

# Approccio multiscala alla valutazione degli impatti ambientali dell'alimentazione

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TEMA: Valutazione del Rischio

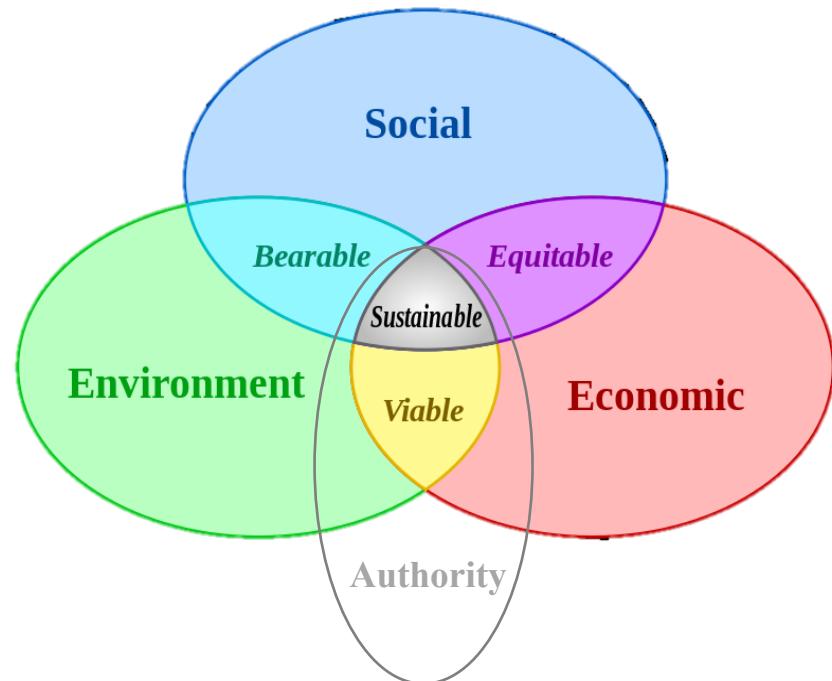
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# Piattaforma SaRA

## Sustainability and Risk Assessment

### Analisi del Rischio e della Sostenibilità



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  - Statistici, matematici
  - Economisti, ingegneri
  - Risk assessors
  - Medici, veterinari, nutrizionisti
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- Modelli statistici e biomatematici
  - Modelli di controllo e decisione
  - Basi di dati
  - Sistemi a supporto di decisioni
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- Mondo produttivo
  - Amministrazioni territoriali e policy maker
  - Agenzie internazionali
  - ONG
  - Enti di ricerca



## Valutazione e gestione della sostenibilità in agricoltura

- Monitoraggio di **sistemi agro-ecologici**
- Valutazione della **biodiversità funzionale** (es. fauna del suolo) in agro-ecosistemi e dei servizi degli ecosistemi (es. impollinazione)
- Stime dalla **produzione vegetale e animale**
- Sistemi a supporto della **difesa integrata** dai parassiti delle piante
- Valutazione delle **impronte** e degli **impatti ambientali** della produzione vegetale e animale
- Valutazione del rischio associato alle **specie invasive**
- Valutazione degli **impatti del cambiamento** climatico in agricoltura e sistemi di **adattamento** al climate change



## Analisi dei rischi e della qualità del cibo

- Analizzare i **rischi da contaminanti** nella filiera agro-alimentare
- Valutare i **rischi** per la salute legati ai **comportamenti alimentari** (es. obesità, sindrome metabolica)
- Valutare i **rischi** per la salute legati alla **qualità ambientale e agli stili di vita** (attività fisica e alimentazione)



## Sviluppo sostenibile in Paesi a risorse limitate

- Valutazione multidimensionale della **sostenibilità di sistemi socio-ecologici**  
(es. agricoltura peri-urbana e sistemi agropastorali in Africa Sub-Sahariana)
- Disegno di schemi di sviluppo per una **agricoltura intensiva sostenibile**  
(es. analisi di scenario e simulazioni di dinamiche di sviluppo)
- Gestione integrata di **malattie trasmesse da vettori artropodi**
- Gestione integrata di **energia, acqua e cibo**
- Valutazione degli impatti delle **infrastrutture energetiche**  
sui sistemi agricoli



