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# FACE-GGHP

Farmhouse and Artisan Cheese and dairy producers' European Guide  
for Good Hygiene Pactices



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## Few words of introduction: What is FACEnetwork?

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- Association, whose statutes were officially registered in February 2013 (even if the network started to meet and work since 2009)
- **Aims: representation and defence of the interests of the farmhouse and artisan cheese and dairy producers on a national and European level.**
- To date, the association has 24 member organisations, based in 14 European countries: Austria, Germany, Finland, France, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Spain, United Kingdom, Bulgaria.
- Out of these 24 organisations, 11 are cheese and dairy producers associations from 13 different countries.
- Other countries as Portugal, Romania and Greece are planning to join and some of them have already participated to FACEnetwork meetings or events.

# FACEnetwork today

11 cheese and dairy producers associations in 13 countries

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## Netherlands

« Bond van Boerderij-Zuivelbereiders BBZ » - Zwolle, representing **278 small dairies** in the Netherlands

## Sweden

« Sveriges Gardsmejerister »  
representing **72 small dairies** in Sweden

## Finland

« Suomen Piensuusrolaymiosiys »  
representing **25 small dairies** in Finland

## Norway

« Norsk Gardsost » - representing **85 small dairies** in Norway

## United Kingdom

« SCA » - Specialists cheesemakers  
representing **168 small dairies** in UK

## Ireland

« CAIS The Irish Farmhouse  
Cheesemakers Association »  
representing **42 small dairies** in Ireland

## France

« Fédération Nationale des Eleveurs de  
Chèvres » - FNEC - representing **1000 farmhouse  
cheese and dairy producers** in France

## Spain

« Red Española de queserías de campo y  
artesanas » QueRed  
Representing **200 small dairies** in Spain

## Poland

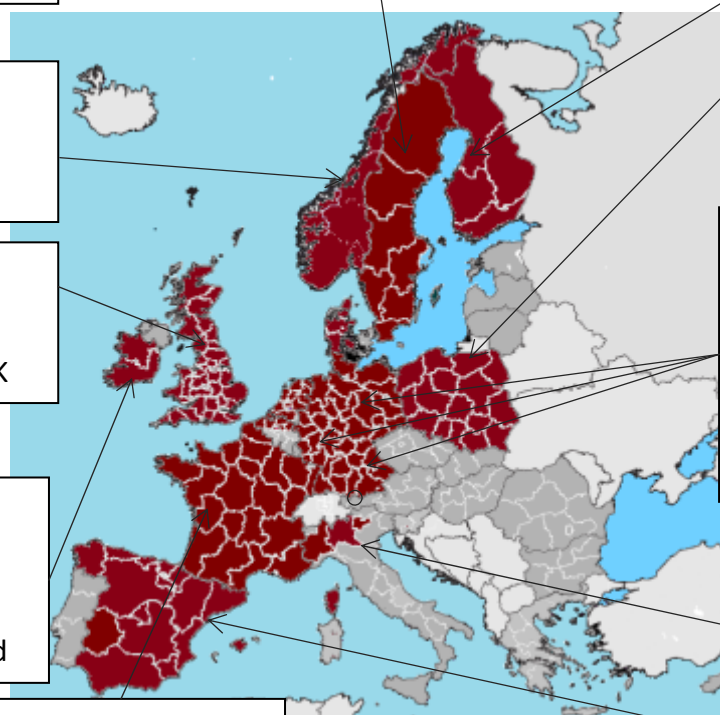
Polish Association Family  
Cheesemakers representing **14 small  
dairies** in Poland

## Germany, Luxembourg, Austria

« Verband für handwerkliche  
Milchverarbeitung im ökologischen  
Landbau e.V. » representing **550 small  
dairies** in Germany, Luxembourg and  
Austria

## Italy

« CASARE CASARI » representing **50  
small dairies** in Piedmont Region



## Farmhouse and Artisan cheese and dairy producers in Europe



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The sector that we represent is composed of two types of business:

- "Farmhouse" cheese and dairy producers: process milk from at least the **majority of their own livestock** according to traditional methods
- "Artisan" cheese and dairy producers: collect **milk from local farmers** and process it in small structures according to traditional methods

The milk can come from cows, sheep and goats...

In all cases, these are generally family businesses, which make locally recognized products based on traditional, specific know-how.

# FACEnetwork's actions



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## 1- « Lobbying » at european level

An « adapted » application of EU law is necessary for our sector. The flexibility is applied very differently within each country. We think that a continuous exchange with the European Commission should improve transparency and understanding for the problems of our sector and help to find acceptable solutions.

## 2- Exchanges of experience and leading of common projects

Through 4 internal working groups

Hygiene

Marketing of  
cheese and  
milk products

Cheesemakin  
g technology

Goat meat, by-  
product of the  
production of  
goat meat

3- Organization of an annual meeting of farmhouse and artisan cheese and dairy producers in a new country each year (next: october 2015, in Milano)

## **FACEnetwork and the project of « European guide »**



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### **Aims of the GGHP project?**

- To provide a reference document to help the producers to fulfil European Regulation (hygiene package)
- To provide a document with practical references regarding flexibility
- To get an official recognition of our sector at the European level**

And in accordance with the specifications of DG SANTE to establish a guide:

- That shall be fit for use (...) by farmers, inspectors (...) and competent authorities as a reference document
- That shall cover different regional or technical practices
- That shall cover at least the following two areas:
  - 1- good hygiene practices (...)
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# Global content of the FACE-GGHP project



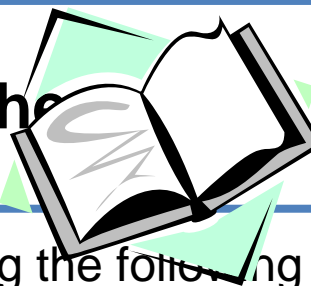
21 months of work – 12<sup>th</sup>, March 2015 to 12<sup>th</sup>, December 2016

5 tasks:

- Task 1 : drafting the guide
- Task 2 : informing and consulting interested parties
- Task 3 : process for assessment and endorsement of the guide by DG Health
- Task 4 : translation of the guide
- Task 5 : dissemination



## Global content planned for the



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A document of about 80 pages containing the following chapters:

- Introduction:** guide's target, field of application...
- Good hygiene practices:** cleaning procedure, training and hygiene requirements for the staff...
- Hazards analysis (risk assessment)**
- Health control plans:** for the main « families » of farmhouse and artisan european milk products
- Self monitoring plan**
- Traceability**
- Non conformities management**
- Final part:** technical and technological tools, glossary, bibliographic references

# Global calendar

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Contract signed: 12th March 2015

2015										2016													
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