

Annex 1



CAP'2ER SECTION

**(to be used in FRANCE, ITALY and ROMANIA)
also in SPAIN (upon advisers' choice)**



4.a. presentation of the tool (Cap2ER) & the assessment process

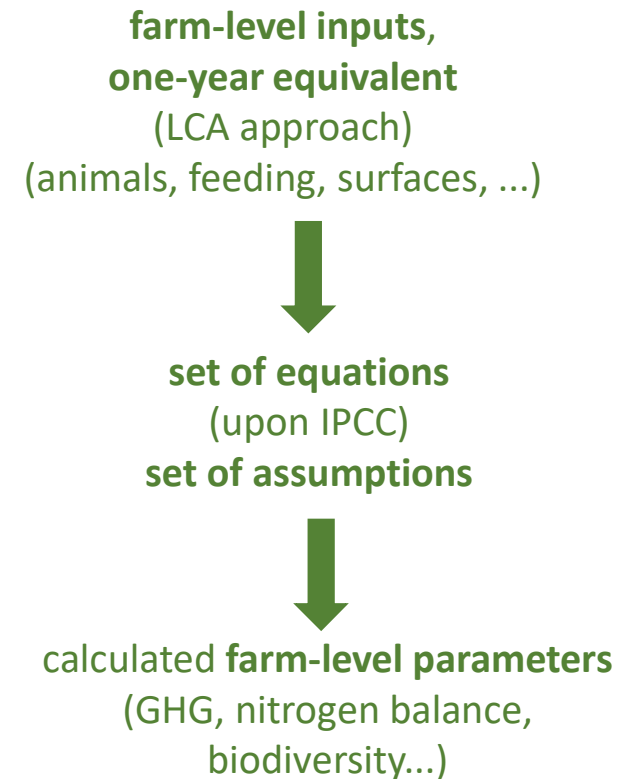
Two levels of assessment in CAP'2ER®

CAP'2ER® Level 1

- A simplified analysis
- 30 activity data / 1 hour to collect data and to present results to farmers
- To develop an observatory
- To highlight the link between practices and environment

CAP'2ER® Level 2

- A Complete analysis
- 150 activity data / half day/one day to collect data and to present results to farmers
- To simulate mitigation practices
- To build individual carbon action plans





Farm assessment process – how it works:

- **the advisor*** visit a farm or **get in contact with a farmer** (e.g. phone / on-line)
 - ***previously trained to collect data, fill in data (on paper, in Excel, in CAP'2ER), interpret the results)**
- collect input data: **30 data** for Level 1 (in **Demo farms**) or **150 data** for Level 2 (in **Innovative farms**)
- **get the diagnosis** and **explain it to the farmer** (printer-friendly pdf).
- **draw conclusions + identify measures** (adapted feeding strategies, etc.) to be taken in order to:
 - **reduce farm-level GHG**
 - **maintain / increase the farm efficiency**
- **explain the demo farmers** the benefits of applying the **identified optimisation measures**
- **explain & assist the innovative farmers** on applying the **identified optimisation measures** (action plans)

Demo farms:

- first round of assessments (2022)
- targeted by dissemination / awareness / promo actions
- second round of assessment (2024)

Innovative farms:

- first round of assessments (2022)
- implementation of measures / mitigation plans
- monitoring throughout the project

Before the meeting with the farmer

For easy questioning the farmer should be asked to prepare:

- **Documents** for the **inputs** used along the year (e.g. purchased animals, feed, fuel)
- **Herd registers** (e.g. lambing, artificial inseminations)
- Milk/meat **production records**
- **Fertilizations** applied along the year
- **Manure** data (bought/sold)
- etc



Also, the advisor should get prepared:

- Know very well **the tool** to be used
- Know **the averages** of a typical local farm (e.g. milk yield, animals: surface ratio, etc.)
- Know the **normal range of** the sheep breed **parameters** (e.g. feed intake, live weight..)
- Know the **conversion factors** (milk to cheese, milk consumption by lambs, ...)
- etc.