**FOCUS ON:**

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Agricultural emissions from crops and livestock production

4.7 billions of tons of CO<sub>2</sub>eq in 2001

5.3 billions of tons of CO<sub>2</sub>eq in 2011

+14% (FAO, 2015)

The livestock sector contributes to  
human-induced GHG emissions for 14.5% (FAO, 2018)

In 2015 11% (1.5 billion ha) of the globe's land surface (13.4  
billion ha) was used in crop production (FAO 2015)

Water use grew at almost twice the rate of population increase in  
the last century. On average, agriculture accounts for 70% of global  
freshwater withdrawals (FAO, 2017)

The agri-food chain accounts for around 30% of the world's total  
energy demand, out of which about 70% is beyond the farm gate.  
(FAO, 2018)

## Introduction: Problem (2)

The current world population of 7.6 billion is expected to reach **8.5** billion in 2030 (UN, 2017)

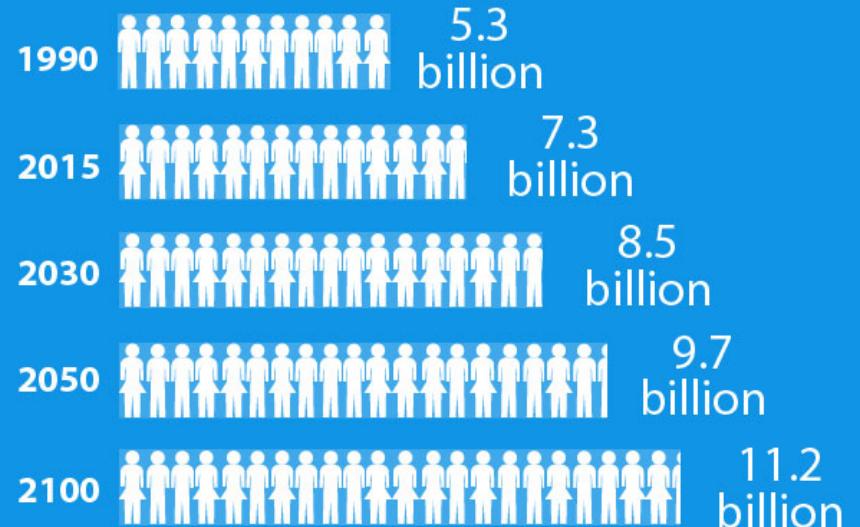
Demand for food and other agricultural products is projected to increase by **50%** between 2012 and 2050. (FAO, 2017)

$$D_t = d_i * N$$

$$I_t = I_i * d_i * N$$

### World Population

Projected world population until 2100



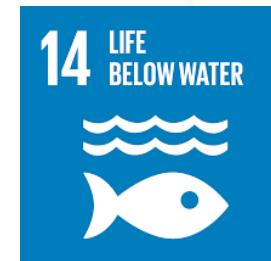
United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs  
Division, *World Population Prospects: The 2015 Revision Population*



