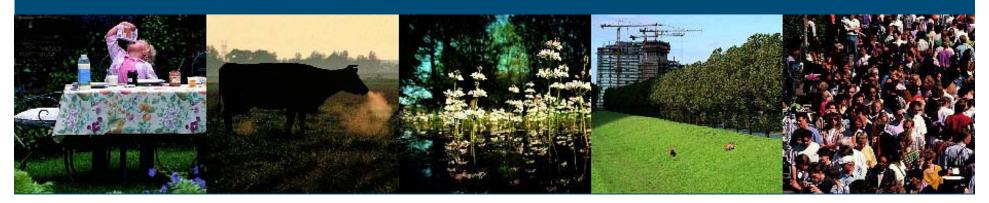
Olympe and game simulation

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Interactive Strategic Management (ISM):

Today fewer or no general solutions, so:

- Interactive Strategic Management has been developed to support the farmers in their new role in an uncertain environment.
- The entrepreneur as pivot
 - Initiative and responsibility with entrepreneur
 - Advisor facilitates (process-guidance)
- In interaction with environment
 - Dialogue with stakeholders
- Sustainability integrated in whole strategy
 - balance between People, Planet and Profit





Interactive Strategic Management (2)

- Focus on drive and competences of farmer
- Start with mission and strategy of farmer
- From general strategy to improvement plans
 - Know where you are: SWOT
 - Develop general strategy with Game Simulation
 - Improving indicators within strategic framework
 - For farmers individual indicators are no goal itself
 - Make improvement plans fitting with general strategy



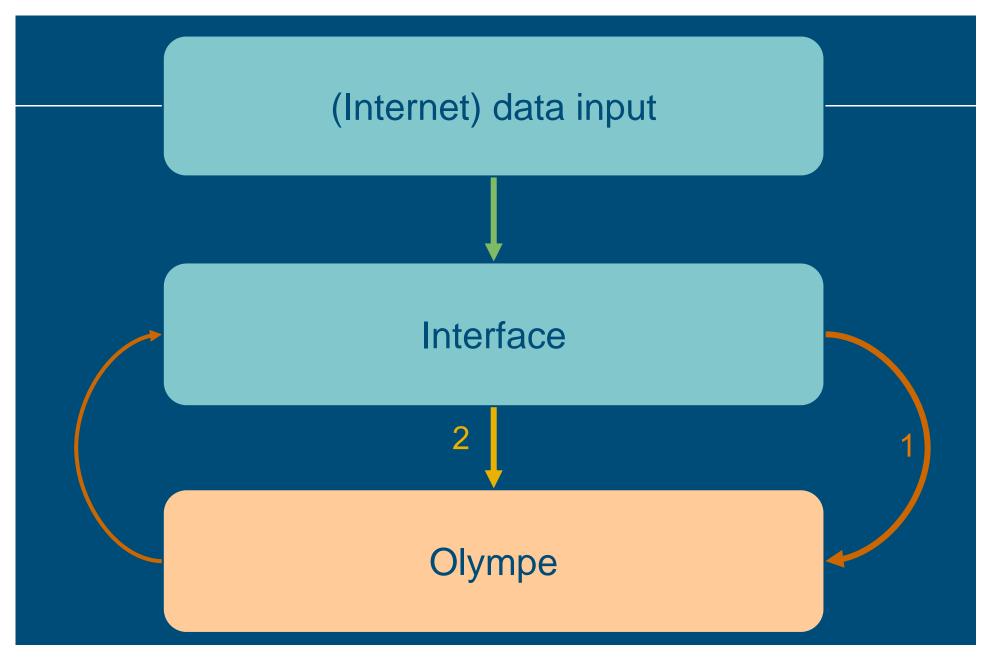


Game Simulation

- Farmer's own data
- Farmer runs program
 - Chooses management measures
 - Makes management measures concrete
 - Looks at the results (technical, financial, environmental)
 - Adapts management measures
 - Compares packages
 - Chooses best plan
 - Gets printed version of best plan



