



Data-driven control and prioritisation of endemic contagious animal diseases

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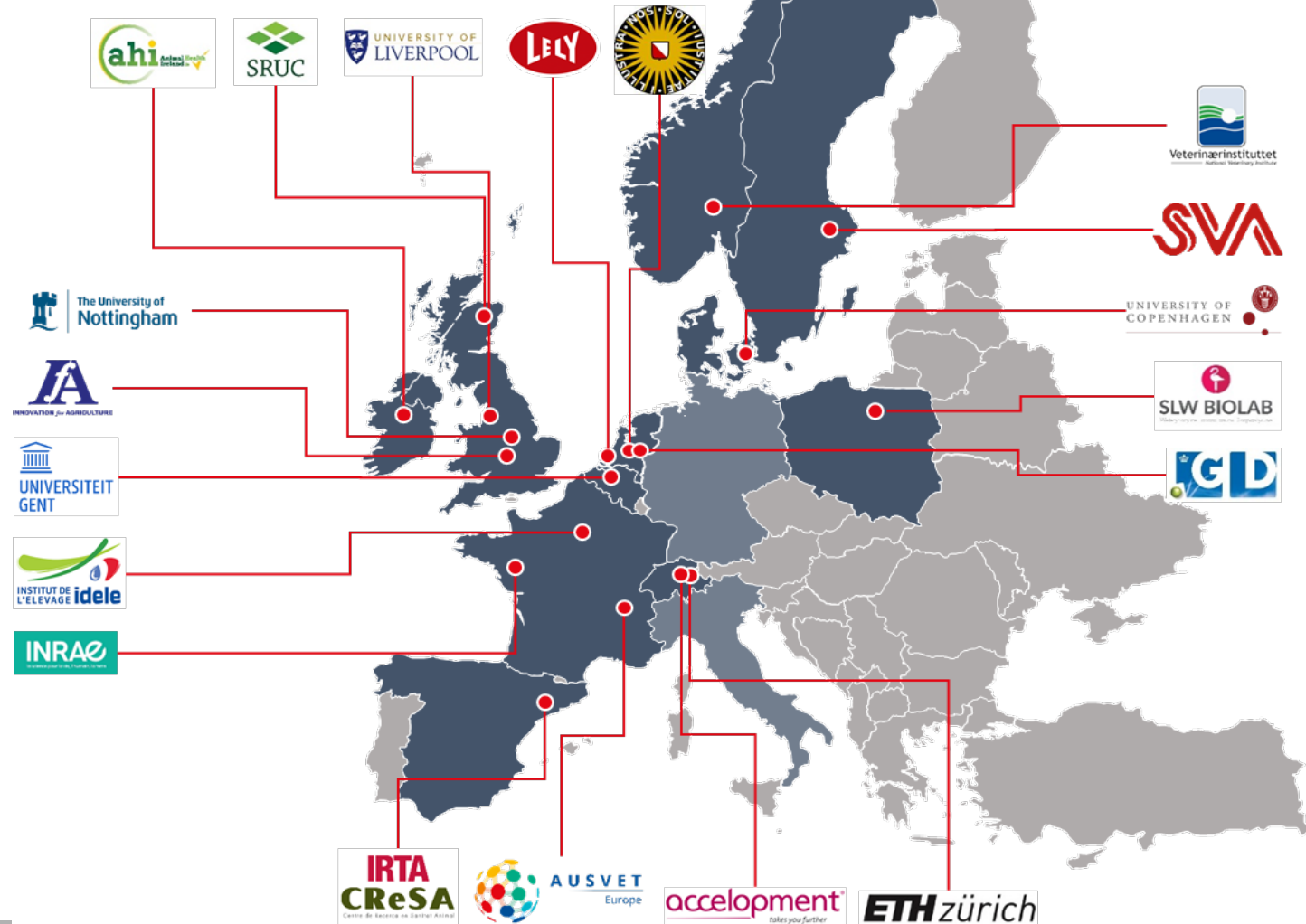




