

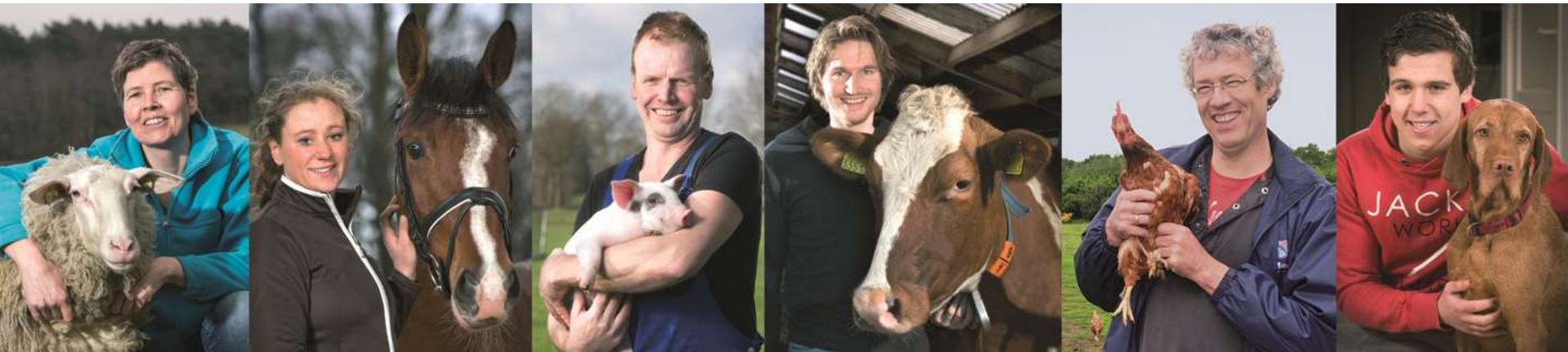


**Teaming up for  
animal health, in the  
interest of animals,  
their owners and  
society at large**

# Animal Health Surveillance in the Netherlands

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**Voluntary  
4 species  
Since 2002  
Many partners**



## Funding agencies

- Government: Ministry of Economic Affairs
  - Agricultural Boards
  - Minor contributions by farmers
- } 50/50



# Agricultural policy making:

## Authorities, “The Hague”

- EU regulations, TB, Brucellosis, Leucosis, FMD, BSE, etc.
- Public health

## Commodity board(s)

- Move from compulsory to voluntary

## Industry

- Retail
- Processing Industry
- Farmers & Farmer union('s)

## Consumers & consumer organisations.



# Dutch veterinary infrastructure

## First line:

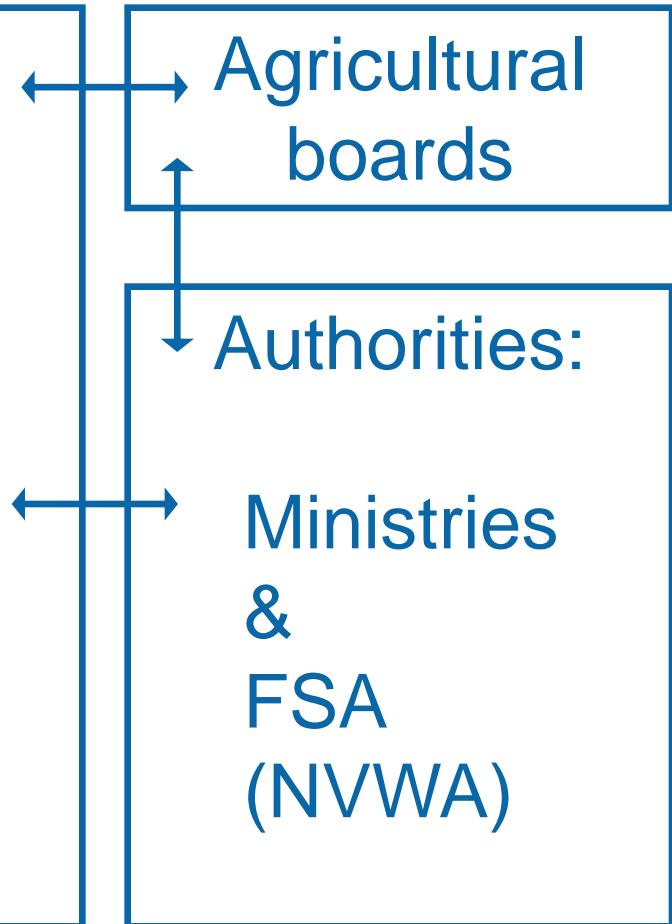
- Farmer: 24 hours / 7 days
- Private practitioners