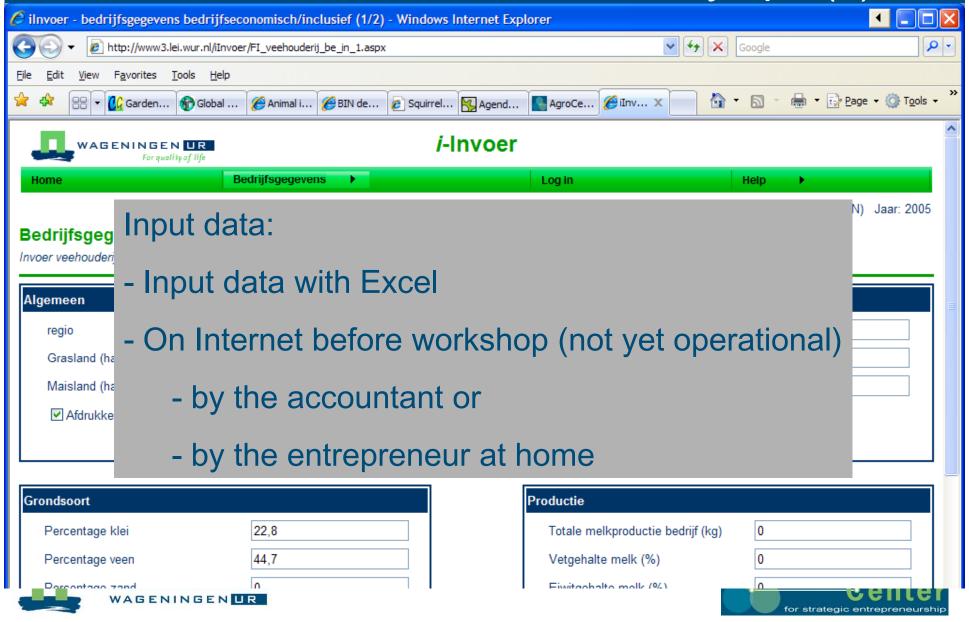


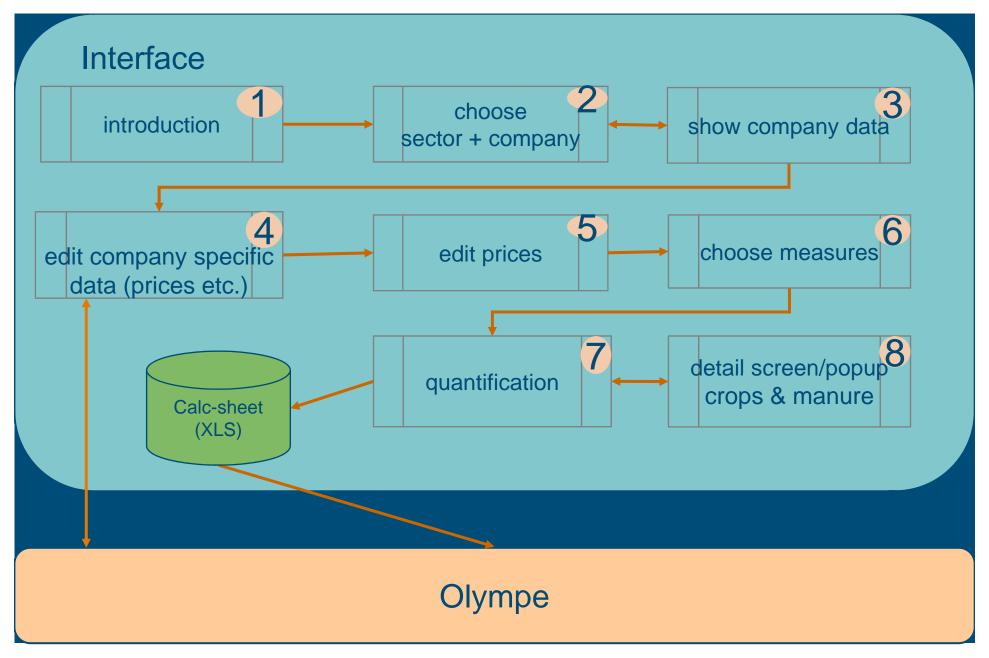






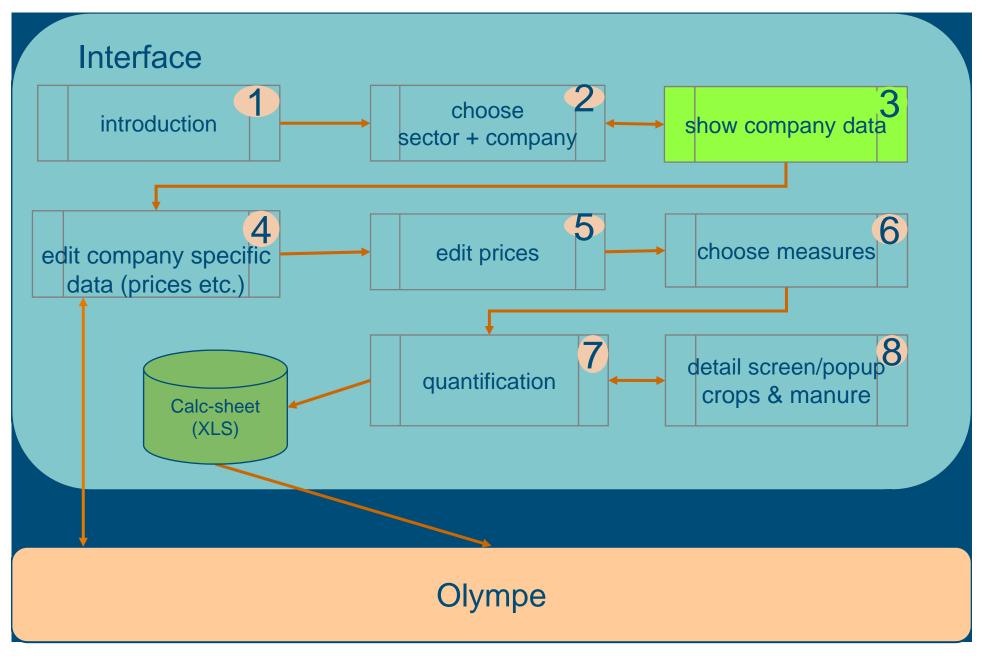
