

Training course on Animal Welfare concerning farming of pigs

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Training courses on animal welfare years 2011 - 2012

2011 Calendar

Course title	Date and Place
Animal welfare during transport and related operations	21-24 June 2011, Italy
Animal welfare concerning farming of pigs	27-30 September 2011, Italy
Animal welfare at the time of killing in slaughterhouses	8-11 November 2011, Spain

2012 Calendar

Course title	Date and Place
Animal welfare concerning the farming of laying hens and broiler chickens kept for meat production	13- 16 March 2012, Italy
Animal welfare at the time of killing in disease control situation	26-29 June 2012, Spain
Animal welfare concerning the farming of pigs	25-28 September 2012, Italy
Animal welfare concerning the farming of laying hens and broiler chickens kept for meat production	27-30 November 2012, Italy



General aims

- To increase the awareness that **animal welfare is a value** and a science that must be implemented at any level;
- to put on a **network** of experts and policy makers, enhancing the application of EU norms and international standards on AW at country level;
- to implement the sensitisation of industry associations, relevant stakeholders and third countries organisations towards the main AW topics, in order to enforce their **proactive role** within animal welfare.



Learning objectives

- Achieve the necessary skills to interpret **relevant EU legislation**;
- apply scientific basis for **proper housing, management** (including provisions of enrichment material, group housing of sows and gilts, feeding practices for dry pregnant sows and gilts, mutilation procedures such as tail-docking, tooth clipping and castration) **and handling** of pigs;
- **assess** existing **farming systems** (including requirements for manipulability and rooting materials, flooring types etc.) with the current EU legislation;
- **monitor animal welfare outcomes**, throughout practical experience on the farm;



Learning objectives

- carry out efficient inspections at farm level, including practical guidance on **how to verify compliance** of farming systems and management practices **with the EU legislation**;
- collect specific information in order to contribute to the future development of **internet-based learning activities** for veterinarians both in Member States and in Third Countries.



Methodologies

- Lectures
- Exercises
- Case study
- Study visit/Simulation exercise





Delegates and Tutors

- 2 European Commission Delegates
 - 1 DG SANCO
 - 1 FVO
- 1 OIE
- 9 Tutors
 - from Italy, Netherlands and Spain
 - representing NCAs & Governments, Universities & Research Institutions



62 Participants

33 Countries

Austria (1)	Germany (1)	Poland (2)
Belgium (1)	Greece (1)	Portugal (1)
Bulgaria (2)	Hungary (2)	Romania (2)
Chile (1)	Iceland (1)	Serbia (1)
Croatia (2)	Ireland (1)	Slovakia (2)
Cyprus (3)	Italy (5)	Slovenia (2)
Czech Republic (2)	Latvia (3)	Spain (4)
Denmark (1)	Lithuania (3)	Thailand (1)
Estonia (3)	Malta (2)	Ukraine (1)
Finland (1)	Netherlands (1)	United Kingdom (1)
France (3)	Norway (3)	
FYROM (2)		





Expectations (1/2)

- To **improve the knowledge** of relevant EU legislation concerning Animal Welfare on farms (especially pigs), also as regards **cross compliance requirements**;
- To **exchange experiences** with other experts concerning the implementation of EU legislation concerning Animal Welfare on farms in different MSs;
- To share with other MS the difficulties that may be encountered in January 2013;
- To better **monitor AW outcomes** throughout practical experience on the farm;
- To **carry out more efficient official inspections** at farm level;
- To better know **national approaches** for implementing legislation for AW;
- To strengthen national policies to promote animal welfare in farms;
- To be able to **give better information** and advice to other local inspectors;
- To learn how to **measure the available area** for the pigs – covered area;



Expectations (2/2)

- To have more details about **group housing** of sows and providing of **manipulate materials for pigs castration** and other veterinary treatment;
- To **improve the assessment** of farm systems;
- To learn more about various methods of pig farming in other member states;
- To improve my **professional skills**, to gain international experience and relations;
- To acquire new knowledge about **newest trends** of animal welfare;
- To obtain a clarification over a number of gray areas within **Council Directive (EC) 2008/12**; to be able to get an exchange of views on problems encountered by Member States on the implementation of this Directive.



Relevant issues to be discussed (1/2)

- Measures to be taken to **avoid routine tail docking** - Experiences of other member states concerning this theme
- **Litter** and other materials
- How to measure the **floor** in the far and the available area for the pigs
- Focus on **inspections**: medicine control, preventive health care, type of medicines used, health problems
- **Check-lists** for control of Animal Welfare: Instruments for control of noise, light, humidity on farm
- Practical implementation of **environmental enrichment** on pig farms
- Implementations of UE provisions on AW of pigs on farms by MSs
- Implementation of cross **compliance checks** in MSs as regards AW
- Questions concerning the coming **deadline** of the relevant **Directive**
- Legal requirement of **castration** and tail cutting



Relevant issues to be discussed (2/2)

- **Farrowing crates**
- **Free Surface Concept**
- Material for investigation and **manipulation activities**, permanent access to **water**, width of the opening of **slatted floors**
- **Flooring issues**. Space between slats. Type of floor areas, materials used
- **AW awareness campaigns**
- **Uniform** execution of controls at farms
- **Ethology of pigs**
- Fibre food
- Procedure of **pig rearing**
- How to adapt the **old farms**



Agenda

■ Sept. 27

- EU legislation and its evolution
- FVO inspections at farm level
- OIE AW standards
- The Italian measures for applying EU legislation requirements
- Group activity

■ Sept. 28

- Biology and behaviour of pigs
- Animal and resource based indicators for pig welfare assessment
- Group activity
- Welfare assessment protocol
- Mutilation procedures
- Housing and husbandry systems
- Group housing and feeding strategies
- Group activity



Agenda

Sept. 29

- In field exercises. Visit to pig farms
- Group activity

Sept. 30

- Environmental enrichment
- Genetic improvement
- Social and economical aspects
- Conclusions





Social programme

■ Sept. 28

■ Social dinner:

Roof Garden Restaurant “Le Terrazze” – Hotel Esplanade



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beautiful days
with us!**

