

MilkQua Newsletter special issue: the Steering Board at a glance



MilkQua annual Steering Board 2021

After being kept away for almost a year by the lockdown, 14 participants of the consortium of MilkQua project could finally meet up for two days on the 27th and 28th September 2021 in Lodi, on the Campus of the School of veterinary medicine of the University of Milan



1st day: work hard, play hard

The first day of the meeting was dedicated to the presentation of the work packages advancement and the results achieved so far. Each WP leader had one hour to present the actions partners have implemented within the project framework, and discuss about it with the group.

This allowed all partners to have a follow-up of the project activities as well as an overview of first results and further steps.

[Access to the presentations](#)

2nd day: MilkQua under the spotlights

On the second day, the partners have had a brainstorm on how to improve the project visibility and dissemination activities. After a little warm up at the beginning of the day, the leader of WP8 presented the activities carried out so far. After what, the consortium met-up in a networking meeting with the leaders of other PRIMA projects: [CamelMilk](#) and [ArtiSaneFood](#) to explore potential synergies and further collaboration opportunities.

The rest of the day was dedicated to the shooting of the first video of the project and several photos were taken to feed the [project website](#).

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MilkQua project behind the doors



Visiting the veterinary school

The University of Milan kindly hosted the meeting of the Steering Board, in brand new premises established in Lodi Campus. Fabrizio Cecilian, Prof. in Veterinary Pathology in the Department of Veterinary Medicine led the participants through the corridors of the veterinary school. They could discover the lab, the operating room and animal stalls.

[Photos](#)



Visiting a water buffalo farm

The steering committee meeting was ended visit to a water buffalo farm. The Azienda Caffi is located in Farfengo, close to Cremona, and has around 200 dairy water buffaloes. Water buffalo is famous for the mozzarella cheese but is also the main source of milk, meat and working labour for millions of people worldwide.

Dr Caffi is the owner, and the manager of the farm, beside being also a stakeholder involved in MILKQUA. The visit enabled to share project results of MILKQUA, beside tasting the outstanding mozzarella produced in the farm!

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