4.b. Data collection (sheep data only)



Demo farms

Utilised Agricultural Land (UAL)	parameter # 1
Natural grasslands	parameter # 2
Temporary grasslands	parameter # 3
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Including dehydrated forages	parameter # 30
Purchased straw	

Focus ON



Innovative farms

parameter # 1
 parameter # 2
 parameter # 3
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 parameter # 150

GENERAL ADVICES during data collection:

- be **prepared to cope** with misunderstandings
- **focus on** essential inputs
- **be efficient** (don't interview **longer** than needed)
- **collect as much** as possible (esp. Level 2)

& after the data collection:

- **hand your data** to the person doing data processing
- or
- proceed with the **software run**
- don't forget to **give the farmer a feed-back**



Specific advices for the data collector:

- all the **input data** = **one year basis** (calculations needed)
- know the **sheep farm basis**:
 - the **usual** animal load / surface
 - the **average** milk production (for the area, production system, race...)
 - the **usual** feed consumption
 - the **common**/widespread feeding strategies in the area
- **be prepared for conversions**: e.g. milk production is sold as cheese, the farmer report the cheese sells => milk: cheese yield ratio to be used to convert in litres of milk (/head, /farm...)
- **be prepared to extrapolate the feed consumption** / head / season => whole year, whole farm (if data are not available)
- ask **supplementary questions** when you notice biases / errors
 - e.g. declared milk production **way too low**
 - e.g. **way too many / way too few** animals / a certain surface
 - (maybe it's real => look for the reason / but maybe it's a misunderstanding => clarify)

Pay attention – input data are clustered



WARNING:

- **only** surface for **sheep**
- clarify **collective** areas

SURFACE DATA:

Utilised Agricultural Land (UAL)	25.4	ha
Natural grasslands	25.4	ha
Temporary grasslands	0.0	ha
Forage crops	0.0	ha
Annual crops	0.0	ha
Other areas	0.0	ha
Individual pastoral areas	13.6	ha
Collective pastoral areas	9.2	ha
Additional areas	0.0	ha
Total livestock Unit (LU) on farm	47.0	

ANIMALS DATA:

WARNING:

check whether the values are within the range of breed / production system:

- male/female **ratio**
- **culling rate**
- **prolificacy**

Milk sheep herd		
Main breed	Manech tête rousse	
Number of ewes	352	heads
Number of rams	0	heads
Number of renewal ewe lambs	50	heads
including number of purchased ewe lambs	0	heads
Number of sold milk lambs	189	heads
Average weight of milk lambs	11.0	live weight/lamb
Prolificacy rate	103%	%
Total annual sheep milk production	34,184	liters/an
Fat content	65.7	g/l
Protein content	51.2	g/l



Pay also attention to the 3F:

FEED/FERTILIZATION/FUEL DATA

Inputs used by sheep herd		
Electricity consumption	4,874	kWh/year
Fuel consumption	3,699	liters/year
Mineral nitrogen used	0	unit N/year
Organic nitrogen imported	0	unit N/year
Purchased concentrates	43.4	tons/year
Including cereals	23.7	tons/year
Including soybean meal	0.0	tons/year
sheep concentrate - Protein content <=20%	8.0	tons/year
sheep concentrate - Protein content >20%	10.6	tons/year
Including dehydrated concentrates	0.0	tons/year
Including minerals and vitamins	1.03	tons/year
Purchased forages	28.0	tons DM/year
Including dehydrated forages	2.0	tons DM/year
Purchased straw	9.0	tons/year

WARNING:

Breed characteristics
 - feed **intake / category**
 - protein % by **age**

Electricity and fuel = **only** for sheep

4.c. guidelines on the results analysis and interpretation (Cap2ER) (Results and Solutions)