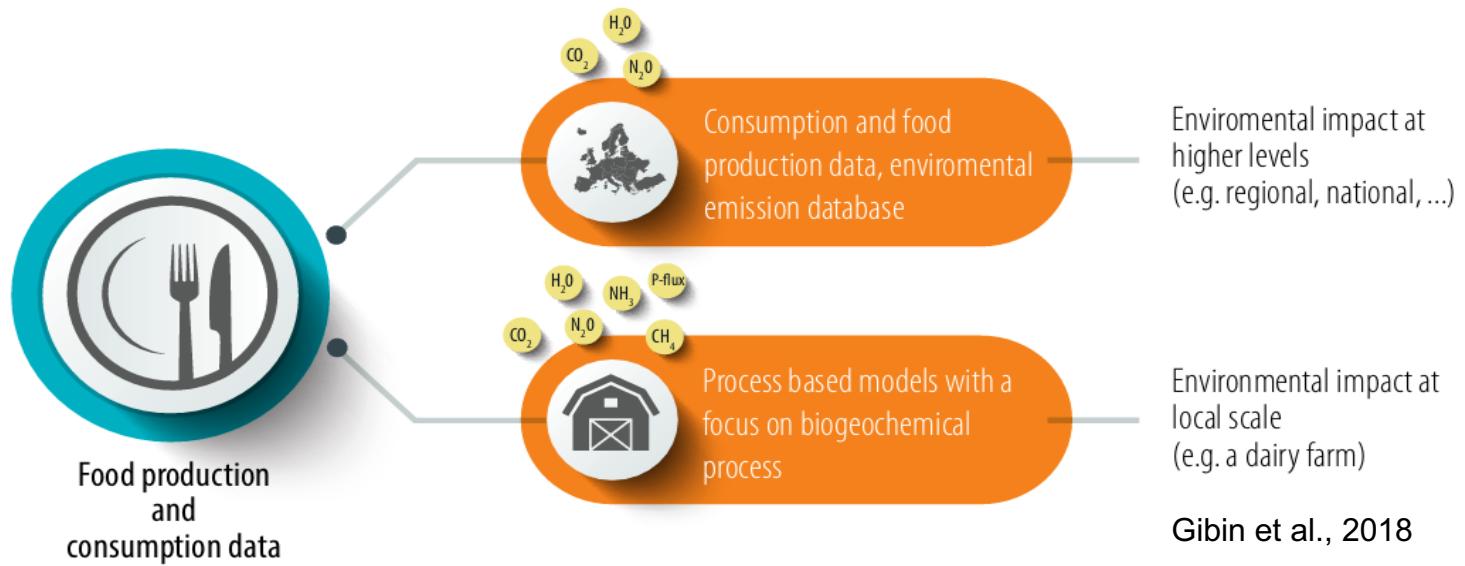
If global population and food consumption trends continue,  
by 2050 the world will need 50% more food than is available today.

Because arable land is limited, most of this additional production will have to come from

## sustainable agricultural intensification



A comprehensive methodological framework for the assessment of environmental pollution and demand for natural resources related to food production and consumption is proposed. The framework is based on the use of different data sources and modelling tools.



The sources of information include databases on: i) food production, ii) food consumption, iii) water footprint, iv) carbon footprint.

The modelling tools: **input-output models** based on national/global databases, **mechanistic models** based on biogeochemical processes, soil and climate local characteristics (e.g. Manure DNDC).

## DATABASES TO CALCULATE NATIONAL IMPACT BASED ON CONSUMPTION

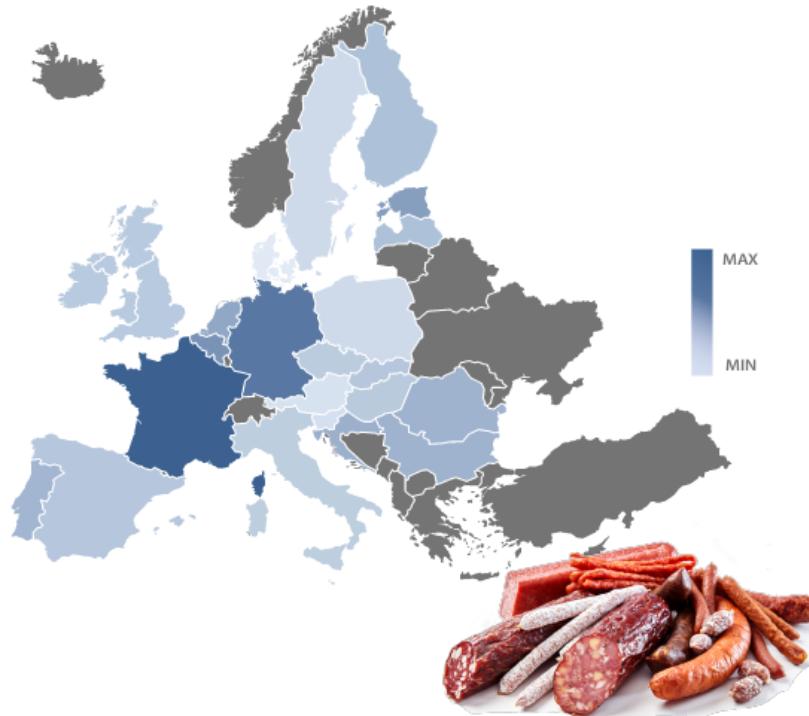
- European food consumption database (EFSA)
- Carbon footprint: database derived from Clune, 2017
- Water footprint: database of (Mekonnen, and Hoekstra , 2010) . <https://waterfootprint.org/en/>
- Ecological footprint: National footprint Account (2014) <http://data.footprintnetwork.org>
- Nitrogen footprint: database built from Leach and Galloway <http://www.n-print.org/>

# Methodological Framework: MACRO LEVEL



## COUNTRY BASED ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF  
MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS  
CONSUMPTION IN EUROPE



The heat map shows the environmental impact (carbon emissions and water footprints) related to the daily consumption of meat and meat product categories in Europe.



