Multi-actor and transdisciplinary development of efficient and resilient MIXED farming and agroforestry systems



MIXED Data Collection Step 1 – Report Network presentations.

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1. About Mixed

MIXED was launched on 1 October 2020. The partners are from 10 countries and in each country they form a National Team (NT) consisting of an Academic Partner (AP), 1-2 Network Coordinators (NC), and 1-2 Farmer Networks (FN). The farmers are not partners (beneficiaries) in the project but are represented in the MIXED consortium through the NCs. Some of the APs also have the role as NCs. There is a total of 14 groups of farmers associated to the project – one in each country except for the UK, Germany, France and Denmark where there are two.

In MIXED data will be collected from the network of farmers in 10 countries collaborating with the project to provide inputs for the assessment of resilience and efficiency of Mixed Farming and Agroforestry Systems (MiFAS). This report provides the results of the first part of the farm level data collection.

2. Completion of data collection – part 1

The first part of the farm level data collection had the purpose of visualising and understanding the types of material flows within and between farms in each network to illustrate variability of the MiFAS configurations and agricultural outputs etc. It was initiated a head of the project meeting in September 2021 where individual meetings were held with each national team to explore and understand the complexities of the farms within the networks to ensure an appropriate and complete data collection procedure. The 'mixed' character and components were then discussed at the project meeting.

This first data collection exercise furthermore involved a process where each network provided data in the form of flow diagrams showing the major components of the MiFAS systems, whether internal to single farms or on two partner farms and the exchanges between them. Step 1 of the data collection process was concluded at the project meeting April 2022 where all network coordinators presented farm level resource flows of a standardized typical farm of their network.

The flow diagrams from each of the project are provide on the following pages in the order of:

- DK Agroforestry network livestock (pork)
- DK Nutrient cycling and landscape synergies
- UK Grazing cattle/fodder exchange
- UK Winter grazing of sheep
- DE (Re)wetting of arable land, exchange of land between arable and livestock farmers
- DE Agroforestry network silvopastorale & silvoarable agroforestry
- CH Agroforestry network Hochstamm
- AU Agroforestry network apple/hens
- FR Agroforestry network pigs & trees
- FR Crop & livestock manure exchange
- RO Network with fruit, livestock and agro-tourism
- NL Network: a multi-farm landscape MiFAS
- PL: One farm one network (mixed farming)
- PT: Agroforestry network: Montado

2.1 Conclusions

This first round of data collection gave important input to the next step, the individual farm level data collection as it became clear that the networks had to be treated as individual cases when defining the system boundaries to ensure a complete and appropriate collection of farm data.



Network Description







Agroforestry for organic livestock farmers [Denmark, NW 1]

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DK NW1 Agroforestry – Livestock – Pork <u>FARM 2</u> – interconnectedness within farm (flows)





Nutrient cycling and landscape synergies

 exchange of biomass and land between arable and livestock farmers
 [Denmark, NW 2]

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DK NW2 Nutrient exchange – livestock – arable farms <u>FARM prototype</u> – interconnectedness between farms (flows)







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The mixed elements in





UK – Grazing cattle / fodder exchange Fergus Younger, SAOS









interconnectedness -between farms



2. Scotland 3-year grass grazing-between livestock and arable farms



AGROFORESTRY SYSTEMS

Scotland 3-year grass grazing on arable farm interconnectedness within farm (flows)



The mixed elements on

this farm = the area of

Scotland Winter grazing of cereal by sheep - interconnectedness between farm (flows)



The mixed elements in



UK Winer grazing of sheep Zach Reilly (SAC), Robin Walker (SRUC)











(Re)wetting of arable land, exchage of land between arable and livestock farmers [Germany, NW 5]

Dr. Ulrich Mäck, Anja Schumann, <u>Raphael Rehm</u>

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MAIN FLOWS & MIXED PART





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Network Presentation DE - Agroforestry

DE Farm1 Agroforestry – silvopastorale & silvoarable agroforestry – Chicken & Potatoes <u>Hof Hartmann</u> – interconnectedness within farm (flows)



DE Farm2 Agroforestry – silvopastorale & silvoarable agroforestry – Cows & feed <u>Riekens Landmilch</u> – interconnectedness within farm (flows)



The Swiss Network









Austrian Network: <*Apple hens*>



AT Orchard – Laying hens < Apple hens > interconnectedness within farm (flows)



AT Laying hens- walnut trees interconnectedness within farm (flows)





French network – pigs & agroforestry





FRA NW1 Agroforestry – Livestock – Pork FARM 1 – interconnectedness within farm (flows)



FRA NW1 Agroforestry – Livestock – Pork FARM 2 – interconnectedness within farm (flows)





French network – crop & livestock manure exchange





1. General information about the network



Our network = 13 farms

- Crop-livestock farms (2); Crop farmers (4);
 Livestock farmers (7)
- **58-262 ha** + gradient of permanent grassland





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The Romanian network: fruit, livestock and agro-tourism

Camelia Gavrilescu (IEA-AR), Vergina Chiritescu (GAL-TP)









RO NW2 Cooperation / product sales – livestock farm with mixed fruit and agro-touristic farm interconnectedness between farms (flows)





The NL network: a multi-farm landscape MiFAS

Miranda Meuwissen, Frederic Ang, Tobias Dalhaus, Murilo de Almeida Furtado, Guy Low, Lisa Wiering

& the involved farmers!



Cooperation between arable and dairy farms









national team Poland – IUNG Puławy & Juchowo Village Project

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Juchowo Village Project – one farm, one network

- 1. General information about the network
- Juchowo Village Project: biodynamic farm in the northwest of Poland
- Several entities present within Juchowo Village Project, with two core institutions involved in the MIXED project







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"Mixedness" configuration and main components



Low, G., Dalhaus, T., Meuwissen, M.P.M., A review on impacts of mixed normalized agroforestry systems on value chains, manuscript in preparation (January 2021).



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