



Resilience for Dairy (R4D) has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation program under grant agreement No 101000770

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Innovations

Socio-economic Resilience / **Environment**





2005

Saulius started working at the farm of his



2017

new housing stable for heifers and dairy cows



Farming milestones

parents



2007 Renovated old farm





2022 Start new farm building

The herd

- 49 Livestock Units (LU)
- 30 dairy cows
- 11 dairy heifers
- Calving period: all year round



Agricultural Area

100 ha AA

- 120 ha perm. grassland
- 5 ha wheet
- 20ha/rapeseed

Workforces

- 2,25 labour units (Full Time Equivalent)
- Aims: generate income, automatization, genetics

Areas of interest

- Land restoration
- Grass management
- Automatization

Main buildings and equipments

- Deep bedding shed for cattle (access) to field all year round)
- Calf feeding milk
- Milking parlour 1X7

- Individual boxes for young calves
- Collective boxes on deep straw bedding for heifers

Production / Technical results



- 30 00 litres (100% sold)
- 4.3 % fat & 3,20 % protein content
- Cheese fermented: 6000kg sold



Strengths

- Labour planning
- Good technical keyresults
- High-performance & modernized equipment



Weaknesses

- Limited possibilities for additional ha.
- Weight of employed wor force



Opportunities

- Interest in genetics
- local dynamism
 allowing common work
 collective investment



Threats

- Pressure on land price, resident.
- Dairy landscape is moving fast, with number of dairy cattle decreasing

Farmer's strategy for a "resilient" system

To process on-farm produce and sell it directly from the farm. Follow a farm-to-table strategy. To take care of the welfare of the cows, improving feed quality, housing conditions, etc.

Aspirations / Needs for the future

Creation of cheese processing unit. Installing milking robot.
Pay more to cows genetics, grassland management

Improvement project - objectives

Reduce work load



• Economical efficiency to improve income

 Mix productivity and efficiency





 Diversify income coming from the dairy

ENVIRONMENT ANIMAL Wellbeing



Partners









"Resilience 4 Dairy" is a European project involving 15 European countries and 18 partners. R4D is a thematic network on innovations and aims to support EU dairy farming in these regions where dairy farming is a main economic activity.



R4D pilot farmers are involved in a National Dairy Akis group where needs, solutions and knowledge are exchanged with other farmers, advisors and scientists on their way to build a resilient system. More information https://resilience4dairy.eu/