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EFSA consumption database



EUROSTAT database (import export)



FAOSTAT database (production and consumption)



OECD database (import export)



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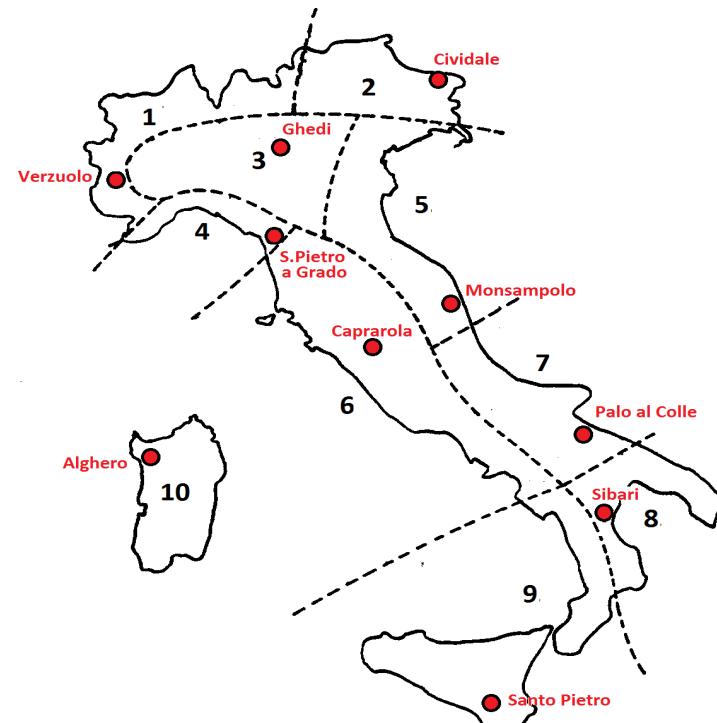
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# MODELS TO PERFORM ANALYSIS AT THE FARM LEVEL

- Global Livestock Environmental Assessment Model – Gleam (FAO)
- Manure DNDC (USDA)
- FeedPrint (Wageningen Livestock Research)  
<http://webapplicaties.wur.nl/software/feedprintNL/index.asp>
- Livestock Environmental Assessment and Performance Partnership – LEAP (FAO)
- Cool Farm Tool <https://coolfarmtool.org/>

