

EUDR

How it will affect our
farms



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The “Roche-Madou” Farm

147 ha - Dairy - Beef - Forage crops - Biomethanisation



In Wallonia,
we farm between forests and villages

An aerial photograph of a vast, rolling landscape covered in dense green forests. A winding river flows through the valley, and a small pond is visible in the lower left. The sky is blue with light clouds. A dark horizontal band across the middle of the image contains white text.

EUDR : too many uncertainties



✓ Minimal area to be considered as forest is defined in EUDR

❓ Minimal area to be considered as deforestation is not... If I cut 5 trees, will I be allowed to sell my cattle and get an income ?



✓ Our territory legislation defines agricultural / woodland zones

❓ In an agricultural zone, does restoring a shrub-overgrown pasture back to grazing constitute a change in soil land use?



Authorities have issued deforestation permits in agricultural zone between 2021 and today.



Why can't my cattle graze there if it's legal?



✓ I bought shrubland in an agricultural zone at pasture prices because I want to clear it and restore it to its former use as pastureland.

❓ If I am not allowed to do that, I have lost money and purchased land that is effectively unusable to me.



✓ For sanitary reason, a cow can't leave a slaughter house alive.
if the DDS is missing :

❓ Should we kill the cow and throw it to the bin ?



What is needed

Re-open EUDR to clear uncertainties.

- Cut off date adaptation 2020 → 2027
- Taking account of territory zones defined at national level.
- Minimal deforestation clarification

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“We will not accept any additional administrative burden to prove that our cattle are “zero deforestation” while Belgium’s forested area continues to expand due to the decline in the number of farmers.”

“If you want to implement the EUDR, it must be invisible to European farmers.”





Wrong way

Don't even think of it !

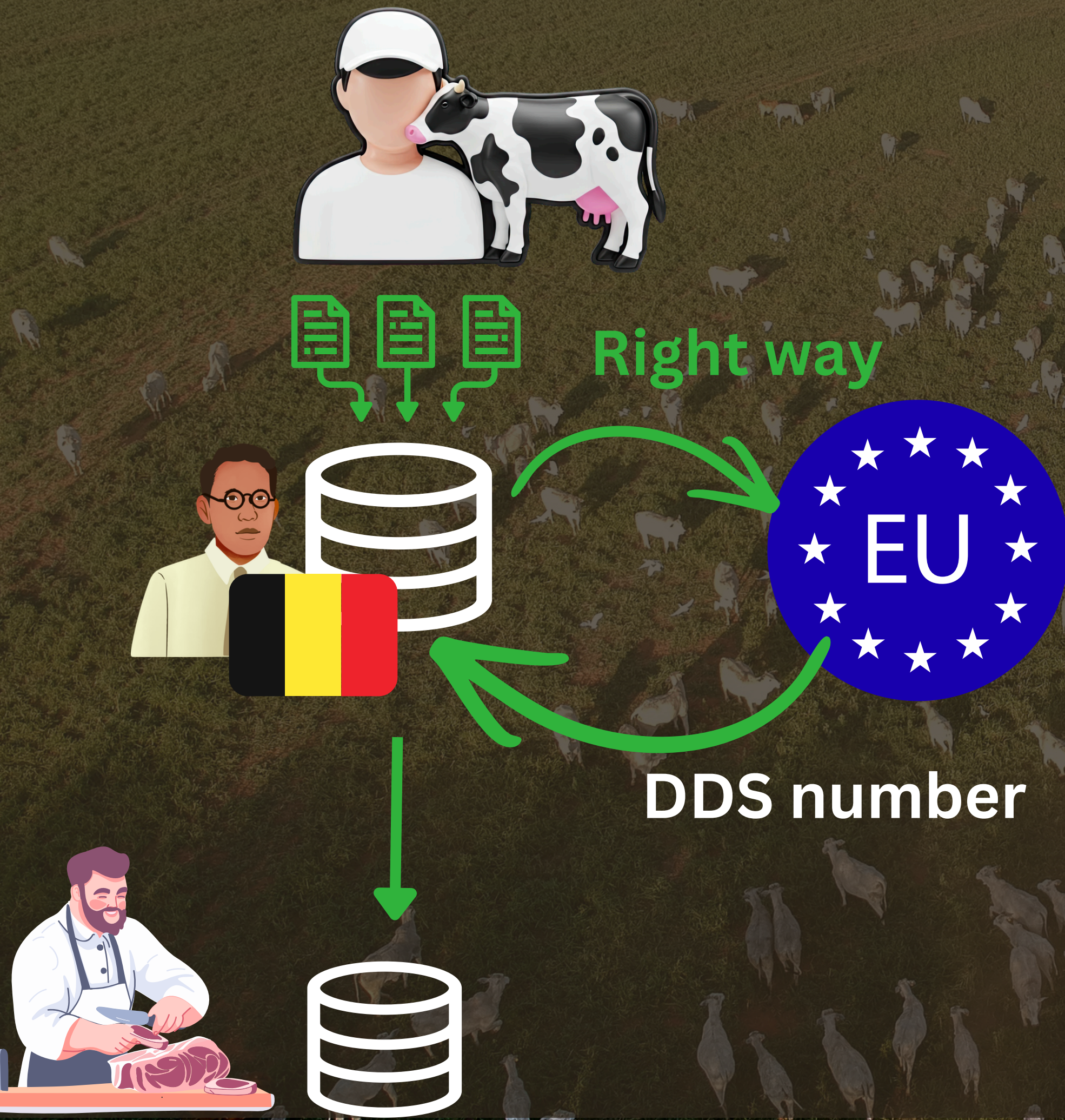


DDS number



Full involvement of authorities is needed :

National databases and IT systems needs to be adapted.





Right way



DDS number



National databases and IT systems need to be adapted.

In BE it will cost 900.000 € and will take months.



Right way



DDS number



At the moment, nothing has started yet due to a “you pay for it” dispute between the ENVI and AGRI administrations, and there is absolutely no political support from the ENVI side.



What is needed

National authorities and politics to take their responsibilities

- develop IT systems



If not ...

Farmers and slaughterhouses will be fined.

Cattle will arrive at slaughterhouses without DDS number and will be thrown in the bin.

The whole EU beef chain will be disrupted offering a room for third countries importations.



**It's time to
really support
EU farmers !**



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