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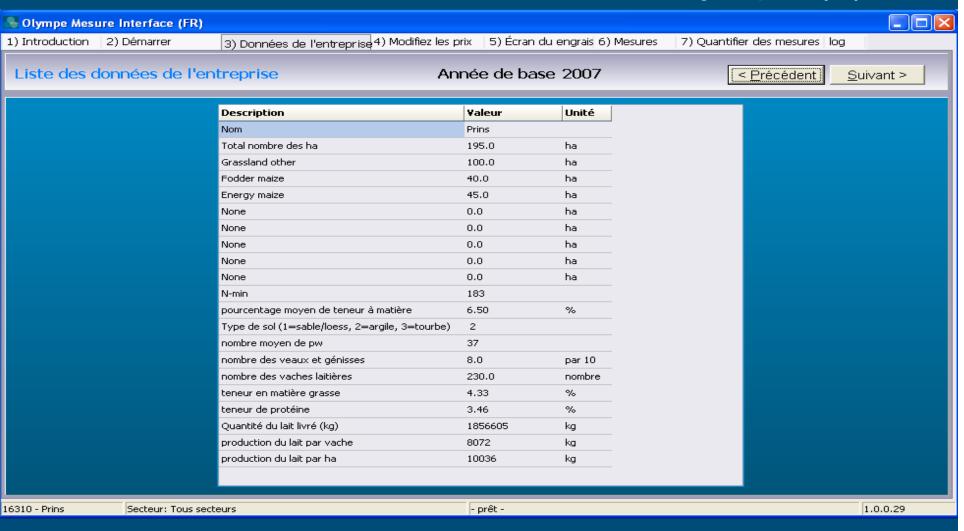






