPRODUCCION ANIMAL









# Background history

- Eight Breeders' Associations applied for CoQ in 2020
  - Animal Identification (Cattle)
  - Beef Recording (Cattle)
  - Herdbook Recording
  - Conformation Recording
  - Data Processing and
  - Genetic Evaluation (Beef Cattle)
- Questionnaires completed & Zoom interviews Nov 2020 & May 2021 (Covid-19 restrictions) **Interim Report**
- **Visiting Audit** for five Associations: **November 2021**



# Associations visited

- Araparda Parda de Montaña
- Acruga Rubia Gallega
- Aseava Asturiana de los Valles
- Aecrani Avileña-Negra Ibérica
- Ferpam Parda de Montaña  
(Spanish Mountain Brown Breed)



# Observations & Experiences

- EU regulations Animal ID: compliance with ICAR guidelines.
- Personnel & breeders enthusiastic, diligence, experienced and vision.
- Measurement & recording: ICAR A, B and C (mixed).
- Differences in cooperation & integration -> skills, experience & facilities.
- Success -> integrating breeding objectives & consumer preference & market.



# Observations & Experiences (continue)

- Core of highly skilled & experienced geneticists, important role: genetic evaluations (& genomic information).
- Frequency GE: more efficient selection practices.
- Female fertility traits & selection indices expansion.
- Bull evaluation and semen distribution to accelerate genetic progress.
- Generally good governance, enthusiasm & active participation from board members.



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# Philosophy

ICAR CoQ value to participate

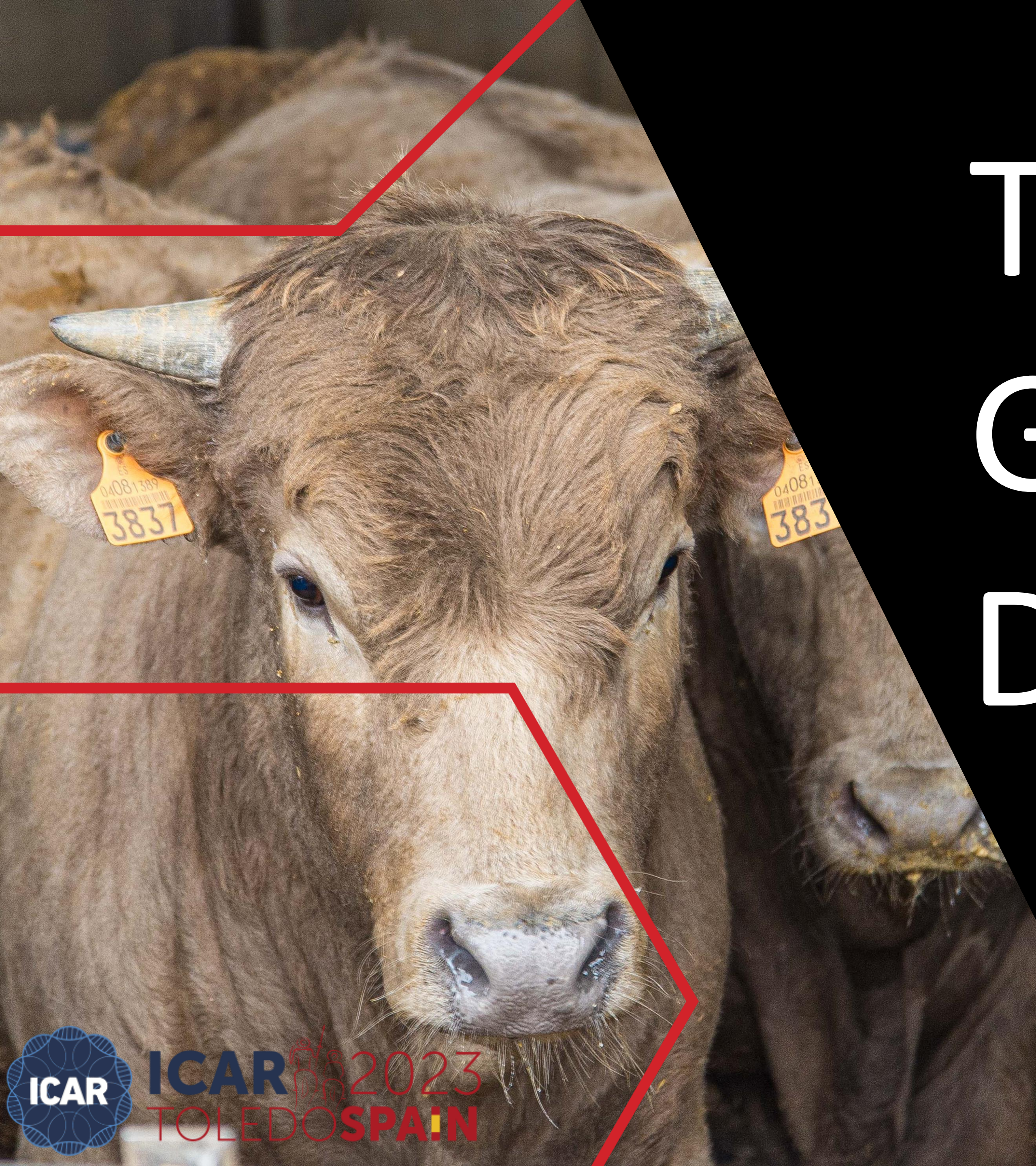
Benchmarking recording practices

Exchange of:  
Knowledge  
Experience  
Vision

Networking (local & international)  
Resource sharing  
Reporting & Documents  
Data submission & exchange  
Training & Education  
Higher level breeding practices







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