## Second line :

- GD-animal health service

## Third line:

- CVI (ref.), universities etc.



# Stakeholders interests

## Government

Proving freedom of disease  
Compulsory reports

## Industry

Market position  
Continuity in production process

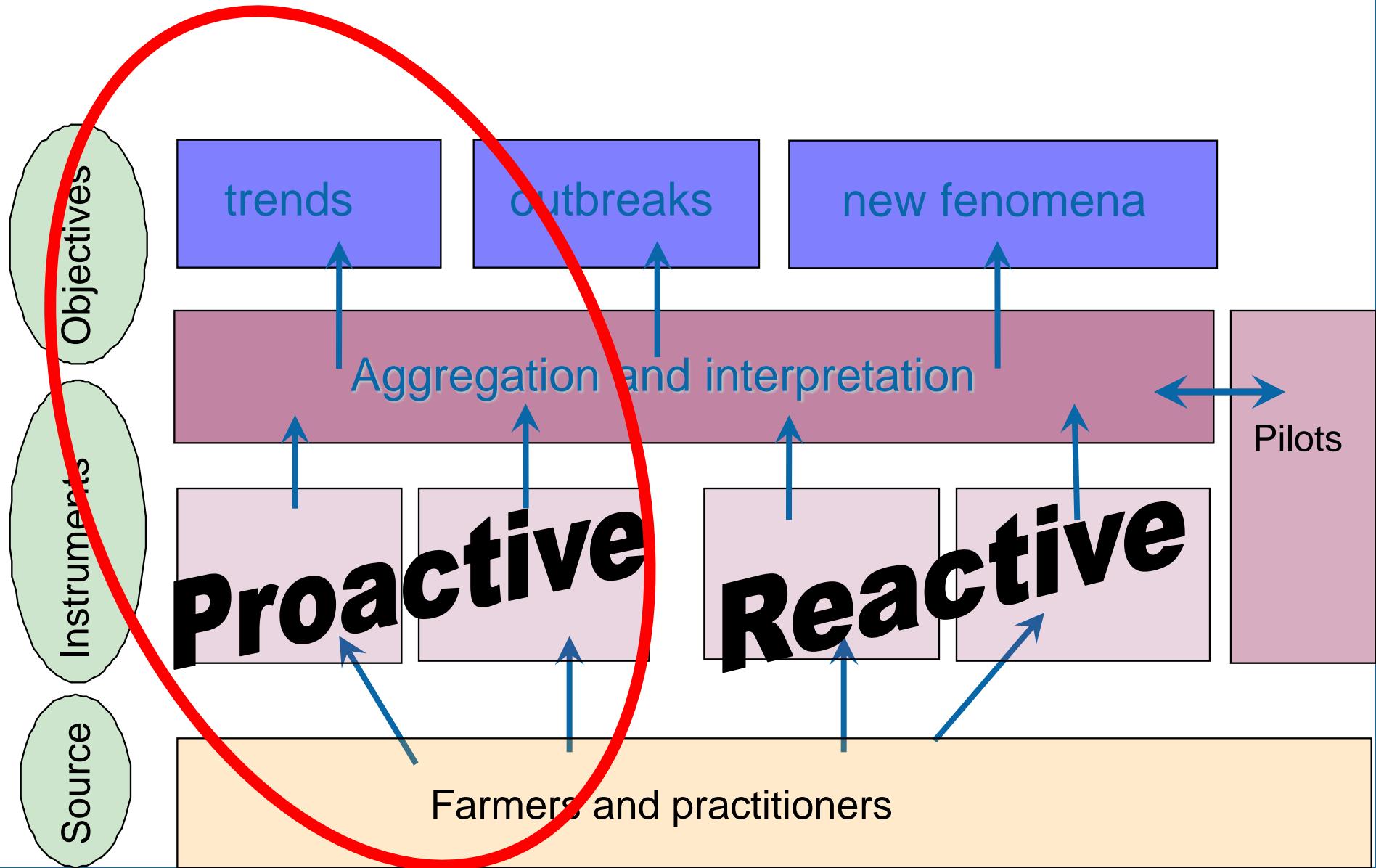
Public health  
Product safety

Prevent/reduce calamities  
Optimal protection and control

# Objectives

- **Early detection of outbreaks**
- **Early detection of new diseases**
- **Trends in animal health and diseases**

