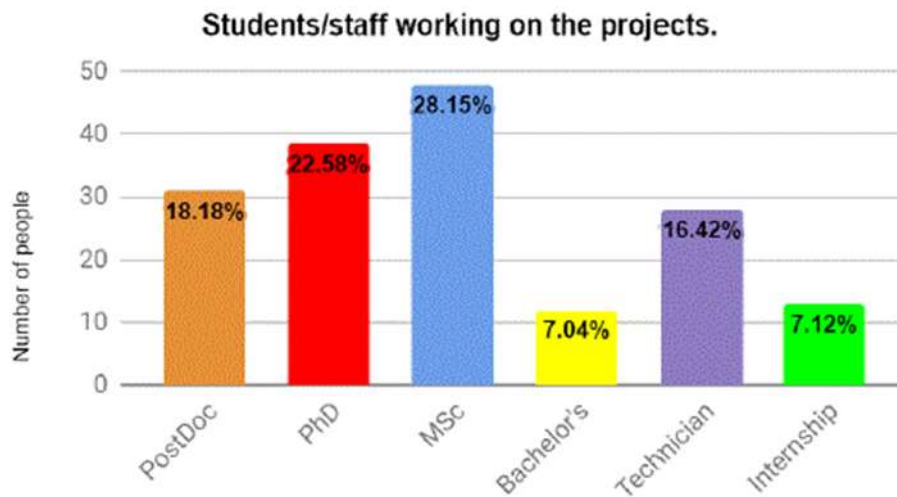




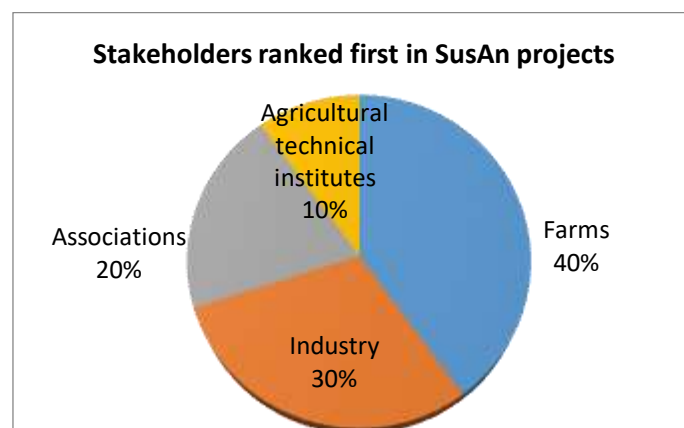
Mid-term of SusAn Projects

In 2019, the 14 co-funded projects in ERA-NET SusAn participated in a mid-term survey and delivered mid-term reports which in turn were evaluated and approved by the Funding Parties.

The results showed that SusAn projects have an **impact in the research community**, with 170 new positions hired specifically for the projects, mainly MSc graduates (28%).



The **stakeholders' involvement** in the projects was rated as successful by the majority of the partners. Farms, industry and diverse associations were considered the most important stakeholders. The interactions of these stakeholders with the projects proved to be very diverse. Farms participated mainly as discussion channels, data providers and direct project participants; industry was more frequently categorized as direct project participants, whereas associations contributed mainly as discussion and dissemination channels.



Impact expectations were evaluated as 'high' concerning the 'Potential to develop European animal production'. The potential related with the 'Added-value of **transnational collaboration**' was also highly scored. Concerning the **innovation potential expectations**, most of the participants considered that their project results could increase the innovation capacity of the farmers.

All projects build on the sustainability triangle of economic competitiveness, social acceptability and environmental protection. Besides, all of them have a cross-cutting approach and contribute to the **SusAn Research Areas**, which refer to the improvement of the productivity, resilience and competitiveness of European Animal production (Area 1), the improvement and management of resource use to reduce waste and enhance the environmental sustainability of European Animal production (Area 2) and the improvement of on-farm practices to enhance consumer acceptability and address societal challenges associated with animal welfare, product quality and safety, biodiversity and provision of ecosystem services (Area 3). The project partners confirmed that this contribution was substantial in Area 1 (80%) and 70% in Areas 2 and 3.

The SusAn Monitoring Team will continue with the follow up of all projects until their finalisation in 2020 (between February and September 2020 depending on the project). The analysis of the final reports and final surveys will contribute to the final impact assessment of SusAn projects.