

Sm@RT: Innovative technologies training for small ruminant producers

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Sm@RT project in few words!

Sm@RT: Sm@ll Ruminant Technologies



Start: January 2021

8 countries

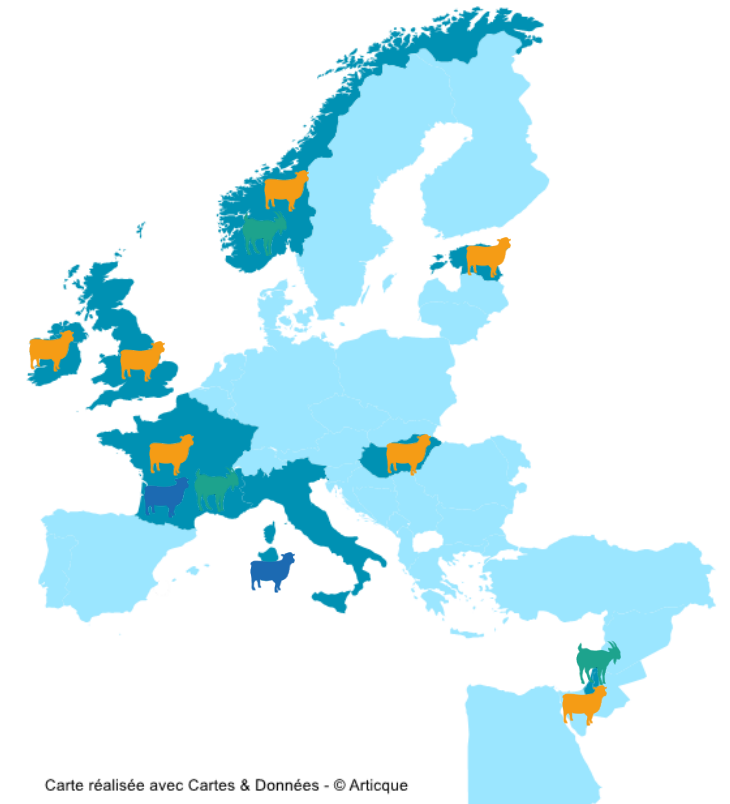
Duration: 3 years

11 partners



Objectives

- ☐ Identify the needs for new technologies in the small ruminant sector.
- ☐ Create an inventory of existing technologies.
- ☐ Identify gaps, constraints and barriers to uptake and adoption.
- ☐ Evaluate the technical, economic, environmental and social impacts of these technologies and with demonstrations on "Digifarms" and "Innovative farms".
- ☐ Communicate, disseminate and share ideas between farmers, advisors & researchers.



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 Dairy Goat
  Dairy Sheep
  Meat Sheep

Around 50 relevant digital tools selected

- 3D imaging
- Air ventilation system in milking room
- Auto weighing drafting/ Eid tag and recording database
- Automatic concentrate feeder according with EID ear tag readers
- Automatic feeder
- Automatic lamb milk feeder
- Automatic weighing scale
- Automatic weighing scale and sorting
- BioControl feed intake modules
- Bluetooth printer
- Breeding harness (tested)
- connected drenching gun
- Connected feed distributor
- Conveyor
- Dairy recording
- Digital weight + flow meter + EID
- Drone
- EID (RFID)
- EID 5 way auto-drafter
- EID ear tags and readers in milking parlour
- EID handheld
- EID Stick Reader
- EID weighcrate and autodrafter
- Electronic milk flowmeters
- Embryo transplantation, frozen sperm laparoscopy
- FECPAK G2
- Feedcar (automatic concentrate distributor in sheepshed)
- Feeding post dried hay by electric crane
- Flock management
- Gallagher stick reader
- GPS collars
- Grasshopper
- Grassmeter
- Herd management software
- Kingswood/ANIDATA
- Lactocorder
- LoraWan Network
- Milk machines for goat kids feeding
- Milk quality control by milk
- Milk quantity and milk quality control for health status of animal
- Milking parlour 24 x 2
- Ovitel (herd management software)
- PAC chambers (methane)
- Panel reader
- Pasture grazing app
- Positon data-logger
- RFID UHF tags (tested)
- Sheep recording system
- Sheep recording system (sheep Ireland)
- Smartfence
- TGM K- sheep recording system
- Virtual fences (collars Nofence)
- Webcams
- Weighhead Allflex (XR3000 and XR500)
- Weighting + autosorter
- WOW (Walk-Over-Weighing)



Focus on those of interest for farmers



Drone



GPS Collar



Camera



Virtual fences



EID stick reader



Weighing crate



WoW (Walk over Weighing)



Example of a farmer's meeting in Sm@RT

- Welcome with tea and coffee
- Workshop
 - Presentation / Progress of the project
 - Feedback on an event / some results of the project
 - Work in groups
 - Need identification
 - Use of ADOPT
 - ...
- Convivial lunch
- Farm visit / Tools demonstration



Trainings on *Digifarms* and demo days on *innovative farms*

2 types of days

Trainings on Digifarms



Digifarm: A demonstration/experimental sheep or goat farm with digital tools

8-10 farmers

Presentation and demonstration of the digital tools on the Digifarm.