# Dutch animal health surveillance schematically



## Pro-active: prevalence studies



Ask farmers and  
practitioners to  
participate

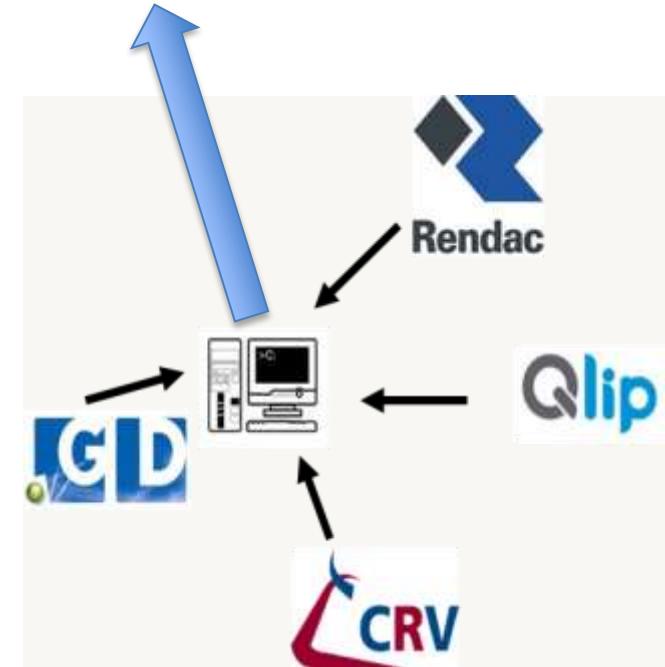
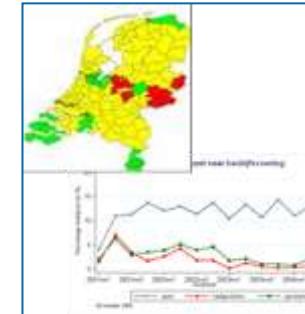
# Pro-active; health indicators

Information provided by:

- Rendering plant
- Milk control
- Breeding organization
- GD

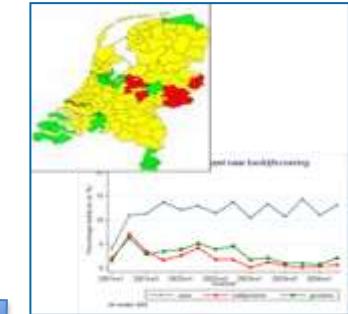
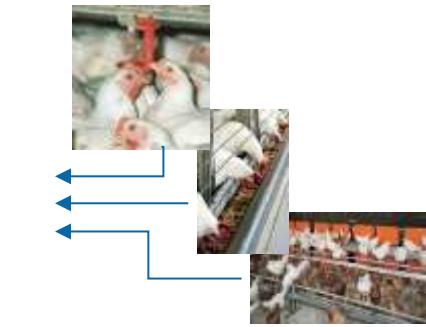
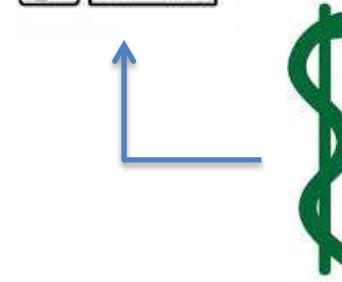
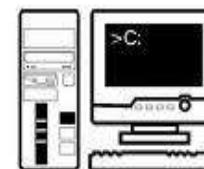
All use same farm number  
~98% of farms

