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# Powering Precision Farming With ISOBUS

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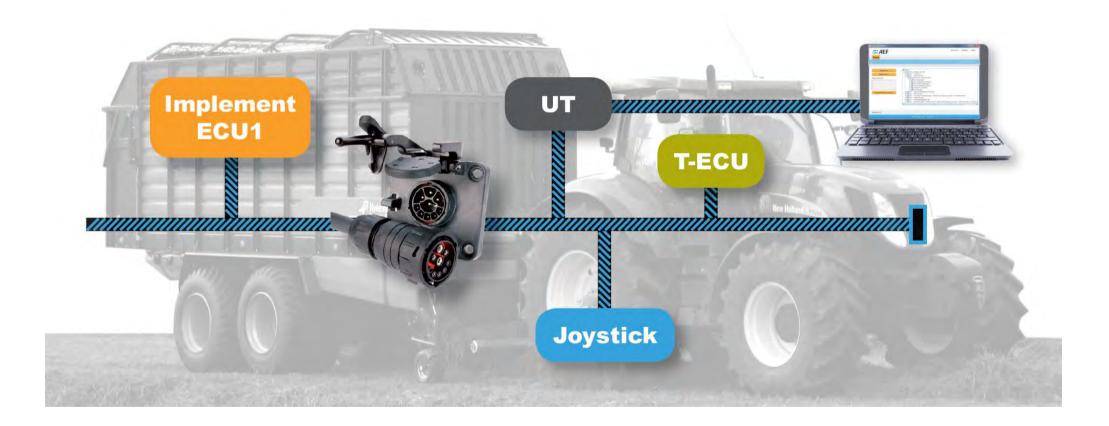
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# Introduction

- Innovative ag machinery is crucial for facing the challenges of agriculture today and in the future
- → Electronics and precision farming are key for this
- → Most important technique: ISOBUS
- Lack of compatibility between machinery from different manufacturers leads to frustration among customers
- → And prevents customers from adopting new technologies

#### Introduction





## **Compatibility Issues**

- → ISO 11783 standard (ISOBUS) defines communication between agricultural machinery
- → Leaves room for interpretation
- → The result: A great number of innovative, but proprietary solutions
- → The AEF is working against these problems by
  - Improving cross-manufacturer compatibility
  - Establishing transparency regarding compatibility issues

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# **The AEF Project Teams – Background**

- → Basis of the AEF
- → International teams of experts from member companies
- → Working to find solutions beneficial for industry and customers
- → 11 teams, each assigned with a special topic
- → Solutions are specified in AEF Guidelines
- → to complement the ISO standard
- → ISO 11783 + AEF Guidelines → basis for manufacturers to develop ISOBUS products
- → Released guidelines typically integrated into the ISO standard

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# **The AEF Project Teams – Topics**

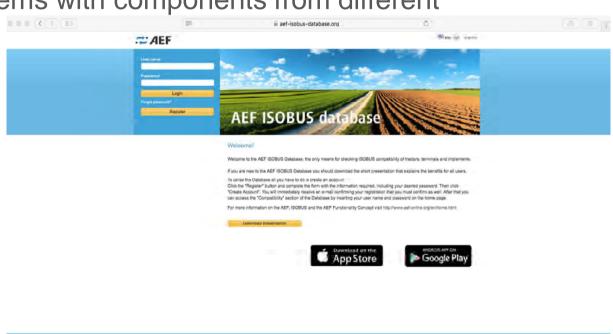
→ Project Team 1: Conformance Testing

- Providing and maintaining state-of-the-art testing and certification process
- → Project Team 2: Functional Safety of Electronic Controls
  - Developing application guidelines for implementation of safety related applications
- → Project Team 3: Engineering and Implementation
  - Coordinating launch of new ISOBUS features
  - Monitoring the ISOBUS engineering and implementation processes.

## **The AEF Project Teams – Topics**

→ Project Team 4: Service and Diagnostics

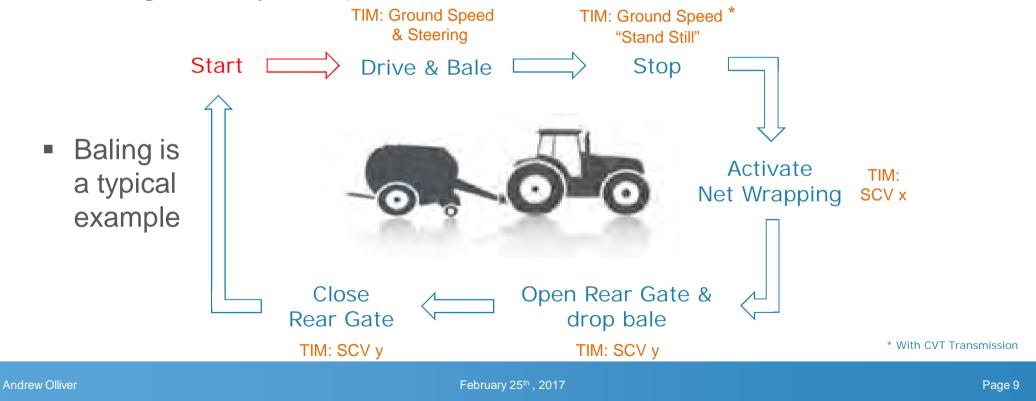
- Development of the AEF ISOBUS Database
- Troubleshooting ISOBUS systems with components from different manufacturers
- Technical documentation
- FAQs
- Training



