

EU Young Train Kaunas Aims

**How will Central and Eastern
Europe respond to World,
European and local consumer
and societal demands on
quality and safety of meat?**

Questions

- **What is the current state of the Meat Chain**
- **What are the societal and consumer demands**
- **What are the challenges and opportunities**
- **How can traditional meat systems contribute to improving meat quality and safety and human health**

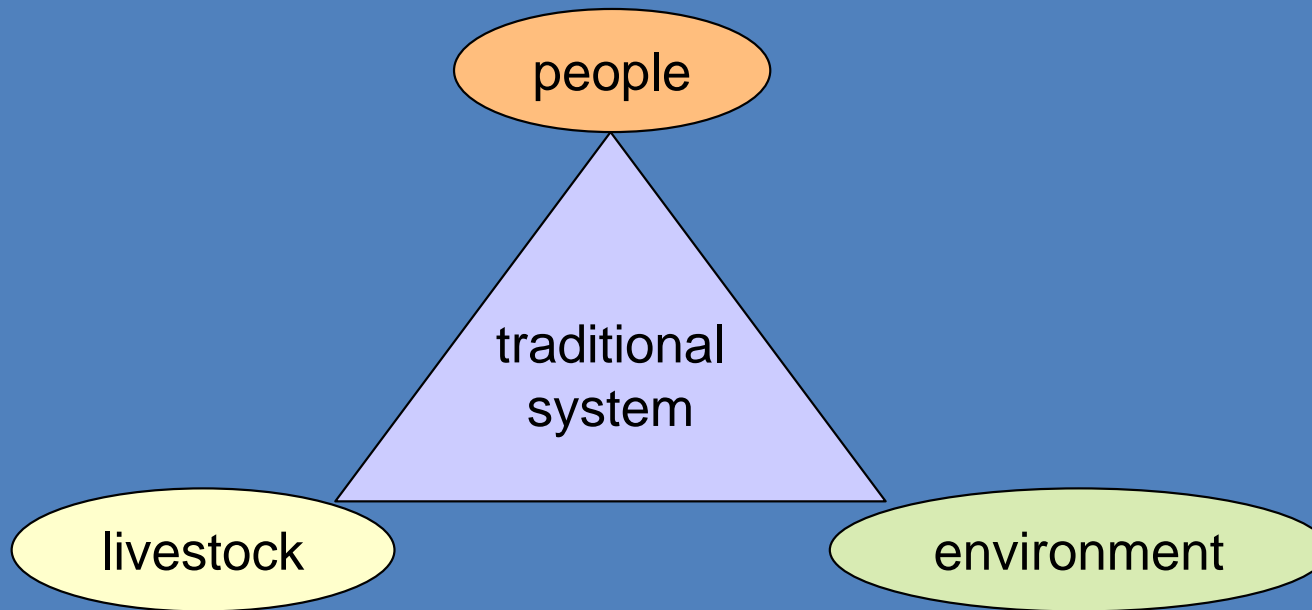
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- **What are the regional research and dissemination problems in meat quality and safety?**
- **How can research centres in Central and Eastern Europe better contribute to the European Research Area in meat quality and safety**

Project Development

Concept

- Traditional systems



- Biodiversity
- Product Quality and Human Health

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- Welfare of animals in traditional systems
 - impact of farm, transport and slaughter practices on meat quality
- Meat safety
 - analysis and implementation of *appropriate* disease and contamination control, good practice, codes and standards

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- Genetic improvement of traditional breeds to improve meat (product) quality and human health
- Improving health and well being of consumers - from whole chain management of integrated/ traditional/organic systems)

Protection of traditional products in connection with farming system and consumer attitude

Background

Traditional products might disappear

- globalization
- changing of eating habits and lifestyle
- loss of the know how

Traditional products are needed

- consumer demand
- rural development
- good quality and health
- product diversity

Challenges

- **Do we know how many local products?**
- **How to select the products to be protected**
- **How to maintain traditional systems**
- **To apply new tools / technologies**
- **To enable traceability**
- **Proof of the health benefits of traditional diets**

Opportunities

- **Ensure market/ protection of products**
- **Improve competitiveness**
- **Improve quality control**
- **Maintain or increase traditional systems**
- **Benefits to environment and rural people**
- **Diversity of healthy products / choice**

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