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Understanding microbiomes of the ruminant holobiont

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THE ECOGEN CLUSTER 2025
CREATING SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES
IN ANIMAL PRODUCTION

STAKEHOLDER EVENT BRUSSELS 2025



26TH NOVEMBER



**UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION,
BRUSSELS, BELGIUM**



14:00PM

**THEMATICS: EARLY LIFE, MICROBIOME
AND METHANE MITIGATION
AND TRANSITION COWS**



The Holoruminant project is delighted to invite stakeholders from research, industry, and policy to join a dedicated event in Brussels. This half-day meeting will bring together experts and partners to exchange on critical themes shaping the future of sustainable ruminant production: early life, microbiome research, methane mitigation, and transition cows.

AGENDA

13:00	Networking Lunch
14:00	Welcome and Setting the Scene
14:15	Session on Early-Life of Calves
14:45	Session on Methane Mitigation
15:15	Session on Transition Cows
15:45	World-Café Style Workshop
16:30	Discussion
16:50	Closing Remarks
17:00	End

Why Attend the Holoruminant Stakeholder Event and Join the Platform



Sustainable ruminant production is moving fast—from microbiome-informed feeding to practical methane mitigation. This Brussels event is designed to help veterinarians, feed and feed additive producers, animal nutritionists, health and welfare experts, policymakers, and breeders turn the latest evidence into on-farm and policy action—with peers who can implement change.

What this event brings you:

Sharper decisions, sooner. Get concise updates on early-life management and microbiome development, methane mitigation, and transition cow, distilled for people who make real-world choices about health, feed, breeding, and policy.

Practical takeaways you can use next week. Expect clear “apply now / pilot next / validate further” guidance—formulated with input from practitioners and regulators. Cross-sector alignment. Bring your perspective and leave with a shared understanding of what “good” looks like across veterinary practice, nutrition, breeding, welfare, and policy.

A fast route from research to practice. Meet researchers behind current results and explore how to trial or scale solutions in your context—without reinventing the wheel. Networking that matters. Structured small-group conversations (World-Café style) help you find partners for trials, data sharing, funding applications, or joint communications.



What you'll take home

Early-life & microbiome: How neonatal management, colostrum strategies, and microbiome trajectories influence lifetime health, productivity, and welfare—and what to prioritise.

Methane mitigation: The state of play on feed, additives, and management levers (including microbiome-driven strategies), plus practical considerations for cost, efficacy, and monitoring.

Transition Cows: How to connect rumen and faecal microbes to metabolic triad challenges in transition cows

Implementation toolkit: Checklists, discussion outputs, and contacts to support on-farm pilots, advisory services, procurement/specification, or policy development.

Who will benefit most

- **Veterinarians:**

Update advisory protocols with evidence-based on early-life; connect with nutrition and breeding counterparts for integrated herd plans.

- **Feed & additive producers/manufacturers:**

Stress-test product claims and trial designs with end-users and researchers; identify data needs to demonstrate value and compliance.

- **Animal nutritionists:**

Align ration strategies with microbiome and emissions objectives; compare practical trade-offs across feeds, additives, and management.

- **Health & welfare experts:**

Translate climate resilience and microbiome insights into welfare metrics and on-farm guidance.

- **Policymakers & standard-setters:**

Hear what is ready for scale, what needs validation, and how incentives or standards could unlock impact.

- **Breeders:**

Integrate early-life and transition cows priorities into selection decisions and communication with producers and advisors.

INTERNATIONAL STAKEHOLDER PLATFORM (ISP)

Keep the momentum: join the Holoruminant Stakeholder Platform

The event is a launchpad, not the finish line. By joining the Holoruminant Stakeholder Platform, you will:

- **Stay in the loop:** Access summaries, slides, and practical notes from the event and future activities.
- **Share and learn:** Post questions and case studies; see what peers are testing and how.
- **Find partners:** Match with farms, labs, advisors, and companies for pilots and data collaborations.
- **Shape the agenda:** Vote on topics, highlight gaps, and inform future workshops and guidance.
- **Get early invites:** Be first to hear about webinars, working groups, and funding-relevant opportunities.



WHY DO WE HAVE AN ISP?

In the evolving landscape of ruminant production, the International Stakeholder Platform (ISP) plays a vital role in microbiome applications for sector improvement. This collaborative effort brings together experts, policymakers, and industry representatives to share insights and tackle the sector's real-world challenges through open dialogue.



Stakeholders play a critical role in **maximising the project's impact**.



Through regular interactions, stakeholders assess the acceptance of microbiome-based innovations and **actively promote their adoption**.



They help disseminate innovations among potential end-users, **ensuring ground-breaking discoveries reach the field**.

**Join us
and make a
change together**

SIGN UP



CREATING SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES IN ANIMAL PRODUCTION: *THE ECOGEN CLUSTER*

HoloRuminant is proud to officially have launched the **EcoGen Cluster** in partnership with **Re-Livestock**, **3D'Omics**, **RUMIGEN**, and **GERONIMO**.

The cluster aims to create a diverse set of outcomes, datasets, standardised methods, and, ultimately, a knowledge foundation for innovation.

The first fact sheet introducing EcoGen and its goals available **here!**

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Beyond traditional Breeding



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