



Integrating innovative TECHNOLOGIES along the value Chain
to improve small ruminant welfare management



Synergies between TechCare, Sm@RT and ClearFarm

To increase synergies between projects and research about small ruminants and animal welfare, common sessions have been organised during two European Federation of Animal Science annual meetings; in Davos (Switzerland) in 2021, and in Lyon (France) in 2023. In Davos, the common session was with the Sm@RT project (www.smartplatform.network), an EU-funded thematic network seeking to encourage small ruminant farmers' uptake of digital technologies for farm management. That session was chaired by members of both consortia, with 8 presentations showcasing the projects. It was well attended, despite being hybrid due to the Covid 19 situation at the time. The other common session was held in Lyon with the ClearFarm project (www.clearfarm.eu). ClearFarm has been funded under the same EU call as TechCare and focus on precision livestock technologies to



improve welfare management of dairy cows and pigs. Their approach is very similar to the one in TechCare. The session held in Lyon was chaired by both projects' coordinators, and showcased results from pilots and large-scale studies, during 12 presentations. This session was particularly well attended, with over 100 people interested in both projects' findings. These common sessions at conferences are a useful way to engage with other topics and species, whilst looking a commonalities and synergies, and encourage a wider dissemination of results by capitalising on similar projects.



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