



PASTINNOVA – Innovative models for sustainable future of Mediterranean pastoral systems

Deliverable Title:

A “LIVING LAB” FOR EXPLORING SOME OPERATIONAL LEVERS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A REVIVAL STRATEGY FOR ANIMAL PRODUCTION AND PASTORALISM IN CORSICA

A synthesis of the activities held in from January 2024 to March 2025

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Objectives

The objective of the joint approach led by the ODARC (Regional Agricultural Office), the Chamber of Agriculture, and INRAE was to produce some structuring, operational, concrete, and unifying proposals for the preservation and revival of livestock farming in Corsica, including in its pastoral dimension. The implementation of these proposals is a contribution to the livestock public strategy in Corsica and must meet the expectations of all stakeholders, as well as engage them.

This partnership was organized as a Living Lab, relying on a group of 25 to 30 contributors-actors, selected by the partners and working in groups or subgroups.

Procedures and method

In 3 stages

1. SHARE the positive, negative, emerging, findings, on the basis of a Questioning Report previously established by the partners, and documented by them.
2. AGREE on the areas in which the proposals should be made, and on the priority issues, in the short and long term, to which they should respond.
3. COLLECT the proposals, sort, prioritize, check their strategic support (who should do what, with what means, in which area), check their overall coherence, discuss the strategic thread that emerges.
4. DISCUSS and AGREE, in a final document on the proposals to be discussed and validated collectively, always under the responsibility of the three pilot partners.



The several steps

November – December 2023

- Development of a pragmatic operational agenda on livestock farming in Corsica without opposing pastoral and non-pastoral livestock farming
- Animation and Assistance to Project Management entrusted to ACADIE Consultancy

1st quarter 2024

- Collection of a documentary corpus on the situation of livestock farming in Corsica
- Interview with around ten livestock farming professionals in Corsica
- A convergence on the diagnosis: The future of livestock farming in Corsica is in question and radical changes are necessary in the methods for supporting and accompanying this activity

April – October 2024

- Organization of a first working meeting with 27 livestock stakeholders from most of the organizations involved in livestock activities (May 29, 2024)
- Confirmation of the diagnosis and a shared awareness of the seriousness of the situation and its challenges
- The interventions of the various stakeholders are mainly questions and demands addressed to the public authorities and in particular to the National Authorities and some calls to define new priorities but with few operational proposals. Improving the attractiveness of livestock farming activities (supporting the projects of future breeders) and the conditions of fodder autonomy and land release appear as priority themes.
- At the end of this meeting, it is proposed to work in parallel in four directions, with written documents produced to serve as a basis for moving forward before the following sequence:
 - ✓ Gather known strategic proposals for livestock farming, cross-reference them, highlighting areas of convergence, the debates they open, and the further developments they require in light of the evolving situation;
 - ✓ Bring together local support engineering resources and services for livestock farmers to consider ways to optimize and converge them.
 - ✓ Establish a reflective assessment of incentive actions, support operations, and public interventions, their success, and potential bottlenecks.
 - ✓ Defining a territorialized framework for a real mobilization in favor of livestock farming (municipalities, inter-municipalities, local initiatives).

November – December 2024

- Presentation of the several syntheses, the main documents on the strategic framework and the perspectives they open up - Assessment of the number of installations of new farms- Progress in the identification of the inventory of services - Identification of possible measures
- Discussion on the priority proposals to be explored in depth, their urgency and the agenda
- An agreement on the need to implement a pragmatic experimental test approach; 3 main themes are stated with possible additional emergency measures; For each theme, we have organized small working groups including both experts and identified stakeholders who will be asked to help design the final proposals:
 - 1- Explore how to meet the specific training and support needs of project leaders for the installation and development of livestock farming in Corsica and identify possible test systems;
 - 2- Identify the levers, difficulties and decisions to be taken to help make land release possible, particularly at the territorial level;
 - 3- Explore with the actors of some test territories how the intersection between sector strategies and territorial projects could make it possible to consider territorialized interventions and answering the challenges of livestock farming by relying on the dynamics already at work.

January-March 2025

- ✓ Exchanges and interactions on training, supports and the land issues
- ✓ Organization of a meeting with representatives of local communities
- ✓ Formalization of the first proposals

Some comments and final outputs

Implementing the strategies adopted for livestock farming in Corsica is not a simple matter. Managing this complexity is neither reassuring nor comfortable and requires a rethinking of all our practices. In these troubled times of profound and rapid change at all levels, this complexity requires us to imagine truly innovative approaches that are not simply a replica of previous practices. Beyond the constant reaffirmation by all stakeholders (and the farmers themselves) of their commitment to support livestock farming and pastoralism, what do they want and what can they implement? This challenge concerns all stakeholders, not just the political level.

The difficulties of a consensual approach, should not be underestimated which leads us to reposition the system by favoring a pragmatic and exploratory stance designed to open up new possibilities rather than provide definitive solutions, and big plans, which does not turn its back on the expression of diverse points of view.

The partners will have to report and discuss all these elements to the initial group of stakeholders and then communicate our proposals to the authorities of the Regional Corsican Authorities, the existing think tank¹, and the National Administration.

Jean-Paul Dubeuf
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¹ CESEC - Economic, Social, Environmental and Cultural Council of Corsica



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Conclusion

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