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## **The AEF Project Teams – Topics**

- → Project Team 5: ISOBUS Automation
  - Defining safe and secure ISOBUS automation systems (tractor implement management systems)



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## **The AEF Project Teams – Topics**

→ Project Team 6: Communication and Marketing

- Promoting ISOBUS and the AEF tools
- Coordinating participation in exhibitions, conferences, etc.
- Responsible for corporate design, PR, etc.
- → Project Team 7: High-voltage On-board Networks
  - Developing a standardised interface capable of providing enough power for large electric motors
  - Based on ISOBUS
  - 4 subgroups working on mechanical and functional compatibility
  - Specification finalised in 2016, interface ready for launch soon
  - Interface can deliver 700 V direct current, or three-phase 480 V alternating current with up to 150 kW power.

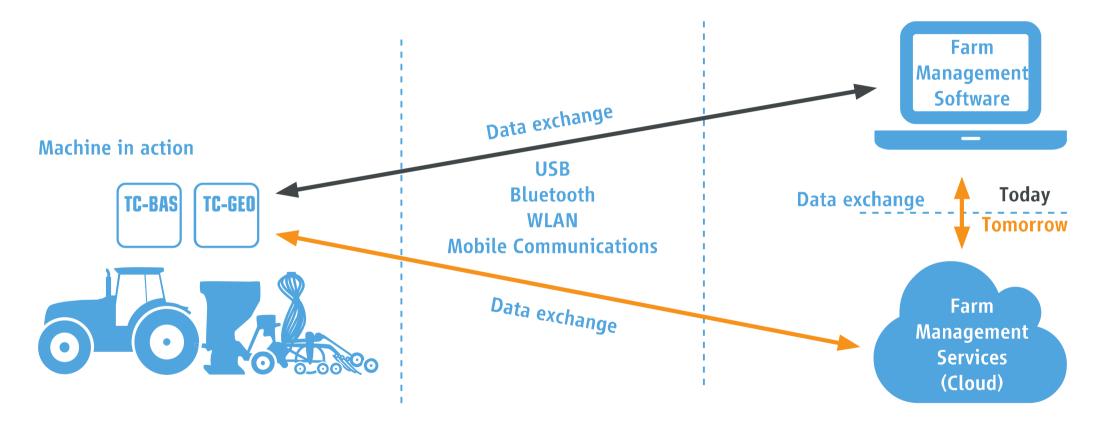
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# **The AEF Project Teams – Topics**

- → Project Team 8: Camera Systems
  - Harmonising connectivity between cameras on implement and tractor
  - Solutions for both analogue and digital image transmission are on the agenda
- → Project Team 9: Farm Management Information Systems
  - Growing importance of data handling
  - Standardisation of ISO XML interface between TC and FMIS necessary



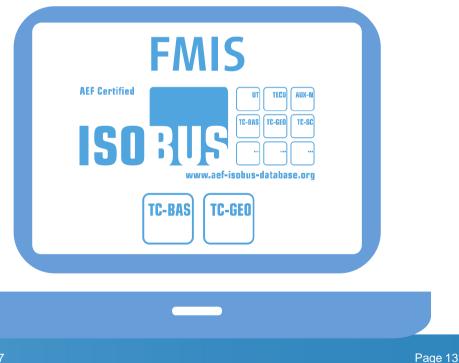
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- FMISes to be certified through AEF Conformance Test
- Certified FMISes will be seen in the database
- Functionalities for FMISes: TC-BAS and TC-Geo
- Certification for TC-BAS in Beta testing
- TC-GEO under development
- Both import and export of XML files will be tested



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AEF Project Team "Communication and Marketing"

## **The AEF Project Teams – Topics**

→ Disadvantages of data exchange via USB

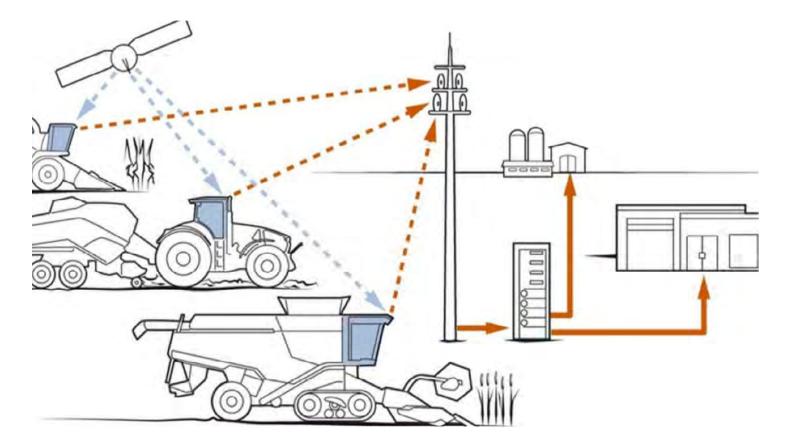
- No tractor no stick no data
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- No live data
- No information of where the machine is

