



Additional activity: Kick-off project seminar 18 November 2020 Online meeting

Evaluation of the seminar

1 – Introduction

On the 18th November 2020 the Kick-off project seminar of the selected research and innovation projects funded via the 2018 Joint call of the three ERA-NETs SusAn, FACCE ERA-GAS and ICT-AGRI 2 took place. During the last year eight research consortia started their project within the call on “Novel technologies, solutions and systems to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions of animal production systems”. The coordinators of the selected projects provided insight into their ongoing research and their dissemination activities.

After the welcome word of Elke Saggau coordinator of the ERA-NET SusAn, Frank O’Mara coordinator of the ERA-NET FACCE ERA-GAS and Niels Gotke, coordinator of the former ERA-NET ICT-AGRI 2, we started the seminar with the very informative presentation of **Kerstin Rosenow from DG AGRI on R&I as key enablers for Farm to Fork Strategy**.

Following the welcome & introduction session the Coordinators presented their projects. For this purpose, we divided the 8 projects into two groups.

In the two sessions, each coordinator had the opportunity to introduce their project by a three minutes pitch, which was then followed by a six minutes more detailed presentation, depicting plans for the project including a concept for stakeholder engagement and dissemination. After each presentation, there was five minutes time for the audience to ask questions.

Please find here the download link to the presentations of each project. Feel free to share them with your community. <https://www.era-susan.eu/content/kick-seminar-november-2020>

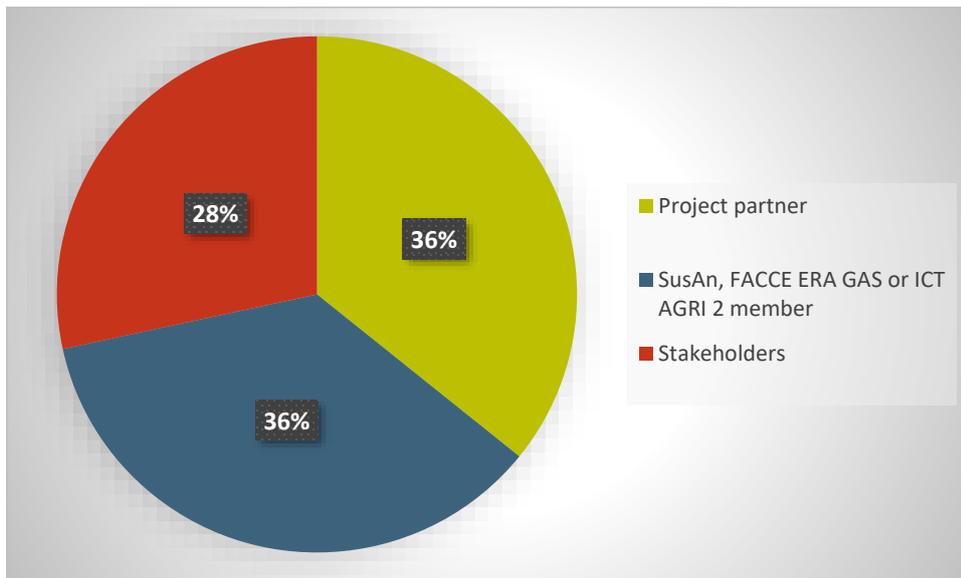
Wednesday, 18th November 2020 –Virtual Kick-off Seminar

Time (CET)	Item	Presenter
08:45 - 09:00	Time to enter video conference	
	Welcome & Introduction session	
09:00 - 09:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Official welcome by ERA-NET SusAn Coordinator, FACCE ERA-GAS coordinator and ICT-AGRI 2 coordinator 	Elke Saggau Frank O'Mara Niels Gotke
09:20 - 09:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farm to Fork strategy 	Kerstin Rosenow
09:40 - 09:50	Screen break	
	Presentation of the Joint Call projects	
09:50 - 10:05	CCOylming	Paul Galama
10:05 - 10:20	FarmSustainaBll	Anastasiou Evangelos
10:20 - 10:35	GrassToGas	Joannie Conington
10:35 - 10:50	GrASTech	Leon Vandaele
10:50 - 11:00	Screen break	
11:00 - 11:15	MANModels	Soren O. Petersen
11:15 - 11:30	Mels	Barbara Amann
11:30 - 11:45	Milky	Barbara Amann
11:45 - 12:00	SEASOLUTIONS	Maria Hayes
12:00 - 12:10	General Closing session	Elke Saggau / Niels Gotke



2 - Participation

The event was very successful attracting in total around 91 attendees and 120 registrations. Including 29 project coordinators or project partners, 29 SusAn, FACCE ERA GAS and ICT AGRI 2 members and 23 others, including stakeholders, presumably also project partners and SusAn, FACCE ERA GAS and ICT AGRI 2 members.