## LOCAL ASSESSMENT



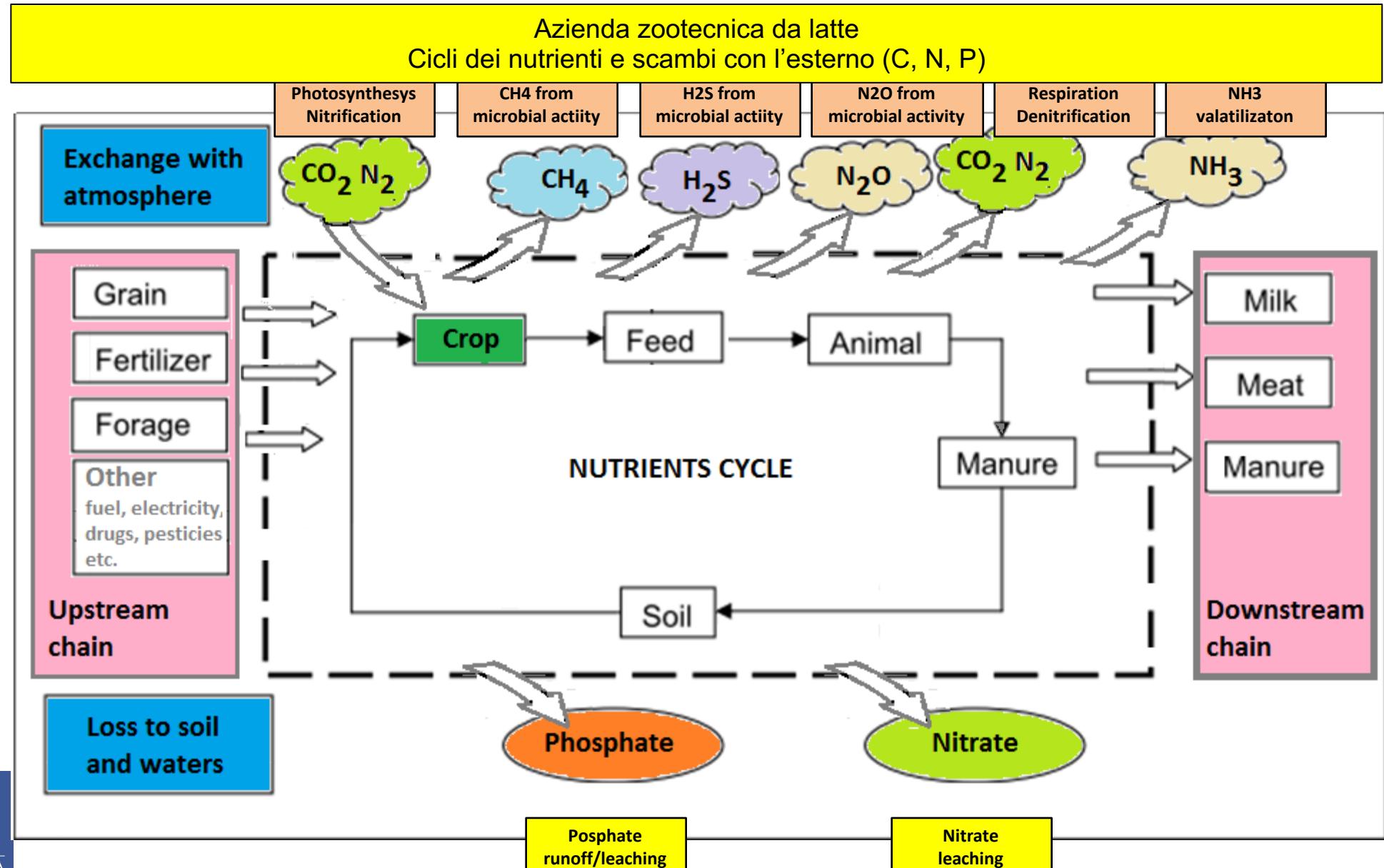
Mariani et al, 2014

n	Zona di Rosini	Stazione di riferimento	alt	acro
1	Alpi Centro-occidentali	Verzuolo	420	VERZ
2	Alpi Orientali	Cividale	130	CIVI
3	Pianura Padana	Ghedi	102	GHED
4	Golfo Ligure-Alto Tirreno	San Pietro a Grado	3	SPIG
5	Alto Adriatico	Monsampolo	43	MSPL
6	Tirreno Centrale	Caprarola	650	CROL
7	Basso Adriatico	Palo del Colle	191	PDCO
8	Ionio	Sibari	10	SIBA
9	Basso Tirreno e Sicilia	Santo Pietro	313	SPIE
10	Sardegna	Alghero	23	ALGH

Yearly emissions and demand for resources							
Farm	N of animals	CO <sub>2</sub> (t C)	CH <sub>4</sub> (t C)	N <sub>2</sub> O (t N)	H <sub>2</sub> O (m <sup>3</sup> )	NH <sub>3</sub> (t N)	P (t)
Livestock farm (Po Valley)	1250	4.085	155.6	4.8	17,238.3	63.3	79

Gibin et al., 2018

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## EXPECTED RESULTS

- Support policy makers and advisors to better define and monitor new policies in the context of the revision of the national emission ceilings (e.g. NEC Directive)
- Assess the environmental impact of dietary shift, also due to the introduction of new ingredients as substitutes or supplements to existing diets (e.g. novel foods)
- Assess the reduction of environmental impact due to use of different technology/best practice (especially in the livestock sector)