User friendly inputs' recap

MY SHEEP UNIT

Reference system Pyrénées-Atlantiques livreurs transhumants

My sheep herd					
Ewes	Milk production	Total milk production	Total corrected milk production*	Concentrates	Stocking rate
352 heads	97 liters/ewe	34,184 liters/year	30,739 corrected liters	123 kg/ewe	15.8 ewe/ha MGFs

My surfaces					
Sheep Total Land (STL)*	MGF Sheep (MGFs)	Pastoral areas	Hedges	Mineral nitrogen	Organic nitrogen
25 ha	25 ha	23 ha	6,875 meters	0 kg N/ha STL*	165 kg N/ha STL*

MY POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS

Contribution to biodiversity conservation



I maintain 3.71 ha eq of biodiversity /ha STL* and, thanks to pastoral areas, 23 na eq or biodiversity /ha STI *

Carbon sequestration

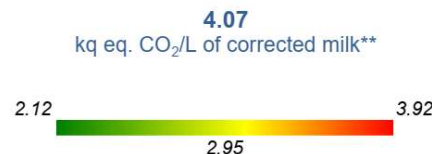


I store 908 kg carbon/ha STL* and, thanks to pastoral areas, 5.7 T carbon

Food performance**

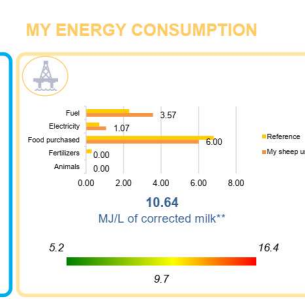
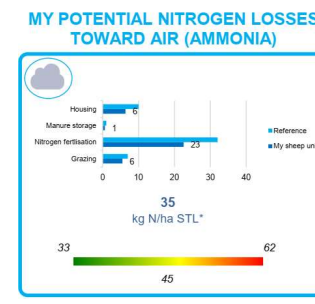
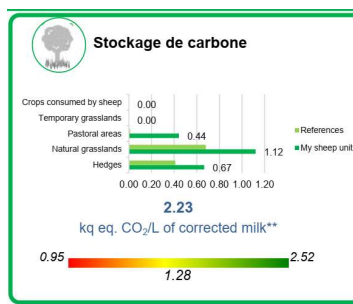
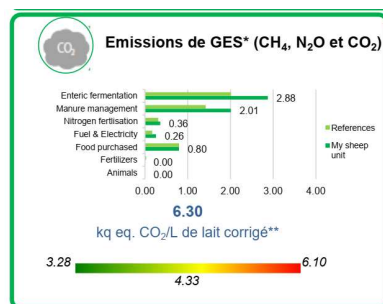


I feed 218 people / year or 9 people/ha STL*



Positive results check

Be aware of the values here



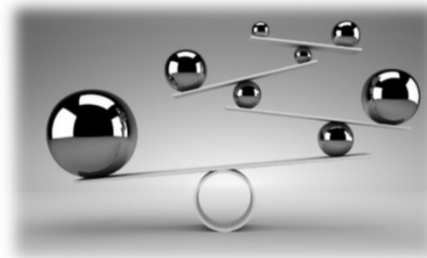
INPUTS

Concentrates and forages
Fertilizers
Imported manure
Purchased ewe lambs
Symbiotic fixation
Atmospheric deposition

OUTPUTS

Milk
Sheep meat
Wool
Exported manure

Balance for:



**Minimizing the
GHG emissions**

**Maintaining or (even better)
improving the farm efficiency**

SWOT analysis:

