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#### Mitigating climate impact of small ruminants through innovative feeding approaches

Applying a circular feeding approach based on Mediterranean agro-products with bio-active properties

- Minimize small ruminants' climate impact
- Improve animal health
- Upgrade agro-industrial waste into high value feed products

#### THE PROBLEM

serious problem, causing reduced productivity, ailing health and essitating regular drug use. Ubiquitous gastrointestinal tract pathogens thus drive methane yields through causing inefficiencies netabolism and the gut microbiome.

sumer demands for ecologic farming systems, the use of active forages and feed additives as novel solutions to mitigate oth GHG emissions and parasite load is very timely.



by-products can play a key rote in reducing GHG emission white increasing animal's health and productivity. bioactive livestock feeds in pellet form, optimizing re ment through higher feed efficiency and reducing "food-miles".





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# **Conferences/ Exhibitions Life MiCliFeed participated**





Beneficiaries from HAO-VRI, AUA and Daskofeed represented Life MiClifeed at Zootecchnia exhibition event, Thessaloniki, Greece, on 2-5th February 2023.





Beneficiaries from HAO-VRI presented Life MiCliFeed at Innodays, **Heraklion**, **Crete on 25-27th November 2022.** 

HAO-VRI presented Life MiCliFeed in a daily event about carob, held in **Rethymno**, **Crete**, **on October 10th 2022**.







UNINA team participated at the 14th National Congress of Italian Society of Pathology and Breeding of Sheep and Goats (SIPAOC) at **Viterbo**, on 22-23rd February 2023 where Life MiCliFeed projects was presented.



UNINA presented Life MiCliFeed at the 36th edition of "Futuro Remoto" in Naples, on November 25-27th 2022.



Kreavet presented LifeMicliFeed at 10th BSPP Annual Scientific Meeting, held in Leuven, **Belgium on November 10th.** 

INRAE beneficiaries
participated
at the "Carrefour
de l' Innovation
Agronomique (CIAG),
held in Nancy,
on January 26th 2023.



INRAE beneficiaries participated at "Salon de l' Agriculture" held in **Paris, on March 4-5th 2023.** 

# **Annual meeting**

among Life MiCliFeed beneficiaries was held in Naples, on October 13th-14th.



# **Leaflet designed**

as a dissemination material and a deliverable for Life MiCliFeed





# **Actions in progress**



- In vitro studies on GHG emissions FRANCE, ITALY
- Anthelmintic efficacy in vitro studies FRANCE, GREECE, ITALY
- Chemical analysis of the by-products GREECE
- Estimation of GHG emissions from enteric fermentation BELGIUM





# **Kreavet**

### BENEFICIARIES' PRESENTATION



# **JOHANNES CHARLIER**

Johannes Charlier (DVM, PhD, Dip. EVPC) is a veterinary scientist and managing director of the animal health research & consulting agency Kreavet, which he founded to contribute in developing sustainable animal health solutions in the context of climate change, altering animal husbandry practices and drug resistance. He obtained a PhD in veterinary sciences from Ghent University. His research contributions were published in > 90 scientific publications and were subject of 2 international awards. Johannes takes part in several international research and coordination initiatives (e.g. DISCONTOOLS, STAR-IDAZ IRC) and was chair of the COST Action COMBAR "Combatting Anthelmintic Resistance in Ruminants" (2017-2022).

# **TONG WANG**

Tong has extensive experience in applied research, with a major focus in parasite epidemiology. He completed his PhD in veterinary parasitology at University of Bristol in 2015. Before joining Kreavet, he worked as a postdoctoral researcher in Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and University of Calgary for 5 years. His work in the UK and Canada has involved significant interactions with livestock farmers through planning and conducting field research. Tong has managed multiple research projects and consistently delivered high-quality results



which have resulted in numerous peer-review publications and conference presentations. He has a strong background in pasture risk assessment with predictive modeling.



# **ALISTAIR ANTONOPOULOS**

Alistair graduated from the University of Glasgow, School of Veterinary Medicine, and completed a post-doctoral project at the University of Glasgow School of Biodiversity, One Health, and Comparative Medicine. He developed novel molecular diagnostics for anthelmintic resistance, and elucidated resistance markers in the model parasitic nematode *Haemonchus contortus*. Alistair was part of the team that discovered and validated the first known SNP marker for levamisole resistance in H. *contortus*, and has developed several molecular diagnostic assays for H. *contortus* and a next-generation sequencing marker panel for *Ostertagia ostertagi* to aid in the sustainability of livestock production by improving anthelmintic resistance control.

In Kreavet, he is contributing to the conduct and development of multi-actor Horizon EU funded projects such as BioSecure, focused on improving biosecurity implementation within Europe for sustainable livestock production.



