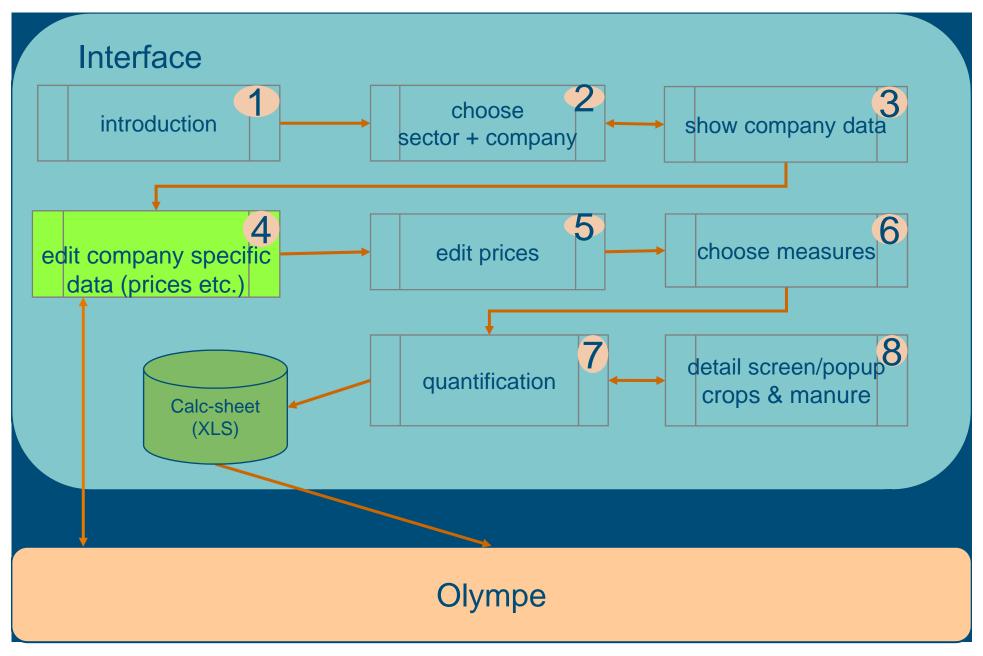


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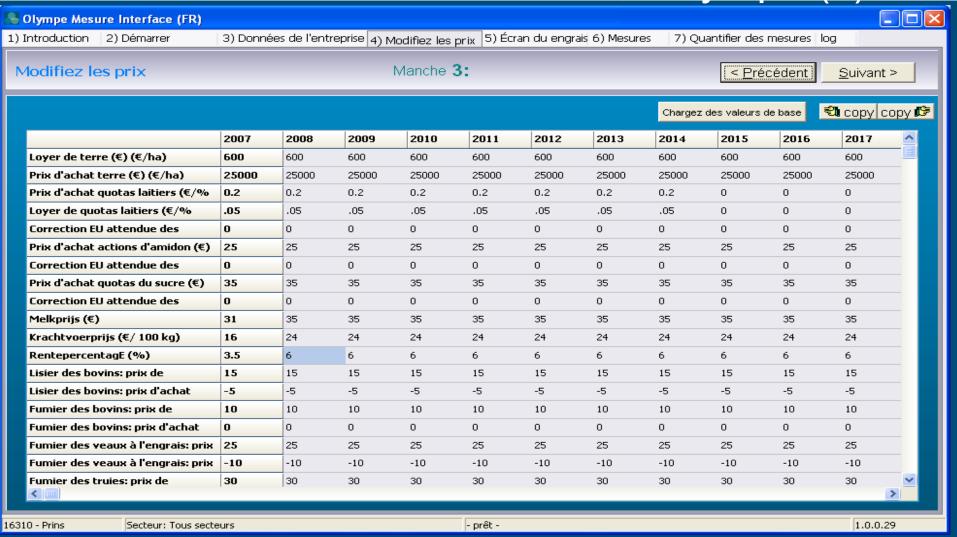






