

Misunderstanding between “animal scientists” and “technical people”



Problem	Solution	Chance to have the same problem again in a new set-up/installation	Things to take care of/to check	Suggestions
In communication between ‘animal scientists’ and ‘technical people’ we had some misunderstandings regarding interpretation/definition of terminology	This was solved after some good discussions in the group	Yes, but probably not with the present group of researchers are working together again	Enable enough time for discussions of definitions and terminology	It is important to make sure that there is enough time for this type of discussions. The definition and terminology list should be discussed and defined in close collaboration with these two groups
Not always straightforward how technology relates to Key Indicators		Yes	Enable enough time for discussions of technical solutions offered in the project	The technical providers and animal scientist should spend more time in discussing the available technology solutions early in the process
It must be clear that an indicator shall bring information that is important for the farmer to take a decision		This is important as soon as a new indicator is proposed	When defining an indicator we need to think of the kind of decision the farmer may take with the data	When a KI is proposed the type of action that the farmer may take should also be described

<p>Many indicators recorded automatically are not specific (e.g. activity: if low then a health problem is suspected).</p>			<p>It must be made clear that KIs act as 'alarms' for a further proper detection / diagnosis of the problem (or more generally deviation from normal)</p>	
<p>Often several KIs must be combined to make/take a decision.</p>	<p>There must be decision rules somewhere in the PLF system (eg if I measure x + y, then I take this or that decision)</p>			
<p>Finding and training of assessors for the application of Gold Standards asked quite some attention</p>		<p>Yes</p>	<p>Install techniques at or close to the research partners</p>	<p>The farms with the technical solutions installed should be aimed at being close to a partners institute in order to enable selections of assessors from within the local partners' network. Preferably the technique should be installed at some of the partners research farms to ensure high quality research</p>