19 partners from 11 countries

The project

- July 1th 2021
- 5 years
- ~80 people



Goal

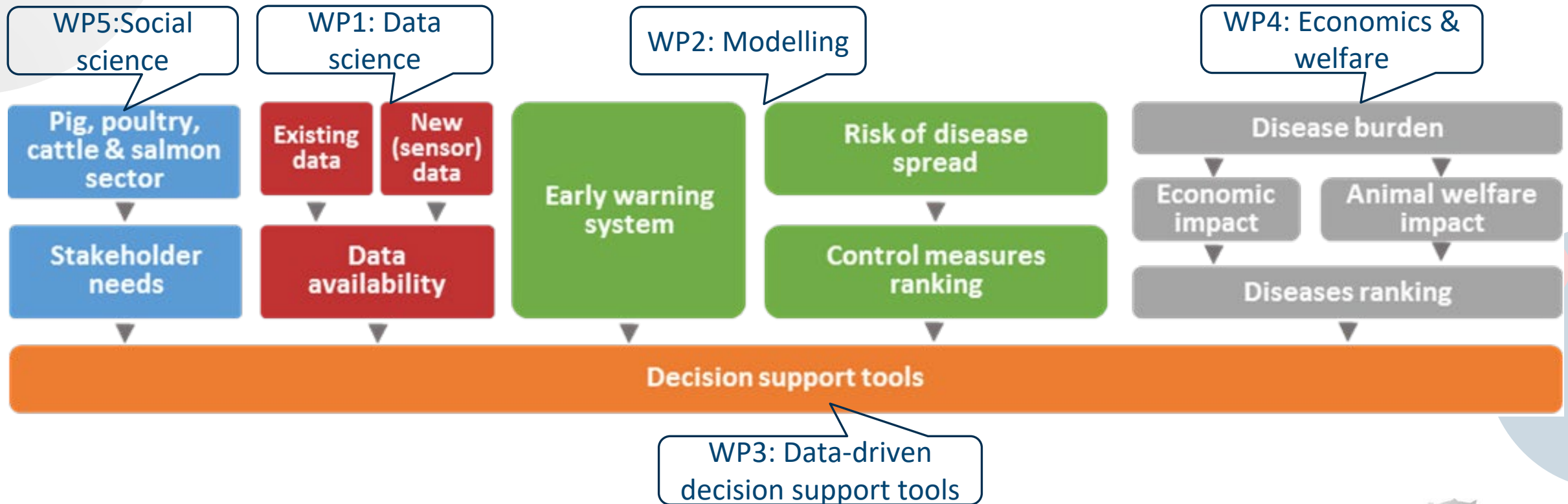
Develop data-driven decision support tools and workflows that enable farmers, veterinarians and other animal health and welfare managers to improve control of prevalent endemic contagious animal diseases based on a multidimensional burden of disease metric.



