



European Reference Centre for Animal Welfare *Pigs*



About EURCAW Pigs

EURCAW-Pigs is the first European Union Reference Centre for Animal Welfare. It focuses on pig welfare and legislation, and covers the entire life cycle of pigs from birth to the end of life. EURCAW-Pigs' main objective is a harmonised compliance with EU legislation regarding welfare in EU Member States. This includes:

- for pig husbandry: Directives 98/58/EC and 2008/120/EC;
- for pig transport: Regulation (EC) No 1/2005;
- for slaughter and killing of pigs: Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009.

EURCAW-Pigs will support:

- inspectors of Competent Authorities (CA's);
- pig welfare policy workers;
- bodies supporting CA's with science, training, and communication.

EURCAW-Pig reaches out to national reference centres in EU member states, and future EU reference centres on animal welfare, to exchange information on pig welfare and develop effective working practices.

Services

EURCAW-Pigs provides services and knowledge on:

-  **Legal aspects**
European pig welfare legislation that has to be complied with and enforced by EU Member States;
-  **Welfare indicators**
Animal welfare indicators, including animal based, management based and resource based indicators, that can be used to verify compliance with the EU legislation on pigs;
-  **Training**
Training activities and training materials for inspectors, including bringing forward knowledge about ambivalence in relation to change;
-  **Good practices**
Good and best practice documents visualising the required outcomes of EU legislation;
-  **Demonstrators**
Farms, transport companies and abattoirs demonstrating good practices of implementation of EU legislation.



Website and contact

EURCAW-Pigs' website www.eurcaw-pigs.eu offers relevant and actual information to support enforcement of pig welfare legislation. The information is easily accessible. It is structured along the three primary legislative areas of pig welfare, and prepares 'dossiers' on priority thematic areas relevant for enforcement. Scientific, legal and technical documents on pig welfare issues can also be found through a library with a search engine.

Are you an inspector or pig welfare policy worker, or otherwise dealing with advice or support for official controls of pig welfare? Your question is our challenge! Please, send us an email with your question and details and we'll get you in touch with the right expert.

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