

Saskia Meier grew up along the Baltic Sea coast in northern Germany, in a rural region shaped by tourism and agriculture. She pursued her studies in Agricultural Sciences at Humboldt University in Berlin, gaining practical experience during her semester breaks on dairy farms and in artificial insemination (AI) cooperatives. This hands-on work sparked her professional journey in the AI sector, beginning with a farmer-owned cooperative near Berlin.

Alongside her professional commitments, Saskia completed her Ph.D. focusing on the genetics of the German Black-and-White dual-purpose Friesian population—an endangered cattle breed in Germany. She later held a position as a Research Associate, where she delivered lectures in livestock breeding and genetics.

Since 2023, Saskia has served as Head of Research and Genetic Solutions Development at SYNETICS, a European bovine genetics company. Her team of ten dedicated scientists conducts R&D projects across genetics, andrology, and embryology, supporting both dairy and beef cattle breeding. Her key areas of interest include managing genetic diversity, detecting and preventing genetic disorders, and identifying novel traits that enhance animal welfare and create tangible value for farmers. A central goal of her work is to translate cutting-edge scientific findings into practical breeding programs.

Saskia is actively involved in the EAAP, serving as an industry representative in the Cattle Study Commission. She values the EAAP network for its role in bridging science and industry and is always eager to explore innovative approaches emerging from the research community. Following the upcoming EAAP annual meeting in Innsbruck, she looks forward to welcoming the EAAP community to Hamburg, near her hometown.

Saskia currently lives with her husband and son in Verden (Aller), a well-known hub for horse and cattle breeding in northwestern Germany. Her work takes her regularly between Germany and France, particularly to the scenic region of Brittany. In her spare time or while traveling, she enjoys reading, practicing Pilates, and running.