Anonymized, then combined & analysed  
→ Sustainability, production, udder health,  
metabolic diseases etc.

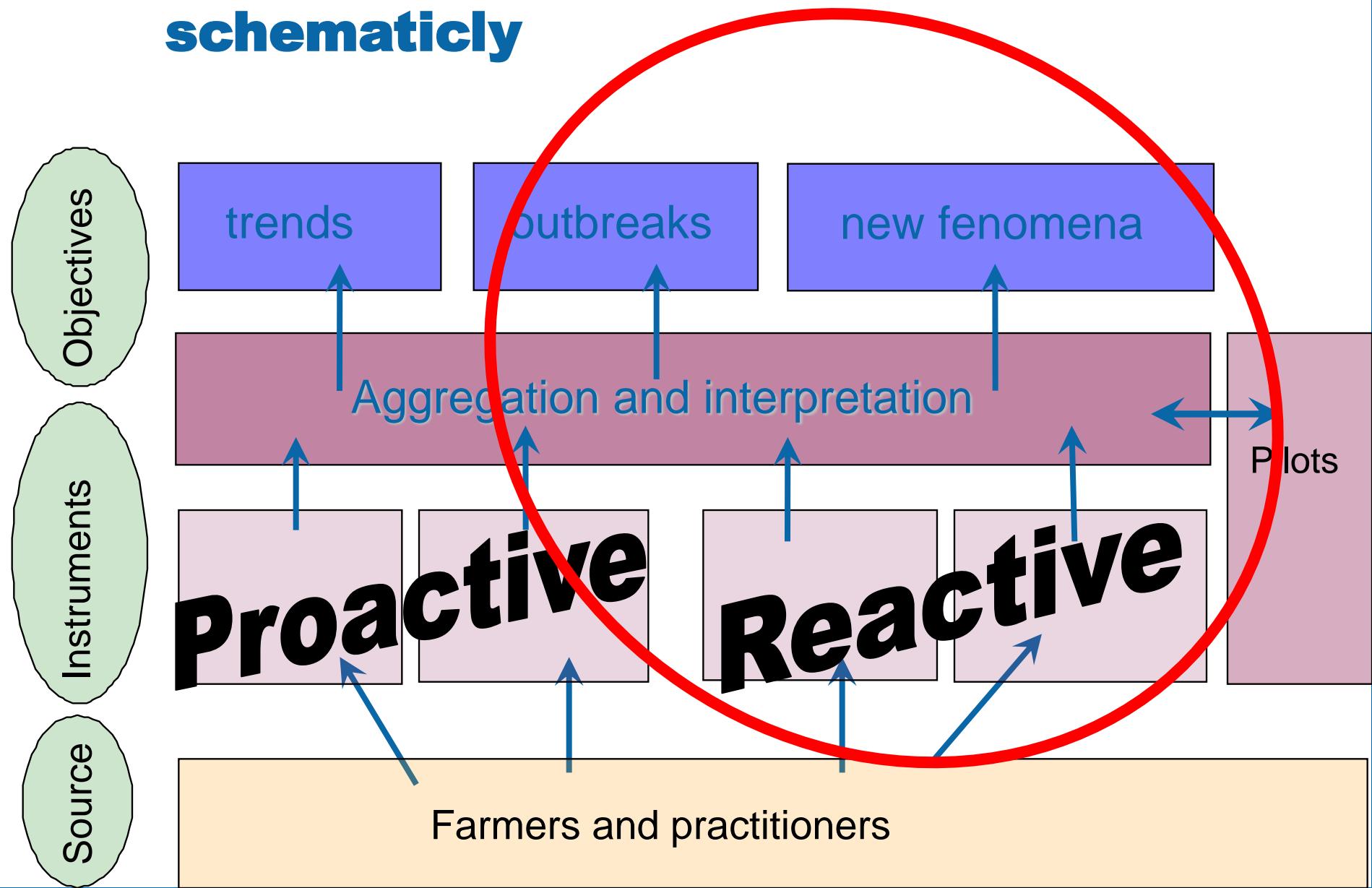


# Pro-active; health indicators

Network of practitioners and GD  
Standardised information per farm visit  
Production, organ system, use of AB  
Feed back to network



# Dutch animal health surveillance schematically



## Reactive surveillance

First action by farmer & practitioner

Rewarding & attractive:

free specialist advise

diagnosis on individual problems

feedback on national situation



Helpdesk 9000 calls/year

Pathology 9000 PM's/year

## GD-Veekijker

- Telephone consultancy for practitioners and farmers
