

HoloRuminant Stakeholder Event

When: Wednesday, 26 November 2025

Where: University Foundation, Brussels (Belgium)

Register (free):

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Note: The **Animal Task Force (ATF) 15th Seminar** takes place **the same morning at the same venue**; you may wish to attend both (separate registrations).

Why this matters

HoloRuminant is an EU multi-actor project linking ruminant microbiomes to **animal health and welfare**, **antimicrobial stewardship**, and **environmental performance (incl. methane)**. This session focuses on **cattle**, translating robust evidence into **practical levers** (colostrum/pre-weaning management, transition-cow support, nutrition strategies) and **pathways for uptake** (advice, breeding, feeding, diagnostics). Your input will help align future tools and guidance with policy needs and on-farm realities.

Time (CET)	Session	Speaker(s)	Notes
13:00–14:00	Free networking lunch (with ATF participants)	—	Upon registration
14:00–14:15	Welcome & setting the scene	Jarkko Niemi	Project overview + ice-breaker
14:15–14:45	Calf health & the microbiota: exploring early life to support life-long health and performance	Sabine Scully (UCD, Teagasc Walsh Scholar)	15' presentation + 15' Q&A
14:45–15:15	Connecting rumen and faecal microbes to metabolic triad challenges in transition cows	Prof. Veerle Fievez (Ghent University)	
15:15–15:45	Effect of extruded linseed on methane emissions and rumen microbiota under two basal diets	Joni Van Mullem (Ghent University & ILVO)	
15:45–17:00	Interactive workshop — priorities, adoption pathways & next actions	Jarkko Niemi	Stakeholder discussion & wrap-up

Who should attend: NGOs and platforms on animal health/welfare, veterinary and advisory bodies, breeding and feed sectors, policymakers, and researchers.