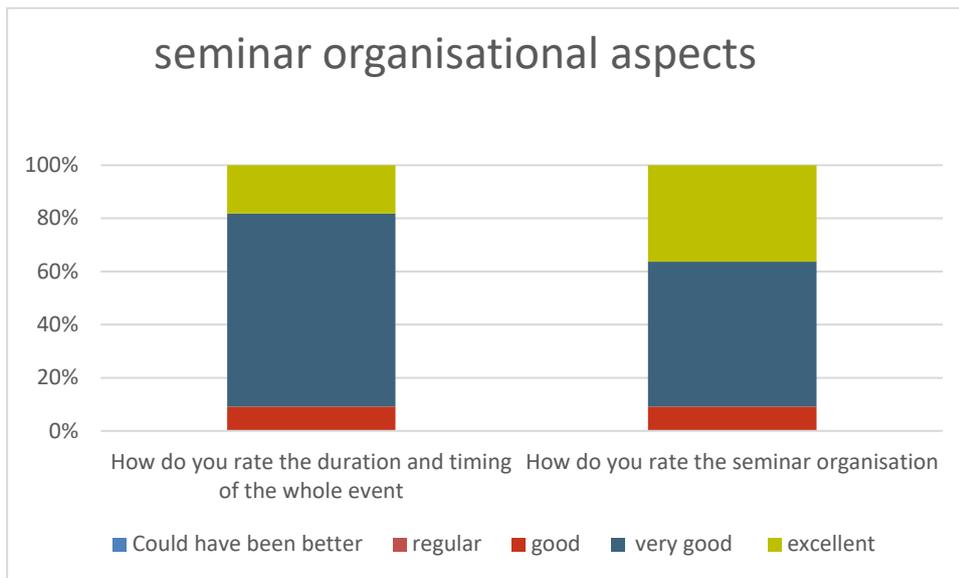
3 - Seminar Evaluation

3.a. Seminar quality

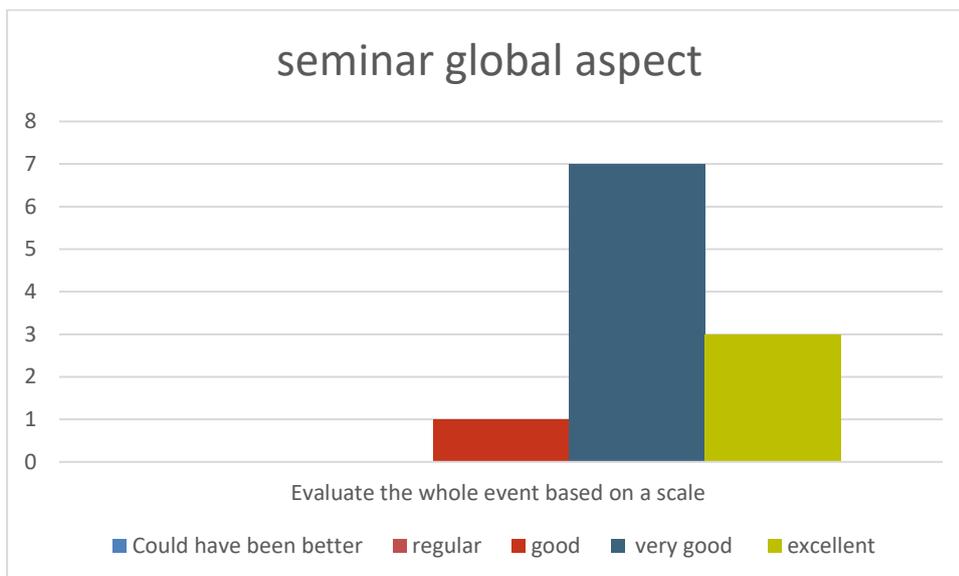
11 participants (who represented 18% of the total) evaluated different aspects regarding the quality of the seminar. Most of the items were evaluated as excellent and very good, above all, the seminar content, the presentation sessions, and the speakers.



The participants were also asked about the organisational aspects, which were generally found to be good.



Overall, the global evaluation of the seminar was evaluated very good, with a media of score 4 out of 5 as maximum.



3.b. Participants Expectations

Besides, the participants were asked about their expectations and their replies were the following ones:

Which was your expectation of this seminar and did the event meet it?

- The event met my expectations in a great manner. I just expected that the seminar would have interesting results for the attendees
- To get a general overview of the projects. The event met it.
- To get an overview on what's been done. Yes
- Expectations were met
- Coordination
- The event was well organized and met all my expectations
- I hoped to get an overview of projects, in particular potential links with our own. I think the meeting fulfilled this expectation
- I expected an overview of the projects, great job done by the organizing committee
- Dissemination of projects results

3.c. Participants opinions:

Lately, the participants were asked to comment on the seminar and to give suggestions for the final seminar. Their replies were the following ones:

Suggestions/ comments/ ideas for final seminar

- Videos as for the SusAn seminar
- Preliminary impact assessment, stakeholders involvement
- same format
- Some more coordination btw the presenters could be done so that there would not be so much repetition in the introduction part. That would leave more time for results & discussion
- Too long event, too many presentations. Could maybe thematic sessions on different dates help?
- It's well organized
- "There were fairly many questions, which indicates more time for discussion of individual projects would be of interest to many attendants. However, the project topics are wide-ranging, and so my suggestion would be to look for e.g. three themes that could each represent 3-4 projects, and then have a short, pitch-like introduction round in plenum, followed by parallel sessions. Such themes should be announced in advance, and with pre-registration, so that organizers can put people into appropriate breakout rooms during the initial part of the meeting.
- There should of course be a joint introduction and conclusion part by the organisers."
- waiting for the mid-term & final seminars! Congratulations Marijke and Monica!
- nothing to add



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4 - Overall conclusion

The Kick-off project seminar was a success, there were no technical problems and we succeeded in creating more visibility for the projects.

The communication team would like to thank all seminar speakers for the positive contribution and collaboration along the event and for the good input on the evaluation questionnaires.

Marijke, Raymond and Katerina

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