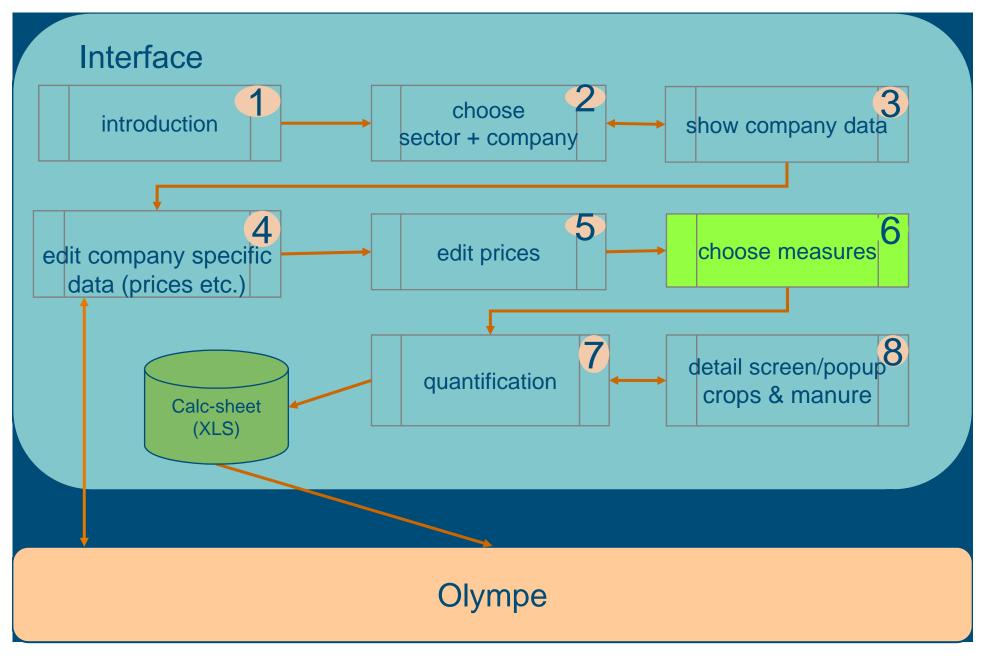


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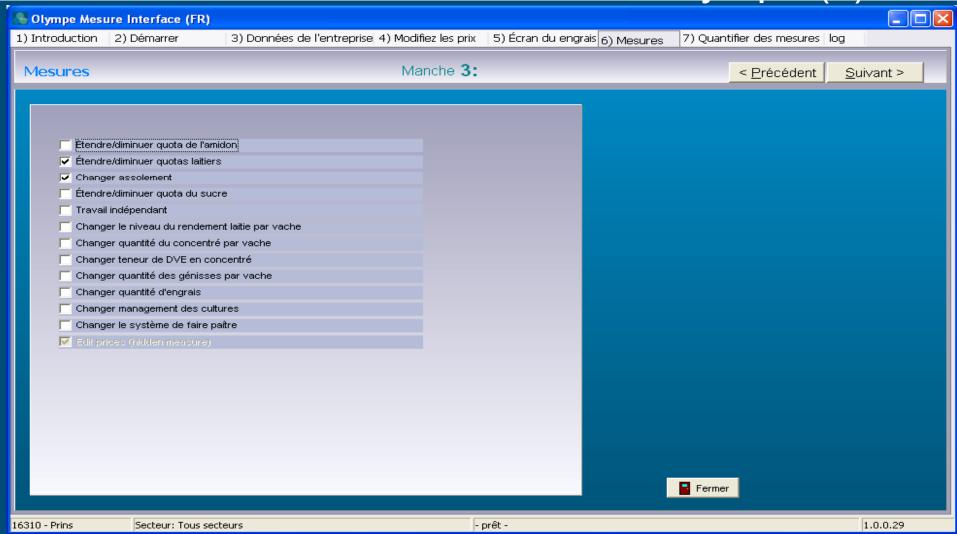






