



Network on Economics of animal health

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Project outline

- **Goal of the network**

- Gather a community around economic issues in animal health
- Bring out innovative research projects

- **Coordination**

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- **Scientific committee**

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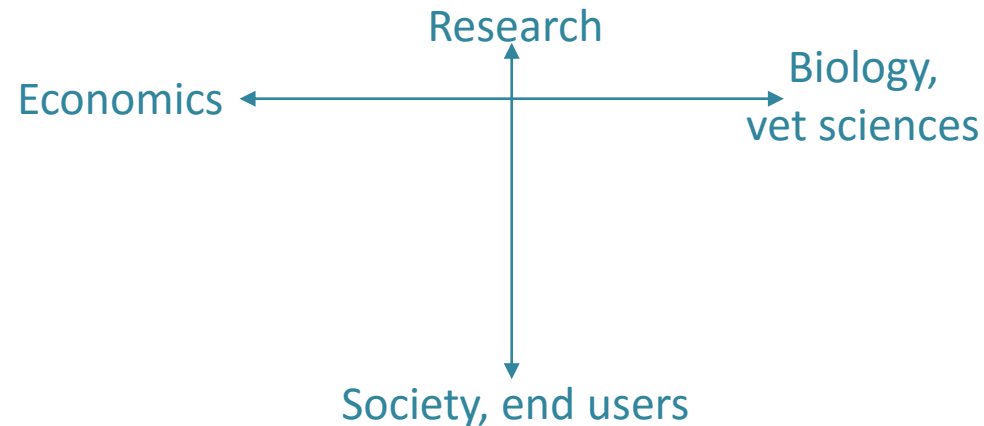
- **Organisation**

- 18 months (January 2016 → June 2017)
- 4 to 5 full-day meetings / workshops
- Operating budget: €35,000

Objectives of the network

- Why such a network?

- Numerous and scattered initiatives
- Weak coordination on research orientations
 - Research VS field
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- Favorable context for concerted action
 - Increasing societal concern
 - International academic communities/societies under construction



• Expectations

- Definition of sharp and shared scientific questions and goals
- Co-construction of fruitful **economic** research projects

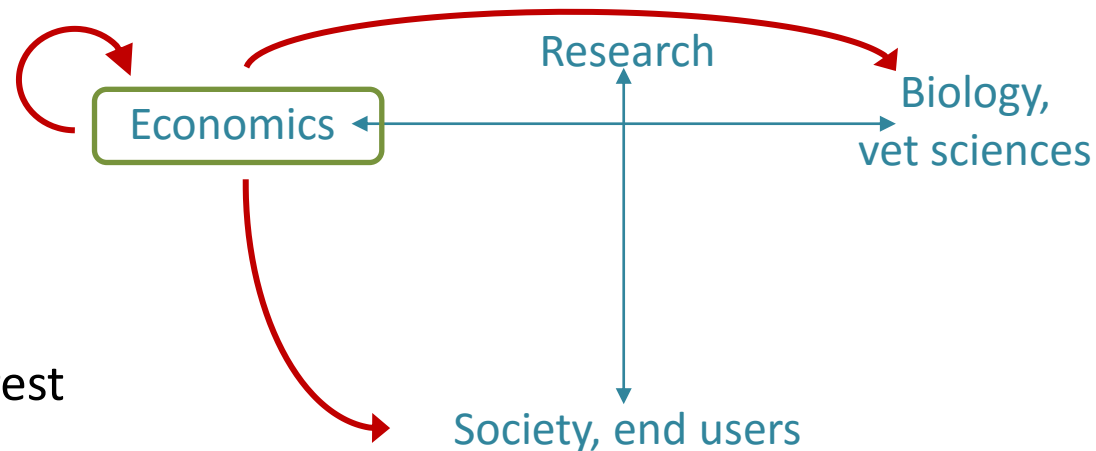
• What is at stake?

Develop a **common vision** of economic issues of interest in animal health

→ Mutual enrichment in order to strengthen the dynamism of this field of research

- Animal health context as a field of application for economics issues
- Economic research for a better understanding of animal health issues

Long-run purpose: combine disciplinary relevance and thematic relevance through shared research projects



How we make the network live

- **Kick-off meeting factsheet**

- 33 attendees, of whom:

Vet sciences research (10)

Other social sciences research (5)

Economic research (11)

Public & agricultural institutions (7)

- **Scientific Programme**

- 2 economic keynote presentation

- J. Niemi, *Bibliometric analysis of AHE literature*

- P. Dupraz, *Introduction to key issues in economics applied to AH*

- 2 workshops

- *Disciplinary* discussions on scientific expectations about AHE

- *Interdisciplinary* discussions on scientific expectations about AHE

→ Enthusiasm for sharing scientific experiences in AHE projects

• Main conclusions of the Kick-Off Meetings

- Heterogeneity in the demand of stakeholders
 - Often “cost of diseases” approaches (gather north / south & micro macro)
 - Relevant empirical questions as guidelines for next workshop sessions
- High need on promoting mutual understanding (shared definitions, interdisciplinary learning *etc*)
- Economics is not accounting
 - Deconstruction of all the *a priori*
 - From technical questions to the formulation of research questions
 - From scientific discomfort area to a (emerging niche) domain of research
 - Proper understanding of economic behaviours and interplays
- Drawing on what already exists in economics
Production economics, environmental economics, plant health, human health...

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Perspectives and challenges

- **Forthcoming meetings**

- 28th September → Production economics
- November → Economics of environment
- Early 2017 → Economics of human diseases

- **Challenges**

- Sustainability of the enthusiasm and motivation
- Relationship with European initiatives
- Effective work on scientific project

- **Inter/trans-disciplinary research is a long-run and in-depth work**

- Shared knowledge on AH issues and on definitions
- Shared understanding of what economics can bring
- Get mutual benefits from the co-construction of research projects