=> **FIND THE BEST SOLUTION FOR THE FARMER, e.g:**

Change feeding strategy
=> **higher efficiency**



less GHG / unit of product

Improve reproductive performances
=> **higher efficiency**

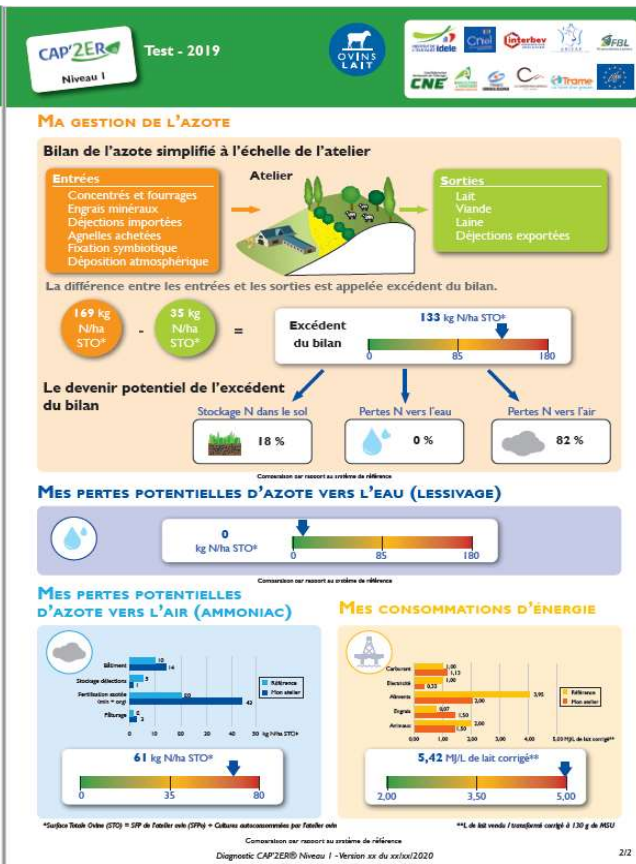
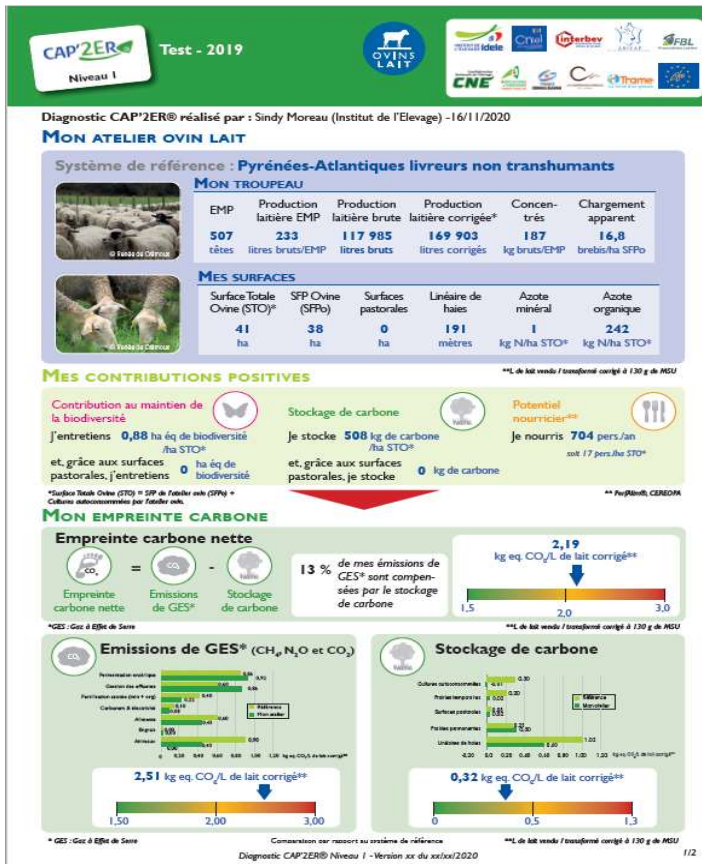


less GHG / unit of product (e.g. milk)

Investment in manure equipment
=> **no headaches & ...**



reduce GHG (e.g. bio-fuel)



a brief (two-A4 pages) nice looking & condensed report

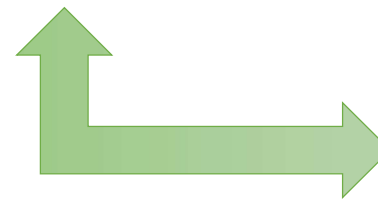
which has to be explained to the farmer

which (beside the inputs) is the base for mitigation measures

which can be printed / forwarded, etc.