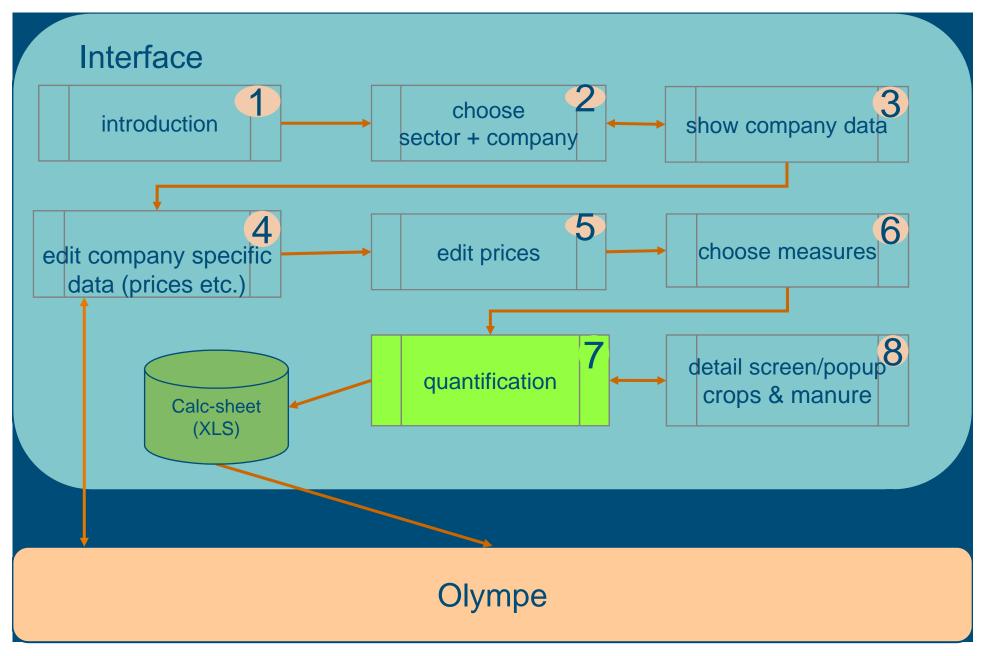


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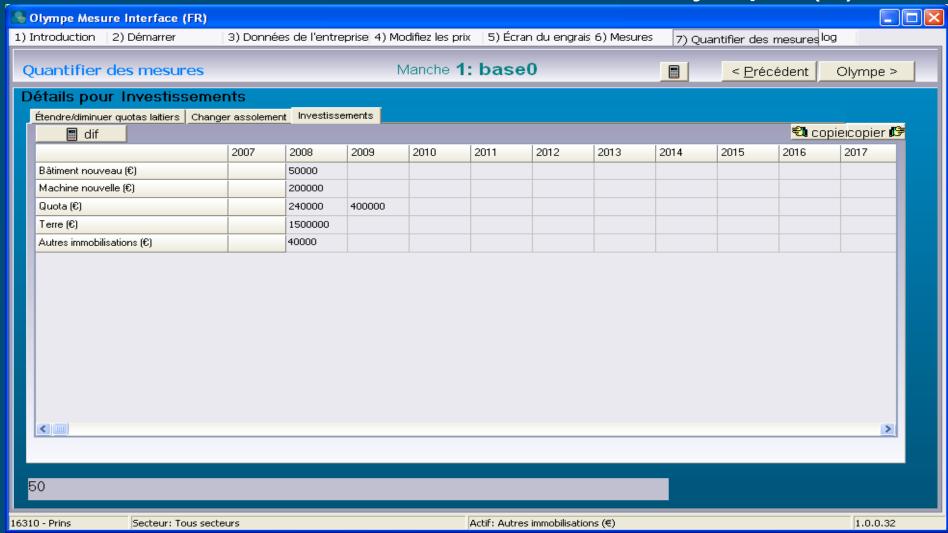








Game Simulation: Interface and Olympe (5)







Game Simulation: Interface and Olympe (6)

- Calculations to convert input data, whether or not affected by measures, to data for Olympe
 - Calculations partly in Excel, partly in Olympe (growing)
 - Interface reads data from Excel-input-workbook
 - Interface places input data together with measure values into Excel-calculation-workbook
 - Excel-calculation-workbook contains output-sheet: Interface converts this sheet into csv-file for Olympe
 - Interface starts Olympe
 - Olympe reads from csv-file
- Intention to phase out Excel-calculation





Output Olympe

"titre" 9-9-2008 9:14:20 Comparaison **Bovins grandes lignes** 2013 2014 2015 2009 2010 2011 2012 2016 2008 Ha sunface total Prins 1 base0 185.00 185.00 185.00 185.00 185.00 185.00 185.00 185.00 185.00 185.00 Pourcentage herbages pour dérogation Prins 1 base0 54.1 54.1 54.1 54.1 54.1 54.1 54.1 54.1 54.1 54.1 Kg du lait par entreprise Prins 1 base0 1 856 605 1 856 605 1 856 605 1 856 605 1 856 605 1 856 605 1 856 605 1 856 605 1 856 605 1 856 605 Solde bovins par 100 kg du lait Prins 1 base0 30.95 30.95 30.95 30.95 30.95 30.95 30.95 30.95 30.95 30.95 Revenu de Lentreprise 47 575 152 670 Prins 1 base0 -50 214 -50 214 -38 925 -446 9 958 19 946 29 534 38 739 Capac de réservation par 100 kg du lait Prins 1 base0 11.53 11.53 12.13 12.72 13.28 13.82 14.33 14.39 14.61 14.92 Pourcentage normes d'usage réa isés Prins 1 base0 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100



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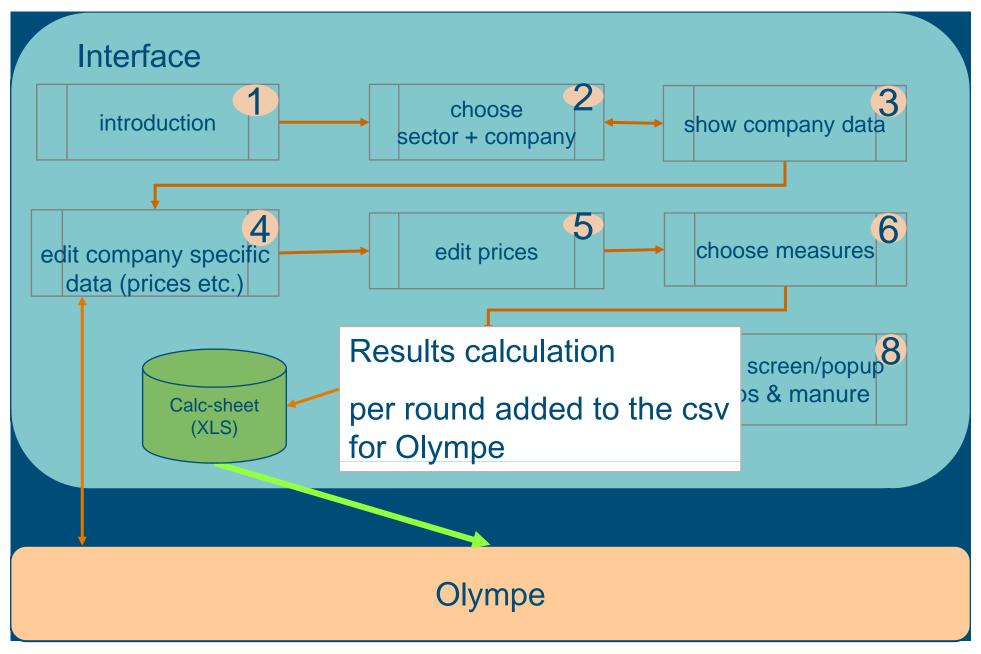