Farmers have the opportunity to:

- use the technologies in real life situation,
- Learn how to use them with animals
- Learn how to upload or download the collected information...

Demo days on innovative farms



Innovative farm: commercial sheep or goat farm with digital tools

2-6 farmers

The innovative farmer testifies how he use the technology → Information from farmers to farmers

Farmers have the opportunity to:

- Ask practical questions
- See and touch the digital tool
- Discuss any issues



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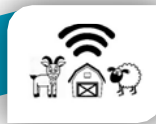
- At least 1 training and demo day per partner country done



Trainings on *Digifarms* and demo days on *innovative farms*

- Farmers completed a questionnaire to evaluate the tools before and after the demonstration/test of the tool

Digifarm training



Training on Digifarms – [Country name]
[Date]

Questionnaire

Name of PLF tool tested:			
<i>BEFORE WE START</i>			
What do you think of this technology? -> smiley, neutral or grumpy			
Would you put it on your farm? Yes or No or Neutral			
<i>AFTER THE TRAINING</i>			
What do you think of this technology?			
Would you put it on your farm?			

Innovative farm demo

Farm Demo – [Country name] [Date]

Questionnaire

<i>BEFORE THE DEMONSTRATION</i>	Yes	No					
Do you have the tool?							
Do you think it is worth investing in it?							
Would you like to implement on your farm?							
			1	2	3	4	5
Level of practicality (1=low, 5=high)							

<i>AFTER THE DEMONSTRATION</i>	Yes	No					
Do you think it is worth investing in it?							
Would you like to implement on your farm?							
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Trainings on *Digifarms* and demo days on *innovative farms*

- Farmers completed a questionnaire to evaluate the tools before and after the demonstration/test of the tool