- 9000 consults / year



- Watch for odd cases
- Meeting with various experts:  
every week / fortnight
- Farm visits and pilot studies if necessary



## Pathology & diagnostic laboratory

- Large post mortem facility  
9000 PM's / year
- Veterinary laboratory  
4,3 million submission / year
- Close collaboration with Veekijker
- Diagnosis for farmer
- Early detection national level



## Some findings:

AI

Bluetongue

Schmallenberg

Q-fever

BVD2

Mycobacterium avium

Salmonella gallinarum

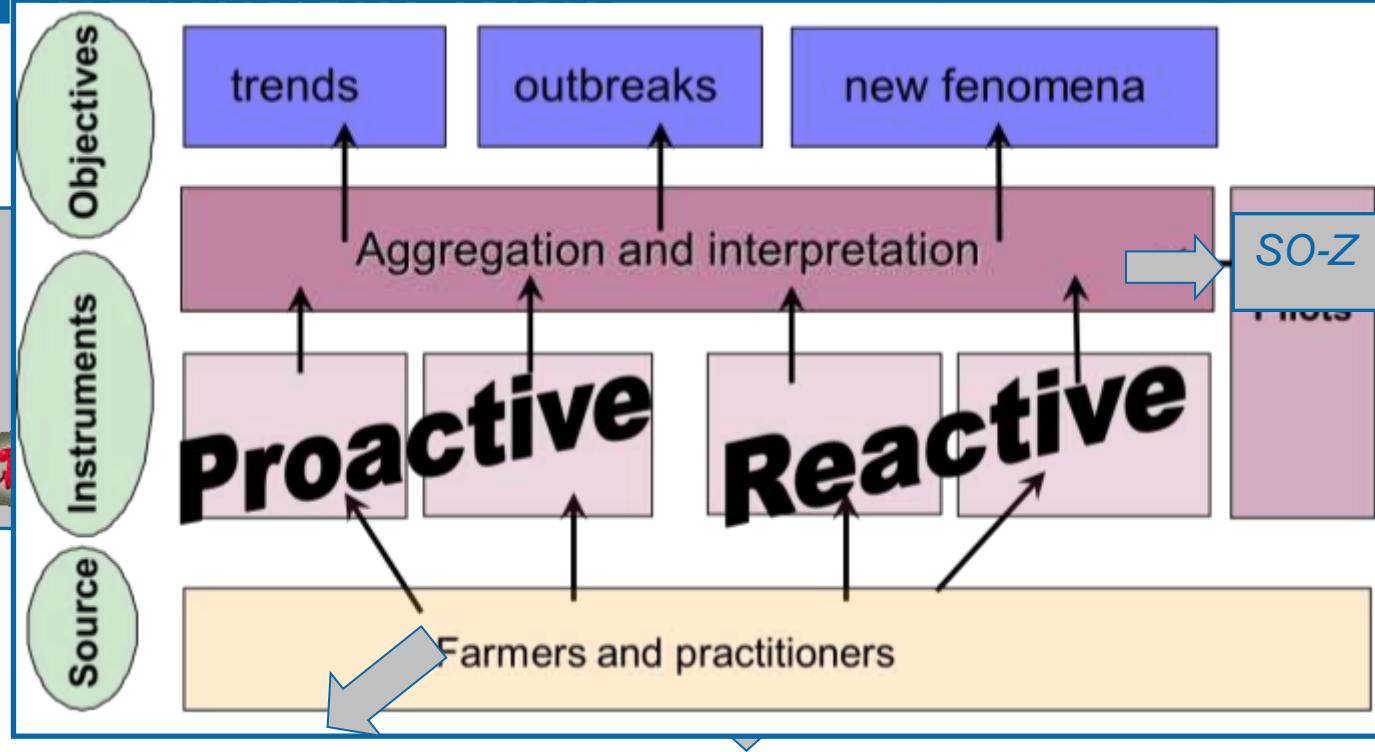
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& genetic disorders, exotic parasitairy infections etc. etc.