Game Simulation: Interface and Olympe (7)

- More rounds
 - Close Olympe
 - Change prices (sensitivity analysis) and/or
 - Choose other measure(s) and/or
 - Change quantifications
 - Start Olympe
 - Compare within Olympe
 - Different rounds in graphs
 - Create own 'comparison'-output-screens











Demonstration

- Enterprise Prins Family
 - 5 entrepreneurs, 2 locations
 - Over 200 dairy cows and over 170 ha of land
 - Biogas installation to produce gas from manure of both locations and other products (energy maize e.o.): the gas is converted into electricity
 - 3 milking robots and automatic feeding system on 1 location in 2007; 2 milking robots and automatic feeding system on second location in 2008
 - Growth to 330 dairy cows and about 240 ha land
- A few scenarios: start Game simulation





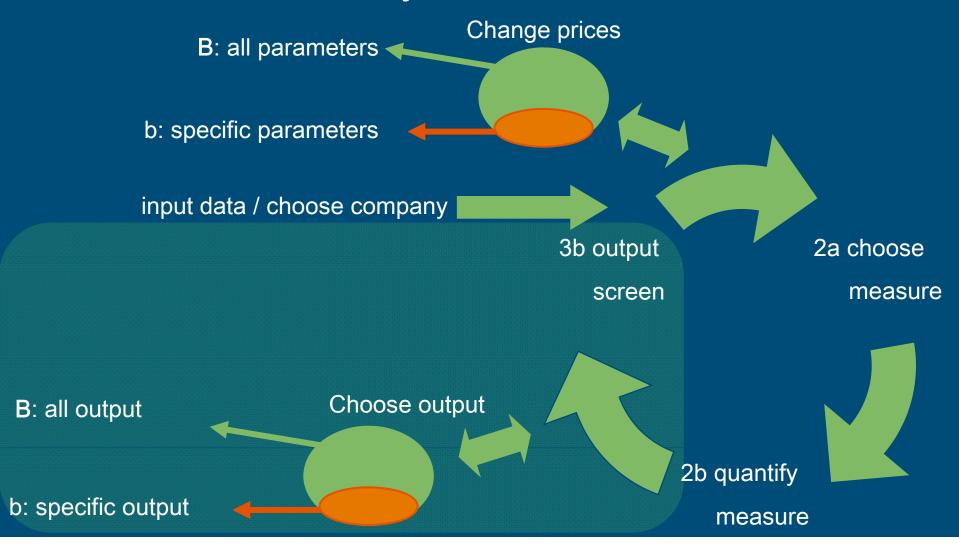
Concerning the Olympe-part

- Our point of view, supported by a few experiences
 - Concept is unique: comparison of scenarios
 - Graphs are preferred above tables: tables are useful background information if a graph is unclear
 - It takes rather many clicks to navigate between graphs mutually and between graphs and tables (inexperienced in some way?)





Game simulation cycle







Concerning the cooperation between Interface,

Excel and Olympe

- It still takes too much time until results of a round can be shown
- Translation is not yet completed
- Wish to phase out Excel:
 - Olympe must do (the large majority of) the calculations
 - Example: increasing the amount of concentrates per cow means higher milk production per cow → within quota system this means less cows. Now Excel delivers the new number: can Olympe take over this job within our setup?
 - Interface should be the manager



