



European policy meeting Call for Stronger Action on Sustainable Parasite Control

A European policy outreach meeting held in 19th of November 2025 in COST Association Offices in Brussels brought together leading experts, policy makers, agency, and industry representatives to address the growing challenge of sustainable parasite control in livestock. The event was co-organised by the **LIFE miCLiFEED** and **ENVIRANT** projects, which convened stakeholders to advance coordinated European action. It highlighted the need for coordinated strategies to tackle rising antiparasitic resistance, maintain the protection of animal health and support resilient food systems across the EU.

The meeting underscored that resistance against antiparasitic drugs is advancing rapidly and already affecting animal well-being, productivity, and economic stability globally, including in several regions in the EU. It was also recognised that parasite control is importantly affected by climate change, and in the same time is a lever to work on climate mitigation via animal health. Participants stressed that effective long-term solutions require scientific innovation, improved surveillance, and harmonised policies across Member States.



FOUR MAJOR EU-SUPPORTED INITIATIVES SHOWCASED THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO SUSTAINABLE PARASITE MANAGEMENT

LIFE MiCLiFEED

(funded by LIFE
programme)
exploring climate-smart
feeding strategies that
reduce parasite risk
and improve animal
resilience

www.lifemiclifeed.eu

ENVIRANT (COST Action)

building a European
scientific network
to investigate the
environmental impact of
livestock antiparasitics and
promote coordinated
research

www.envirant.eu

SPARC Thematic Network

strengthening knowledge
transfer and collaboration
among farmers,
veterinarians, advisors
and researchers to
advance practical
parasite-control
innovations

www.wormsparc.com

ICRAD projects

delivering cross-border
research on animal
diseases, including
next-generation tools
for detection
of antiparasitic
resistance, monitoring,
and control

www.icrad.eu/call-3-projects/



Collectively, these initiatives as well as previous EU-funded projects demonstrate substantial EU investment in safeguarding animal health and accelerating sustainable practices in agriculture.

Speakers called for increased integration between research outcomes and policy design, noting that sustainable parasite control depends not only on new technologies but also on supportive regulation, incentives for best practices, and continued awareness among farmers and veterinarians.

The meeting concluded with a shared commitment to keep parasite control high on the European policy agenda and to promote solutions that align with environmental sustainability, food security, and animal welfare.