



Integrating innovative TECHnologies along the value Chain to improve small ruminant welfARE management

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TechCare takes part to EU Cluster DECIDE in Berlin

TechCare is a European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation project (grant no. 802050), involving nine countries – from Scandinavia to the Middle East –aiming to revolutionise the use of precision technologies in sheep and goat farming. Led by Scotland's Rural College (SRUC), TechCare is the biggest study of its kind for small ruminants and is focusing on improving management of welfare using digital technologies.

On 25th March 2025, TechCare was invited by the Horizon 2020 EU project DECIDE (data-driven control and prioritisation of non-EU-regulated contagious animal diseases: www.decideproject.eu) to take part to their Animal Health Cluster event. This networking event was focused on animal disease surveillance and farm data sharing. It brought together the scientific community from EU-funded projects to foster collaboration, share knowledge, and tackle key challenges in animal health and welfare. The event focused on 2 main topics, 1) Data access & re-use for animal disease surveillance tools, and 2) Data-driven tools and stakeholder behaviour.

It had been a success, TechCare had been part of a group of participants from the projects <u>BIOSECURE</u> <u>aWISH</u>, <u>Digi4Live</u>, <u>Doorcas Africa</u> (<u>Start Accelerator '25</u>) and <u>Complexity Science <u>Hub</u></u>, who, together with the members of DECIDE, exchanged experiences and insights with projects' presentations and interactive group discussions.

We presented TechCare, its aims and objectives, and how the project has dealt with data sharing and stakeholders' engagement. This helped for the afternoon workshops, which both focused on critical topics: data management practices in the animal health community, and stakeholders' needs, in particular innovations and desired users' behaviours.

A very insightful day of exchanges during this Cluster event!

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Cluster event participants in Berlin