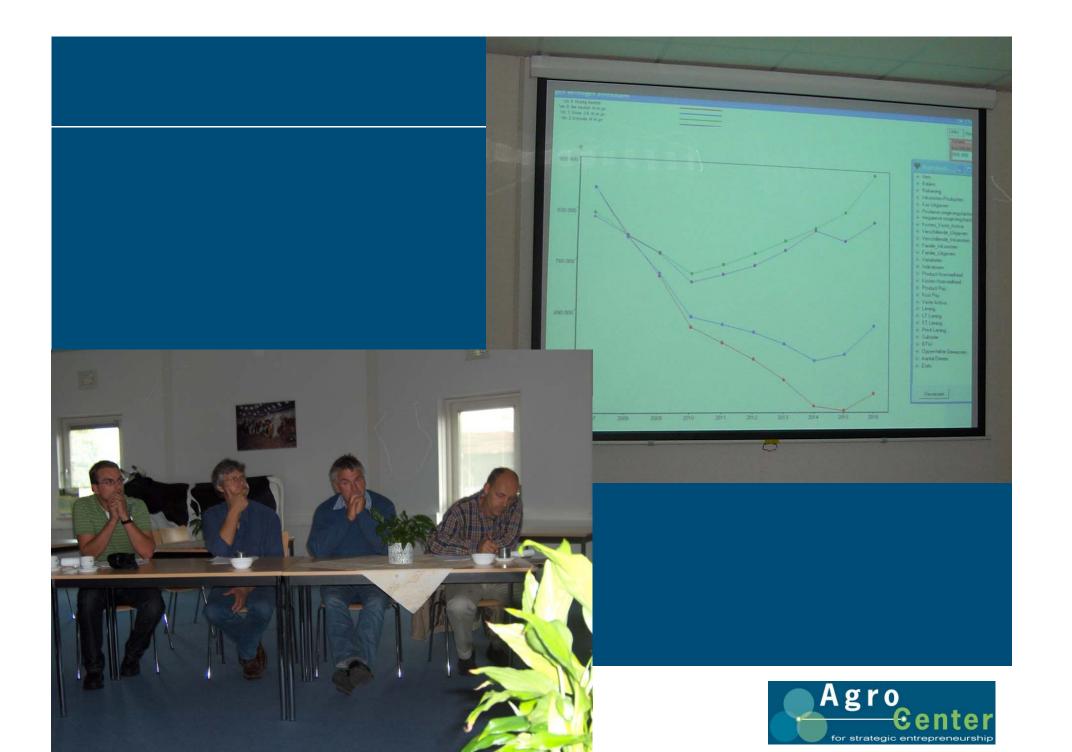


Applications in the Netherlands

- Use by students
 - Individual use: students get task to support a farmer in the formation of his strategy
- Workshop organic dairy farmers
 - Centralized use: a few farms are treated as cases
 - Facilitator runs program and people can participate
 - Some plans have been formulated and calculated before.
- Some pictures













Finally the end-user in a group...

- 8-15 farmers run the game simulation
 - Individually
 - But together in a group
 - During working with their own farm breaks for group discussions
- Farmers can sharpen themselves
- Useful for policy preparation: policy makers can see how farmers will react on new policy
- Very useful in a region setup: aggregation!
 - Biogas: 15 arable farmers and 15 dairy farmers





ISM-cycle setup

- 1. Formulating mission/strategies
- 2. Investigating the strategies: Game simulation
- 3. Strategy that best fits: more detailed calculation:
 - Specific financing (postponing redemption, special interest rates)
 - more specified tax calculations
 - Budgeting liquidity
 - Can be done by Olympe stand-alone with best strategy as input
- 4. Monthly comparison of achieved results and budgets: per month and cumulative
- Do these steps again and again (different frequencies)





Game Simulation: Interface and Olympe (8)

To be done:

- Translation: oly-file in English, only final tables and graphs in specific language
- Region or country specific calculation(s)(rules)
- (simple) method for calculation of fixed costs
- Transfer of calculations from Excel-calculationworkbook to Olympe as much as possible
- Simplification of use





Further developments

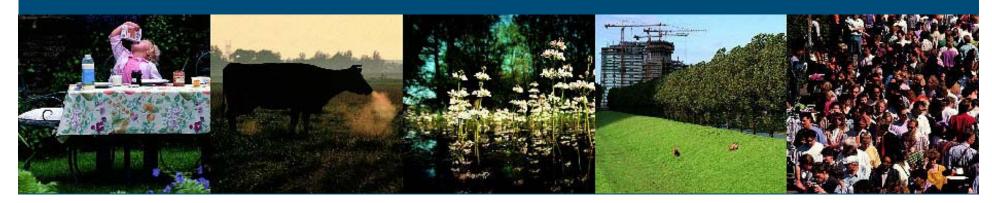
- Integration of tools
 - Benchmarking (Face-It) and game simulation (Olympe) under one interface (ISM)
- Tools more independent of agricultural sector
- Change tools to internet tools
- Community of development





A challenging job to do

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 - Tools general (technical), ISM, Olympe interface
- Other tools we use:
 - Strategic Management Report: Personal report that guides the entrepreneur through the ISM process.
 - Strategic Management Tool: calculates competences, internal and external factors through strategies.
 - Face-IT: Face-IT is a bench-mark tool. Farm results are compared with results of a group of farms. The farmer can use the comparison to trace strengths of his farm management or to establish were there is room for improvement.
 - www3.lei.wur.nl/LEI_WebTools/ (on this moment only Dutch)