#### → Solution: Data logger

- A hardware with SIM card and software integrated into the ISO system
- Provides current GPS position with DDIs to a server on a regular basis
- 4<sup>th</sup> version of part 10 of ISO 11783 includes a first approach
- Guideline not finished yet, but a few solutions are already on the market



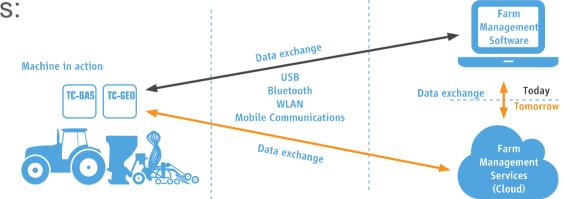
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- Today data exchange with data logger only unidirectional (machine to server)
- PT9 is currently working on a solution for bidirectional data exchange:
- A standard for wireless communication named EFDI (Extended Farm Management Information Sytems)
- It would replace the function of the USB stick in the Machine/FMIS chain
- It could use any number of methods:
  - Bluetooth
  - Wireless LAN
  - Mobile Communications
- Guideline being developed



# **The AEF Project Teams – Topics**

→ Project Team 10: High-speed ISOBUS

- Exploring concepts for increasing bandwidth on the Bus, to ease and speed up data exchange
- This will also contribute to
  - The expansion of of diagnostics
  - The support of electric drives
  - M2M communications
  - Connection of real-time video systems.





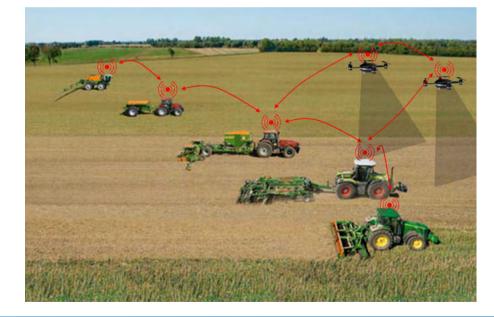




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→ Project Team 11: Wireless In-field Communication

- Examining suitable radio standards for machine-to-machine (M2M) communications
- Communications encryption and functional reliability
- User Cases include:
  - Process Data Exchange
    - o GPS Position of machines in fleet
    - o Coverage map sharing
    - o AB line exchange
  - Co-operative machines
    - o With/without control
  - Camera and Remote Terminal
    - o Camera system on different devices



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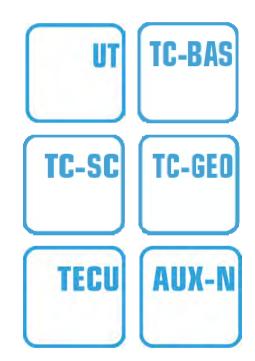
# **AEF Plugfests**

- → Twice a year
- → Alternately in Europe and USA
- Opportunity for members to test their products against each others
- → And to make adaptions, if necessary, before submitting them to the AEF ISOBUS Conformance Test



# **The AEF ISOBUS Functionalities**

- → A functionality can be explained as an independent module on the ISOBUS
- → Each functionality is specified in a guideline
- → Clear and consistent information about benefits provided
- → Decisive for compatibility: The 'lowest common denominator'
- → Basis for the AEF ISOBUS Conformance Test





# The AEF ISOBUS Conformance Test and Certified Label

- Designed to ensure compatibility between ISOBUS products from different manufacturers
- → Proves that a specific product complies to ISO 11783 and the additional AEF Guidelines
- → And that it actually supports a functionality
- → Five independent test laboratories carry out the test











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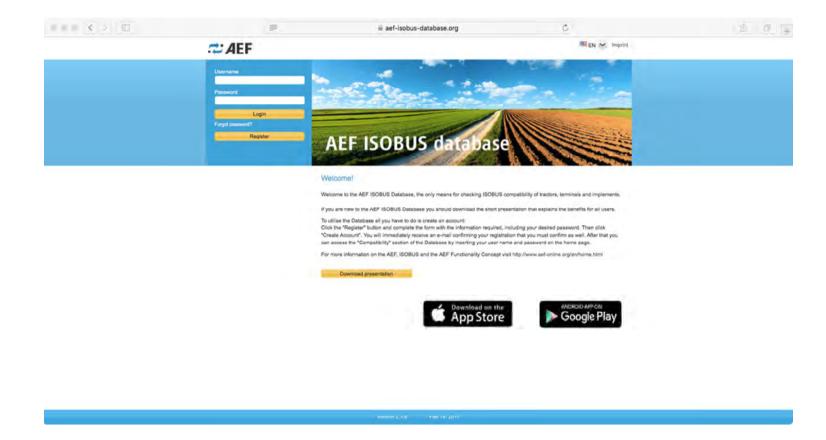


# The AEF ISOBUS Conformance Test and Certified Label

→ Products that have passed the conformance test may be advertised with the AEF Certified Label



#### The AEF ISOBUS Database



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