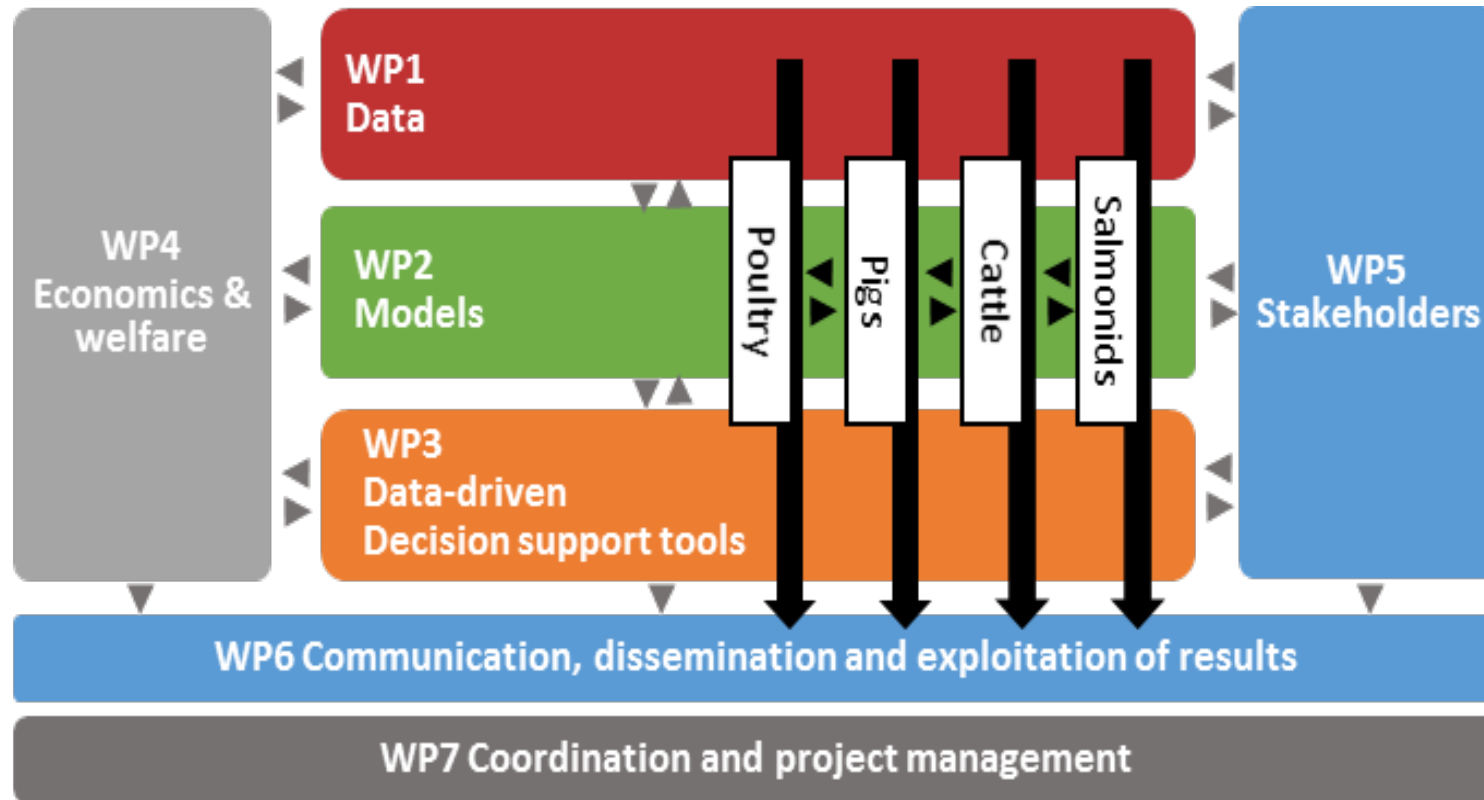
Focus

- Gastro-intestinal and respiratory tract infections of calves, pigs and poultry.
- Specific pathogens related to growth reduction and mortality in salmonids.
- Endemic diseases that
 1. may spread;
 2. have the highest impact;
 3. lead directly or indirectly to antimicrobial usage; and
 4. negatively influence the value chain.

Overall concept



Overall structure of the work plan.



Black arrows indicate the progress of the different species-specific decision-support tools through the WPs.





WP5 – Implementation and behavioural strategies for animal disease management

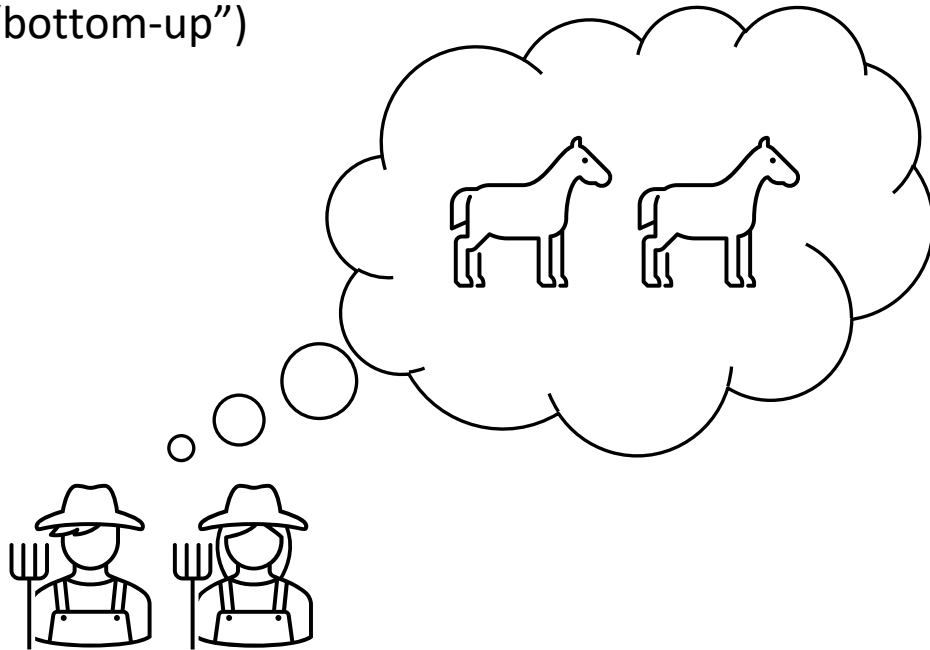
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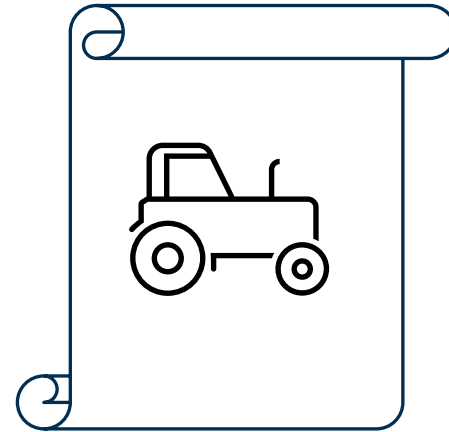