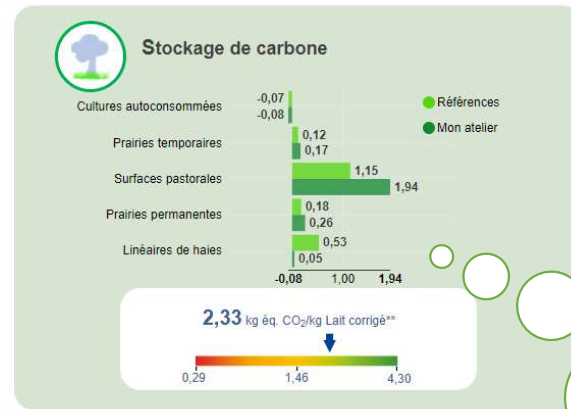
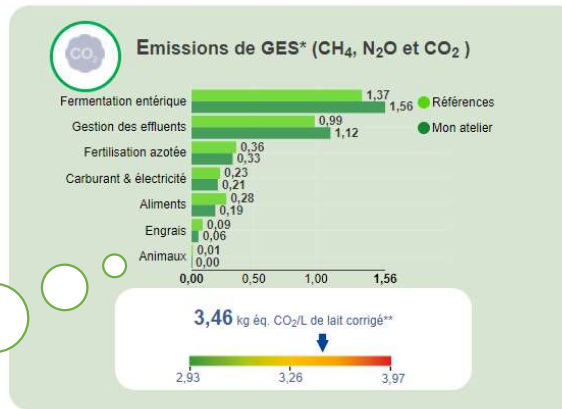
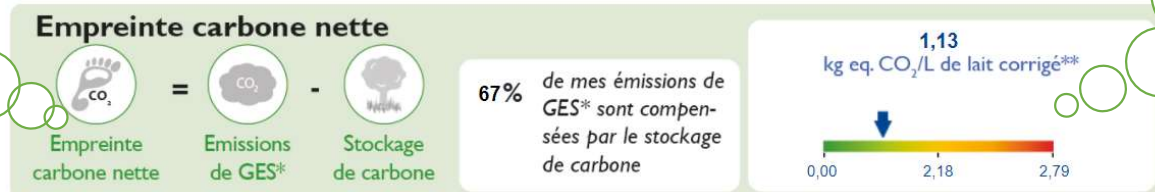
A detailed presentation of the studied farm: number of animals, production, surfaces, etc.



Positive contributions: contribution to maintaining biodiversity, carbon storage, food performance and Contribution of pastoral areas

Distinction between net carbon footprint and greenhouse gas emissions, related to carbon storage

Net carbon footprint result and comparison to a benchmark



- Presentation of the sources of GHG emissions and the final result
- Comparison of the sources and the final result with references

