



BLUESEL – an INTERREG France-Wallonie-Vlaanderen project aiming at the conservation and the use of the genetic heritage of the dual-purpose Blue breeds in Belgium and Northern France

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Context

Dual-Purpose Belgian Blue and **Bleue du Nord** cattle are mainly located on both sides of the border between France and Walloon Region of Belgium. Even if these Belgian and French Blue breeds are related because of their common ancestors in the former Mid and High Belgium cattle and the exchange of sires, differentiated selection objectives (more beef in Walloon Region, more milk in France) let them diverge.

Mid and High Belgium breed

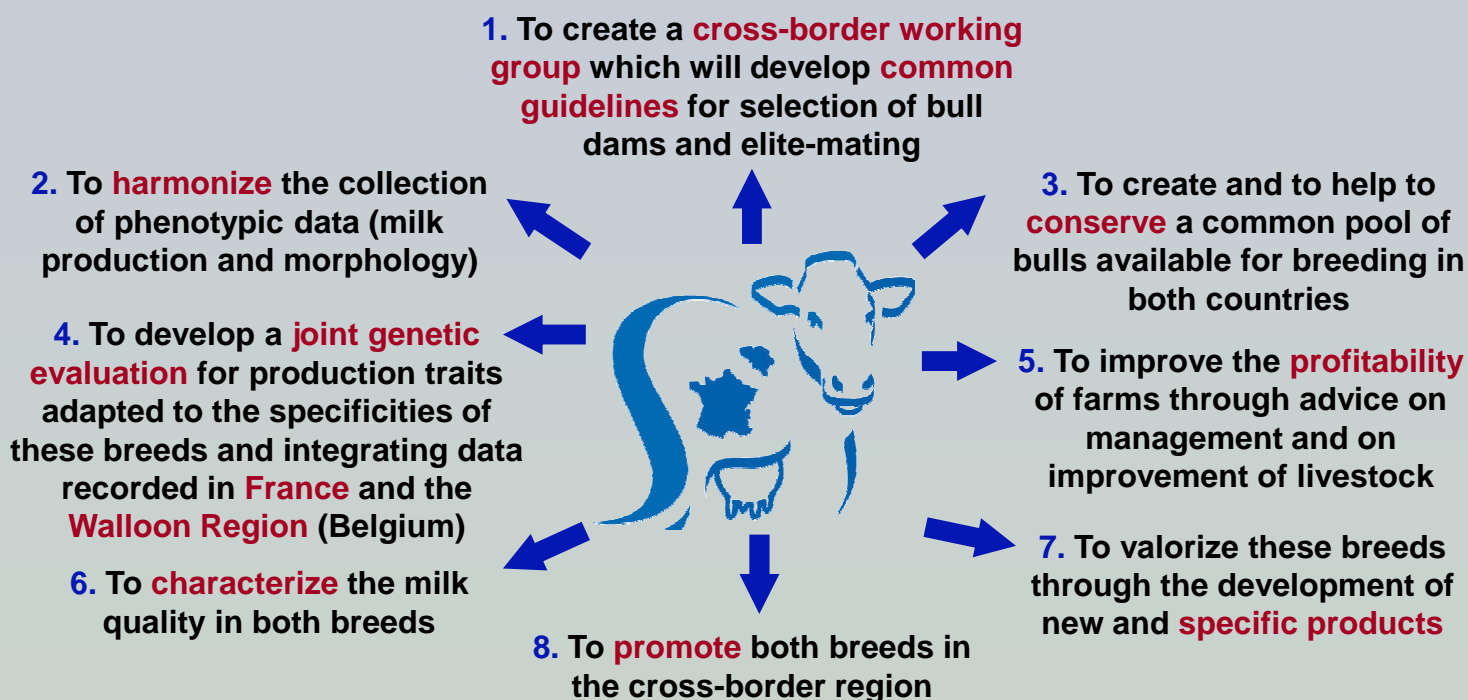
Bleue du Nord
Endangered status



Dual-Purpose Belgian Blue
Vulnerable status



Conservation and use of Dual-Purpose Belgian Blue and Bleue du Nord animals naturally adapted to this cross-border region between France and the Walloon Region (Belgium)



Partners

- ✓ Walloon Breeding Association, Lead Partner (B)
- ✓ Centre Régional de Ressources Génétiques du Nord-Pas-de Calais (F)
- ✓ Maison de l'Élevage du Nord / Union Bleue du Nord (F)
- ✓ Animal Science Unit, Gembloux Agricultural University (B)
- ✓ Institut de l'Élevage (F)

Associate Partners

- ✓ Herd-Book Blanc Bleu Belge (B)
- ✓ Parc naturel régional de l'Avesnois (F)

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