Digifarm training



- More than 50 farmers
- 14 tools evaluated

Innovative farm demo



- More than 80 farmers
- 8 tools evaluated

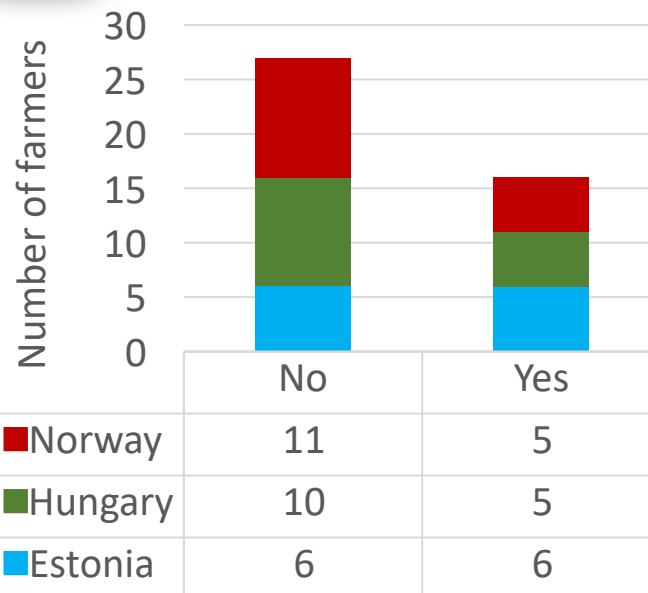
→ 20 different tools evaluated in total



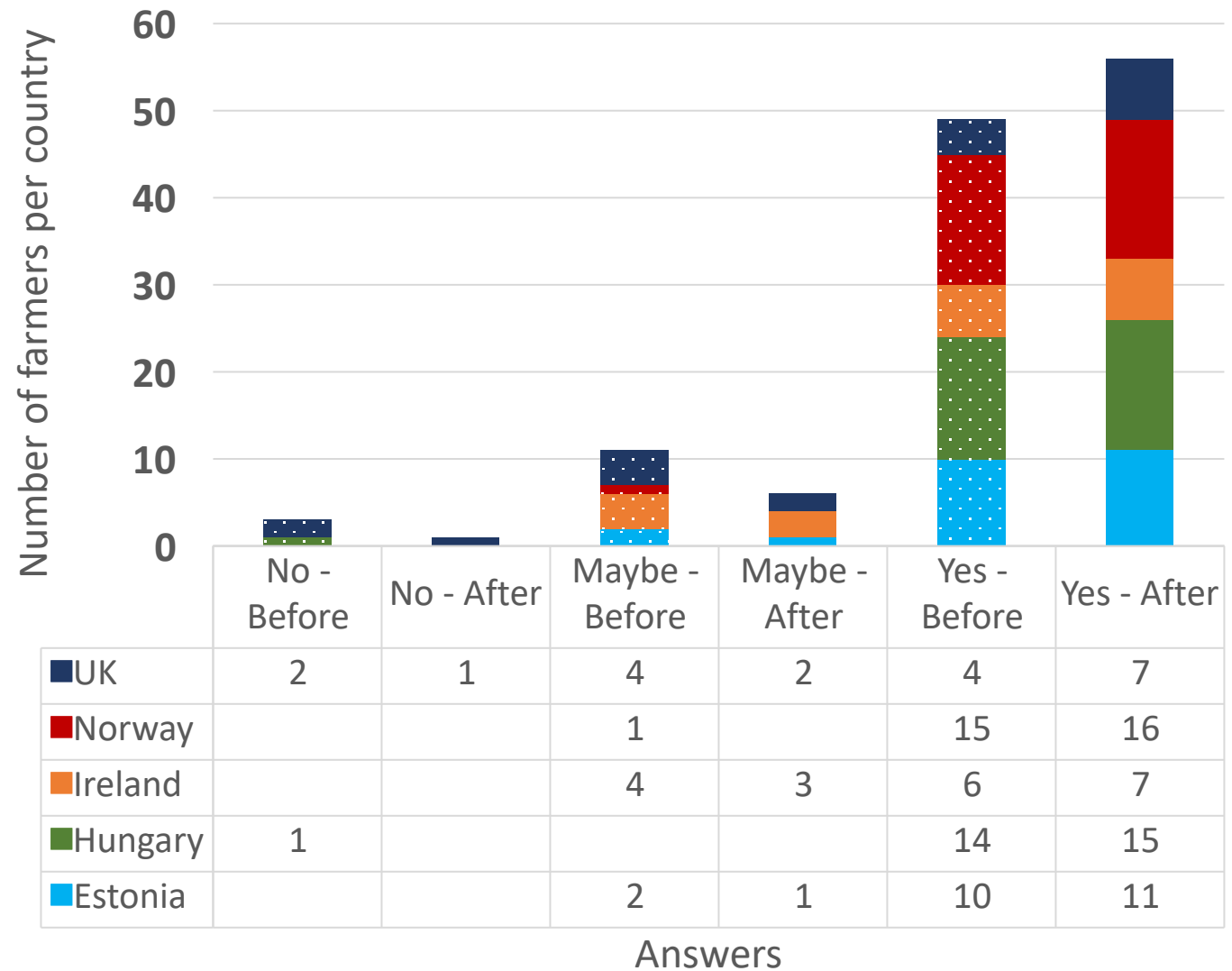
Results – EID stick reader



Do you have this tool ?



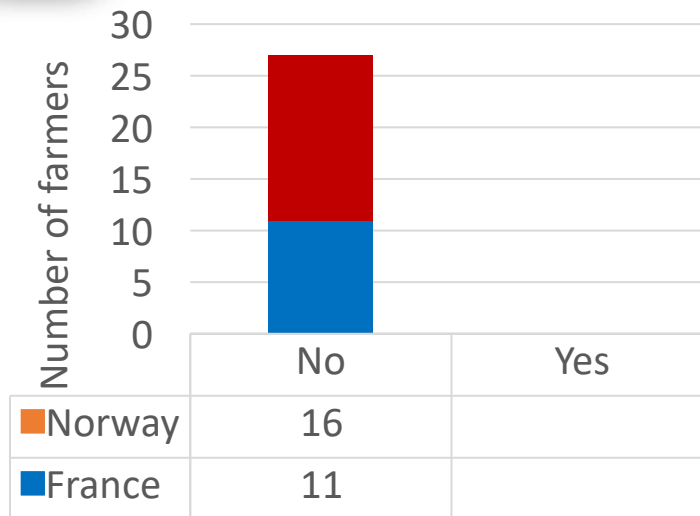
Would you like to implement it on your farm?