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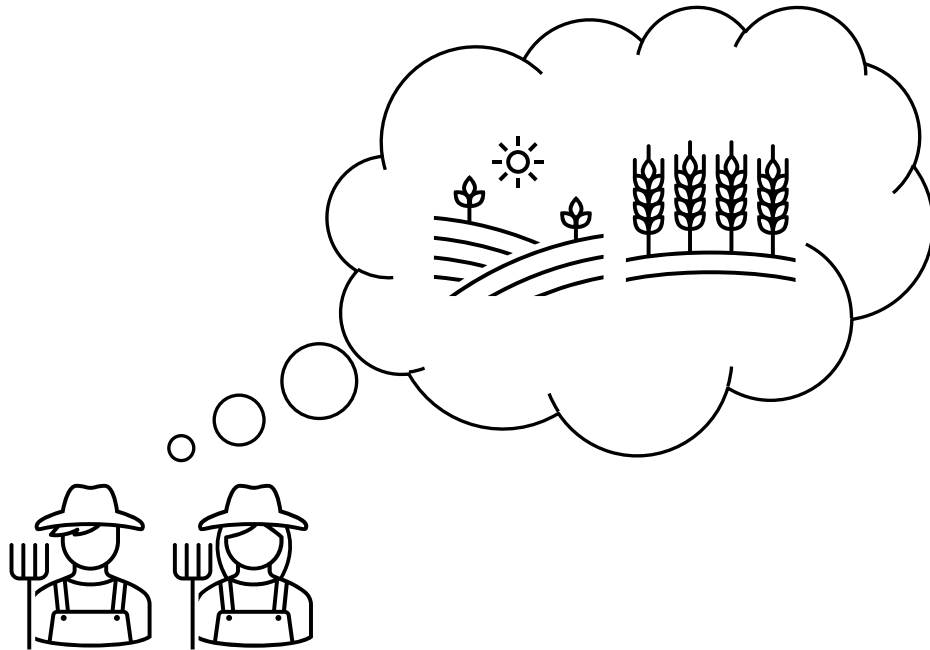


Providing farmers with innovation
("top-down")

