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... not just 'any plan'

'Minimising medicine use in organic dairy herds through animal health and welfare planning'

11 partners from 7 countries
(application: 14 partners from 8 countries)

The project is about ...

- Animal welfare assessment
- Animal health and welfare plans
- Communicating with farmers about animal health and welfare (Farmer groups / Stable Schools)

Improved health and welfare => minimising medicine use

Documenting / describing that it works
Partner collaboration
Motivations

• Organic => common goals now going for more than our own close environment
• Network experiences (NAHWOA + SAFO): Identification of partners
• Use existing knowledge better: synergy
  – The benefit of being challenged by others
  – The benefit of being able to challenge others
  – Being stimulated to use own existing knowledge in on-farm research and development
• End-products become more robust because it has been adjusted to different settings => their principles become more sharp and clear

Partner collaboration
Starting point

• Most partners know each other (very well) from previous network projects
• Well implemented research methodology in all institutions – quite similar ‘working culture’ between institutions
• Our common facilities: THE FARMS
  – Ph.D.students exchange
  – Workshops with farm visits
From Ugandan Farmer Field Schools (adjusted to Uganda) to Danish Stable Schools ... now to be discussed in CORE partner countries

On farm research & development

Strong links to end-user environments

=>>>> many carriers to carry it out to where we hope it will be used

=>>>> action research type of development: tested and discussed along the way =>>> fewer 'surprises' in implementation process and can work under different conditions
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Animal health and welfare plans

Communicating with farmers about animal health and welfare
(Farmer groups / Stable Schools)

Rule number 1: see the advantage of chaos and use the synergy

Enormous ressource base of experience and data...
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Diversity in conditions and needs is fully exposed: all things have been handled by the end

JUST DO NOT LOOSE OVERVIEW !!!
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- First training in Austria in ’sub-group’