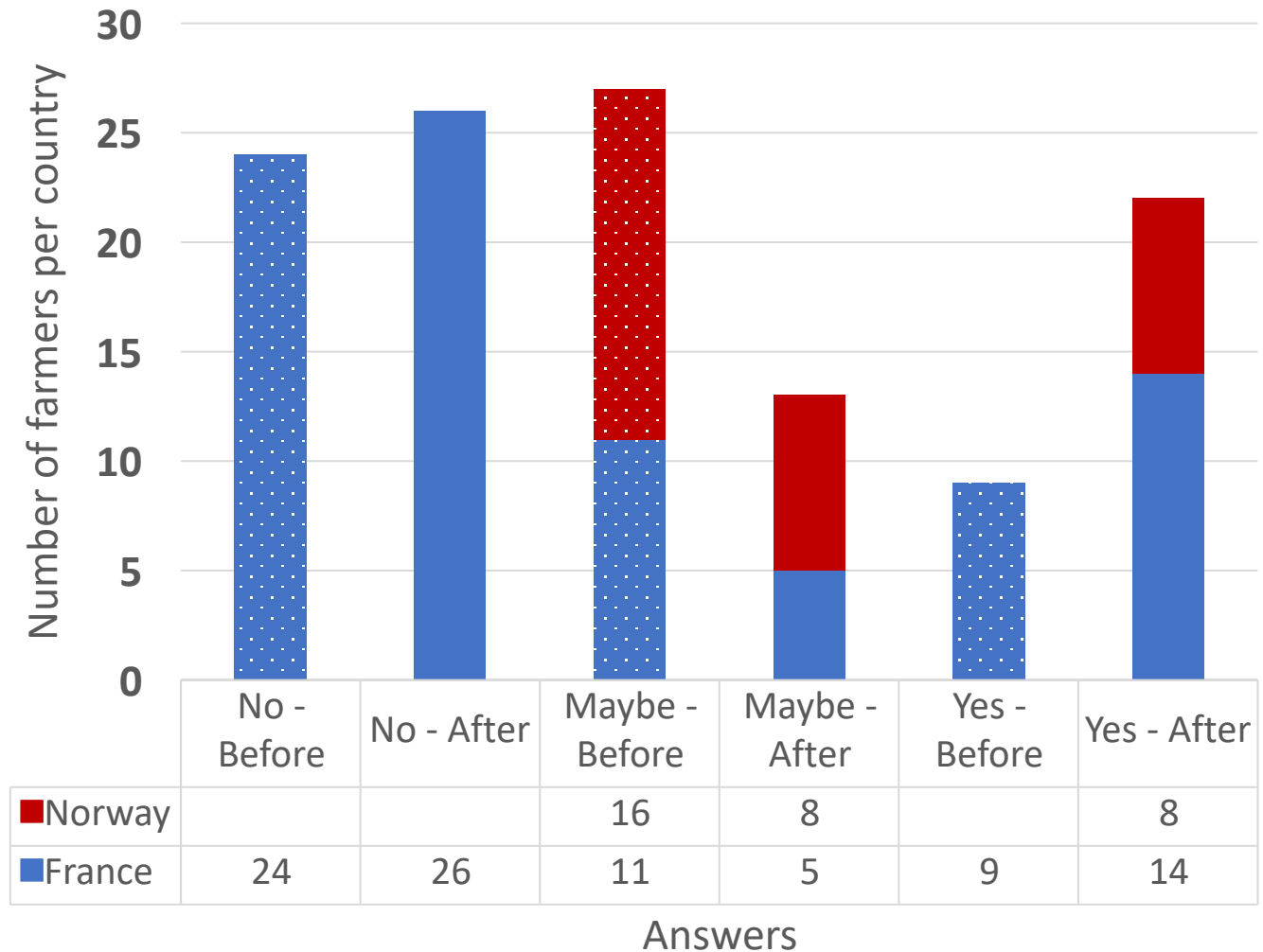
Results – Virtual fences



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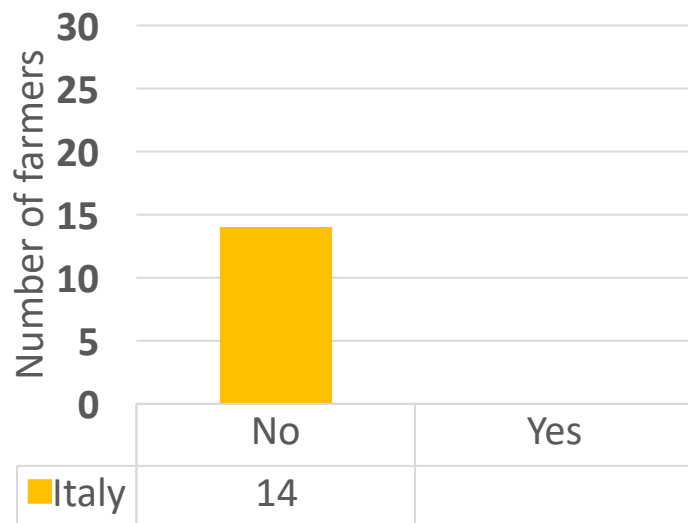
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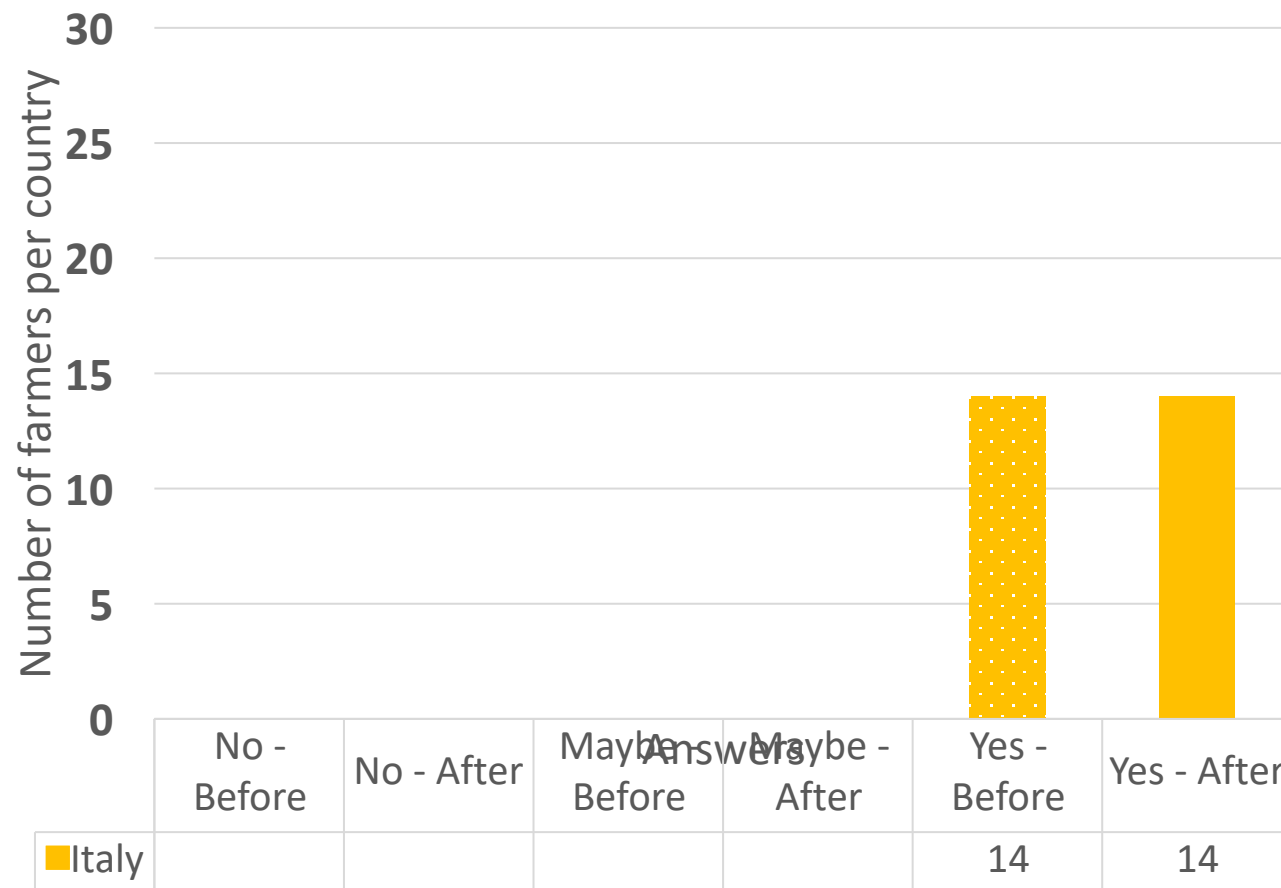
Results – Milk meter



Do you have this tool ?

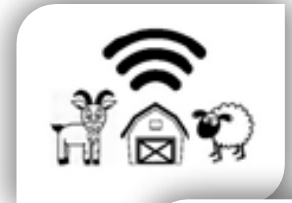


Would you like to implement it on your farm?



Conclusion and what next ?

- A lot of farmers' meetings done in the 8 countries
 - 10 Training days on Digifarms
 - 9 Demo days on innovative farms
- 20 tools evaluated by more than 100 farmers
- Other training days and demo days will be done in each country
- A more complete questionnaire has been done during the training days on Digifarms → Upcoming results !



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