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**Creation of a UEAA commission "technical agricultural education”**

1. **Finding:**
Faced with the significant changes that affect European agriculture (health crises, climate change, food price volatility, market deregulation, technological changes etc ...) farmers face an unprecedented crisis.
2. **Proposals:**
Faced with such challenges, mobilization of agricultural technical schools and perhaps agricultural and veterinary higher education can, even more than today, become major players to support future agriculture (*sensu largo*).

To achieve such an objective, the networking of these institutions at a European level, can promote the exchange of practices and allow us to set up real European cooperation.
The aim of such a cooperation would be to help to adjust agricultural training to share and exchange experiences whilst promoting territorial specificities –

1. **The themes for reflection and action**

They could be, among others:

- How can the schools become a major development player with a strong insertion in its territory and relations increased with local partners (local authorities, farming profession, parents etc..)?

- How can the farms and technology workshops increase their role in technology transfer, innovation and development?

What training to support agriculture change: initial and continuing training (linked to higher education)?

- What should be the farmers’ profiles of tomorrow to face the challenges and changes?

- How can we try to promote the link between retiring farmers and young incoming?

- How to foster links with higher education and research ?

1. **Modus operandi:**

Set a UEAA Commission