But most of the time: “All is well”

# Distribution of information

e-mail or telephone  
to authorities /  
steering committee  
immediate action



  
report to steering  
committee  
4x a year  
policy  
adjustments

feedback to  
farmers and  
practitioners  
management &  
therapy



# Stakeholders in steering committee



Ministerie van Economische Zaken

Ministry of Agriculture,  
Ministry of Economic Affairs



Dutch Dairy Board



werk voor u

Dutch Board for  
Agricultural Boards Livestock, Meat &



stry

Food Safety Authority

Food Safety Authority (NVWA)



Farmer's organisations & Agricultural industry  
Farmers organisations & Industry

# Coöperating for one health



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**OneHealth portal**

Zoeken kunnen een gezondheidsrisico vormen voor mensen en dieren. Significatie van een ziekte is dan ook belangrijk om tyfus-maatregelen te kunnen nemen in zowel het humane als het veterinaire domein. Uitzakken van waarde: influenza en de Q-kreeft hebben laten zien dat de gevolgen groot kunnen zijn voor de volks- en diergezondheid.

De OneHealth portal is bedoeld voor professionals uit het humaan en het veterinaire domein. Het is een digitaal platform om humaan-dierenartselijke informatie-exchansie en samenwerking te faciliteren. Ooggroepen zijn dierenartsen, artsen, medewerkers van humaan en veterinaire kernehuisvestingen en andere professionals die werkzaam zijn op het gebied van ziektes van de natuur's kant.

In de OneHealth portal zijn bestaande signatuurzaalservices ondergebracht, zoals velfit@ct, info@ct en EZD@ct (web-based Entering Ziekenhuis Informatie en Printering systeem). In de agenda vindt u actuele informatie over OneHealth activiteiten in Nederland en buitenland. Heeft informatievoorziening zelf het in de toekomst mogelijk zijn om informatie uit te wisselen of om de portal te gebruiken voor gezamenlijke projecten. Deze beweeglijke membership kan voor verschillende doeleinden door professionals worden gereserveerd.

De OneHealth portal is nog in ontwikkeling. Zodra de membership openbaar is kunnen professionals zich hierop aanmelden.

Wat biedt de OneHealth portal?

Universiteit Utrecht

GGD Nederland

knmvd

Nederlandse Voedsel- en Warenautoriteit  
Ministerie van Economische Zaken

National Institute for Public Health and the Environment  
Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport

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For quality of life

# International coöperation

## International Veterinary Surveillance Network



Partners active in scanning surveillance

Aims:

Exchange of surveillance expertise  
Exchange of surveillance information  
Enhanced critical mass

# Teaming up for one health



**Thank you for your attention**