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- by FGE, for general processes and procedures;
- at the level of each organisation involved for particular procedures and the management of recordings.

General procedures include the QMS management procedures required by the ISO 9001 standard:

- the management of documents and recordings;
- the handling of non-compliances and complaints;
- corrective and preventive action;
- internal audits.

A SYSTEM FOR ONGOING PROGRESS

- Governance
  The combined objectives and measures are defined at the collective level and validated by the political authorities of FGE.
- Professions
  The implementation of the professional frames of reference ensures quality of products and services. The processes undergo detailed analysis during process reviews.
- Monitoring
  Internal audits carried out at organisation level as well as FGE level provides the means to check compliance with contracts and process efficiency.
- Improvement
  Any anomalies, complaints or non-compliance detected result in corrective or preventive action.

The annual management review analyses all the data and results from the FGE Quality Management System. This enables a periodical definition of policy and quality objectives.

THE AREA OF APPLICATION* OF THE FGE QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

In partnership with breeders, and with the combined resources of 7500 technicians, consultants or agents, 750 engineers and supervisors, these approximately 240 organisations (EAD, ECEL, ORC, ES, EMP ARISDE, Institut de l’Elevage, INRA, …) ensure quality in the following activities:

- cattle, sheep and goat identification
- performance recording for beef and dairy cattle
- genetic evaluation for dairy cattle
- the management of the collective Information System.

(*) Excluding overseas territories.

MANAGING THE QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (QMS) OF FGE

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OUR QUALITY POLICY

Our collective Quality Management System provides the means to continuously alter and improve France’s genetic programme. (Dépôt Généétique Français) and guarantees a continuing high level of reliability and recognition in France, in Europe and internationally.

Realising our VALUES:
- guarantee the successful management of animal genetics by and for the breeders;
- strive for consensus in interprofessional decision-making;
- put resources between regions, breeds and species, and between the professions and companies;
- respect the entrepreneurial freedom of companies within the programme while honouring the breeders’ interests and the sustainability of FGE;
- … and to establish our OBJECTIVES:
- guarantee at all times the quality of data and results as well as the reliability of products originating from the collective programme;
- integrate technological developments into the professional frames of reference in conjunction with research;
- maintain and promote our organisation’s reputation for quality;
- improve the quality of services to breeders and increase client satisfaction levels.

These objectives are deployed in the processes, monitored by indicators, and followed up during the process reviews and the management review.

« In order to succeed, we need the efforts and involvement of all to harvest the power of a network: our network. »

A collective organisation working for the goal of genetic progress in livestock professions

Cattle, Sheep and Goat Identification
Parentage Certification of Cattle
Performance Recording of Cattle
Genetic Evaluation of Cattle
Information Systems

France Génétique Élevage : the national interprofessional body for the genetic improvement of ruminants

FGE resulted from the determination of French livestock farmers to manage the genetics of their animals whilst maintaining breed diversity. FGE plays a role in the organisation and development of genetic progress. FGE defines methods and criteria, manages the national systems of genetic information and ensures communication not only towards the general public and French authorities, but also with European and International bodies.

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FG E is an organisation governed by the law of 1st July 1901 which has the status of Interprofessional recognised by the State (6th October 2006).

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A POWERFUL AND STRUCTURED ORGANISATION

240 ORGANISATIONS WORKING UNDER A SINGLE QMS

- More than 200 organisations or companies contract part of their various complementary activities under a single QMS

- The QMS commission establishes the process, the connections and interactions with other processes, the resources, the environment, the means of control and monitoring, and the indicators to measure operational objectives.

- The QMS commission, by delegation of the Board, is available for the overall direction of the QMS and carries out the Management Review.

- The Quality Management Group prepares decision-making and is responsible for internal and external communication, QMS planning and audit programmes.

A PROCESS APPROACH APPLIED TO THE PROFESSIONS

6 PROFESSIONAL FRAMES OF REFERENCE FOR 14 PROCESSES

The number of products and services is based on 14 processes for which are defined the activities, the connections and interactions with other processes, the resources, the environment, the means of control and monitoring, and the indicators to measure operational objectives.

- GFE activities are controlled, validated and monitored.

- They are divided into 7 groups of processes implemented by the different professional categories contracted by the GFE.

- Each category is responsible for implementing one sequence of all the system. A professional frame of reference is available, and each category’s processes are operated within the framework of the process reviews.

COLLECTIVE MANAGEMENT BY PROFESSIONALS

THE STRENGTH OF AN INNOVATIVE QUALITY ORGANISATION

- The Board establishes strategy and Quality policy.

- The Executive Committee is responsible for resource management, policy monitoring and planning for the QMS.

- Commissions by sector ensure the validation of improvements and major developments arising from process reviews concerning process efficiency or products, in relation to client requirements.

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OUTSTANDING PRODUCTS

FOR A SKILLED AND DIVERSE CLIENTS