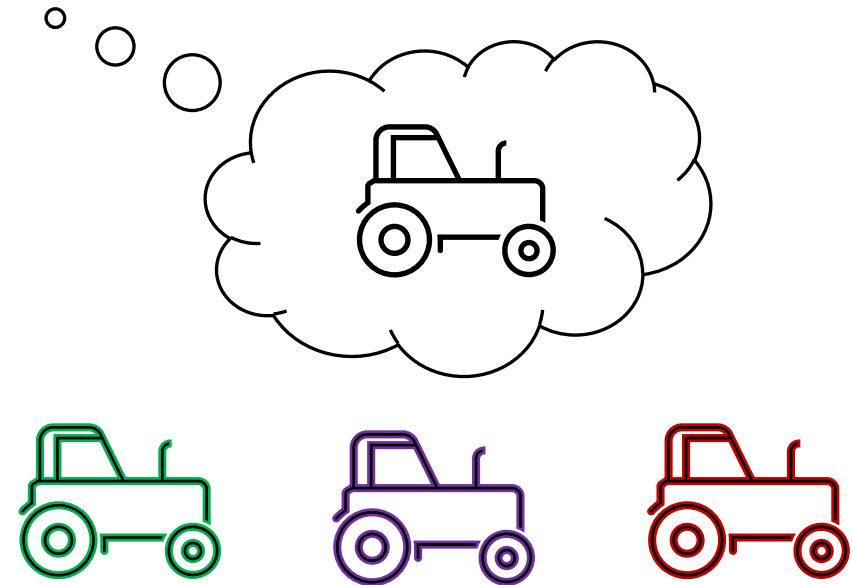


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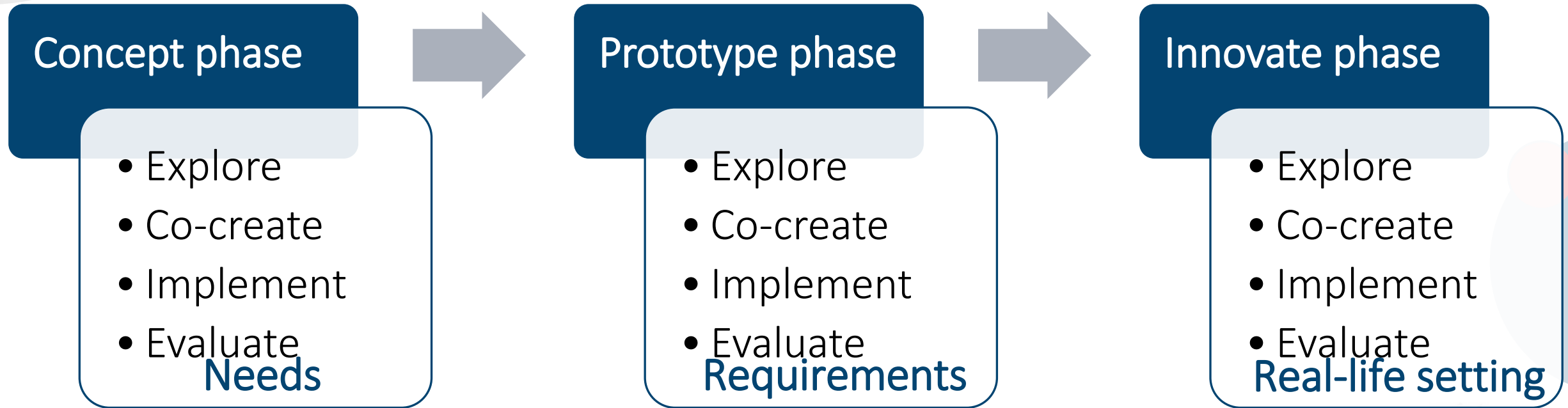


Asking farmers what they think of **concepts and prototypes**



Living Labs

An approach that guides the planning, execution and evaluation of a project in a user centred and co-creative manner





Work Package 1 - Data identification, characterisation and acquisition

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WP1 leader
WP1 co-leader



Objectives of WP1

Explore the different approaches for data access and data usage to support animal health via:

- Assess availability and suitability of data
- Develop a common ontology
- Develop and test alternate approaches for data access and define best practices

Development of alternate approaches for data access

Each of the alternative approaches will be documented, evaluated and discussed to develop guidelines and recommendations using the knowledge acquired during the project

Direct Data Sharing

- Default approach within DECIDE
- To be included in the evaluation and comparison of the alternative approaches

Centralized Data Exchange (Federated Querying)

- To be implemented from scratch for at least one pilot implementation

Privacy Preserving Data Analytics

- Federated Learning approach for privacy preservation
- Code-to-data instead of Data-to-code approach



WP2 - Methods for data analysis and modelling (to provide early warning signals)

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What is WP2 about?

- Multivariate and/or multi-level **dynamic monitoring models** that are generalizable to multiple cases (UCPH)
- Disease-specific **mechanistic models** to simulate pathogen spread and syndrome occurrence (INRAE)
- An **inference algorithm** to connect data and mechanistic models (INRAE)
- **Warning systems** based on both the monitoring and mechanistic models (UCPH)



WP4 - Multidimensional burden of disease metric and prioritization of interventions

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Tasks

- Determine the multidimensional burden of disease
- Loss and expenditure frontiers of the causes and risk factors of diseases
 - current levels of allocation
 - additional costs and benefits of interventions (e.g. vaccination, medicine, management).
- Relationship between health, diseases and welfare

GBADs





WP 3 - Integration of data tools in disease control programs

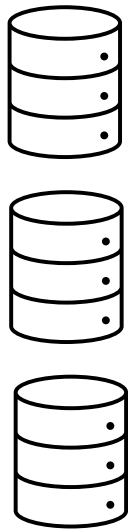
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Integration of data tools

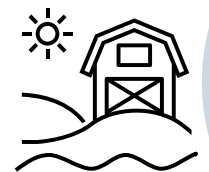
DATA



USERS



DECISIONS



Concluding remarks

- The DECIDE project integrates science with practise
 - Sound science
 - Innovative tools for different users
- Prioritizing diseases and control measures for policy and research agenda's
 - Ranking infectious endemic diseases
 - Ranking interventions
- Better control of endemic infectious diseases is an important pillar of sustainable animal production



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