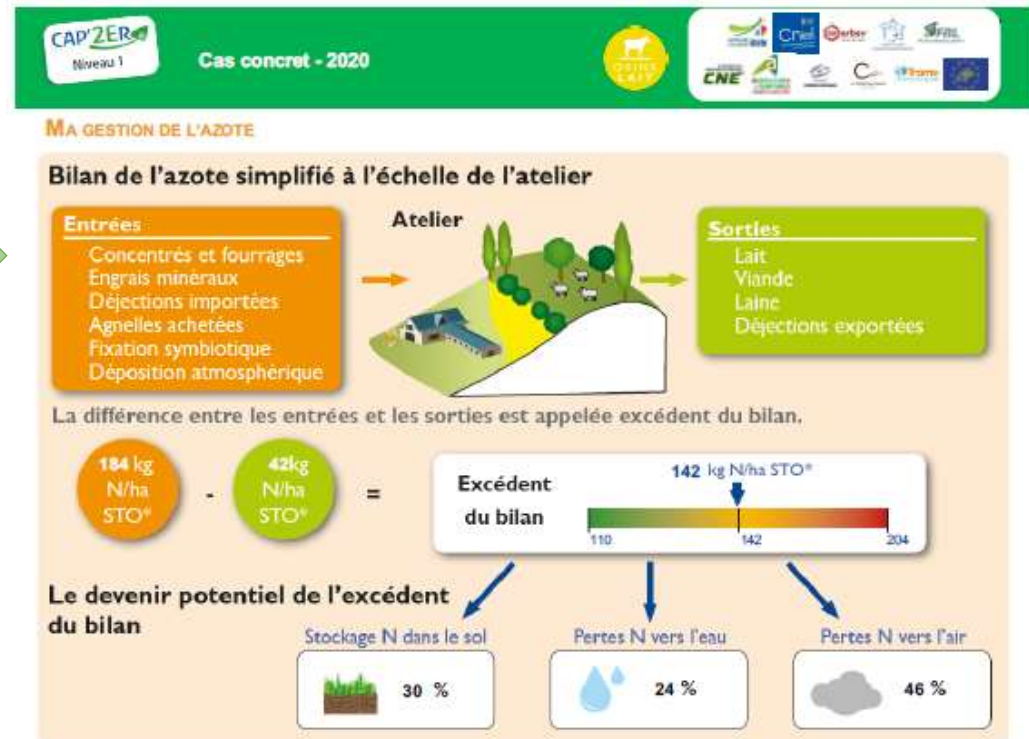
- Presentation of the sources of storage / destocking of C and the final result - Comparison of sources and final result to references



Realization of a nitrogen balance (nitrogen inflows - nitrogen outflows) to know the surplus of nitrogen produced by the studied workshop.

Balance sheet surplus result and comparison to a benchmark.

Excess nitrogen can come in different forms: nitrogen losses to water, nitrogen losses to air, or nitrogen storage in soil.



Potential nitrogen losses to air (ammonia): Nitrogen losses to the air include emissions of several nitrogen gases: NH₃ (ammonia), but also N₂O (nitrous oxide), NO (nitrogen monoxide) and N₂ (dinitrogen). This graph only shows nitrogen losses to the air in the form of ammonia (NH₃). The NH₃ emission items and the overall result are presented, then compared to references, for an equivalent system

“Potential Nitrogen Losses to Water (Leaching)” expressed per ha UAA used by the herd

MES PERTES POTENTIELLES D'AZOTE VERS L'AIR (AMMONIAC)



MES CONSOMMATIONS D'ENERGIE



Fossil energy consumption:
Presentation of the sources of energy consumption and the final result,
Comparison of sources and final result with references (with equivalent system)



Don't forget to do the follow-up...

first of all – these assessments (farm reports) **are the base for** action plans, national policies (e.g. subsidies), ...

But also **an interest for the farmers** – e.g. identification of the **sources of inefficiencies** (e.g. feeding inefficiency)
& for the advisor – e.g. **better “know the farm”** (in a systematic way) / **comparisons** with the average

e.g. high Nitrogen losses = inefficient use of dietary proteins, high specific consumption / product unit, high costs / products unit, economic losses etc.



advices to the farmer, for a better use of nitrogen feeds (which, btw, are expensive)

e.g. identify the outliers in the input data (comparing to other farms in the area / using same breed), and discuss the with the farmer, e.g.



“your reproduction parameters are lower than normal, this leads to both high GHG and economic losses...”
“let’s find a way to improve them...”

and therefore make sure there’s a win-win situation...