

# Why does EURCAW-Pigs address training?



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■ Welcome!!



# The Official Controls Regulation

**Recital 73:** "...**competent authorities** should have access to consistent technical data, research findings, new techniques and expertise ..."

**Art. 95:** "The Commission shall designate European Union reference centres for animal welfare that shall support the activities of the Commission and of the Member States"



European Commission

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2. Iceberg indicators



3. Technical dossiers



3. Demonstrators



2. Indicators for enforcement



1. Networking



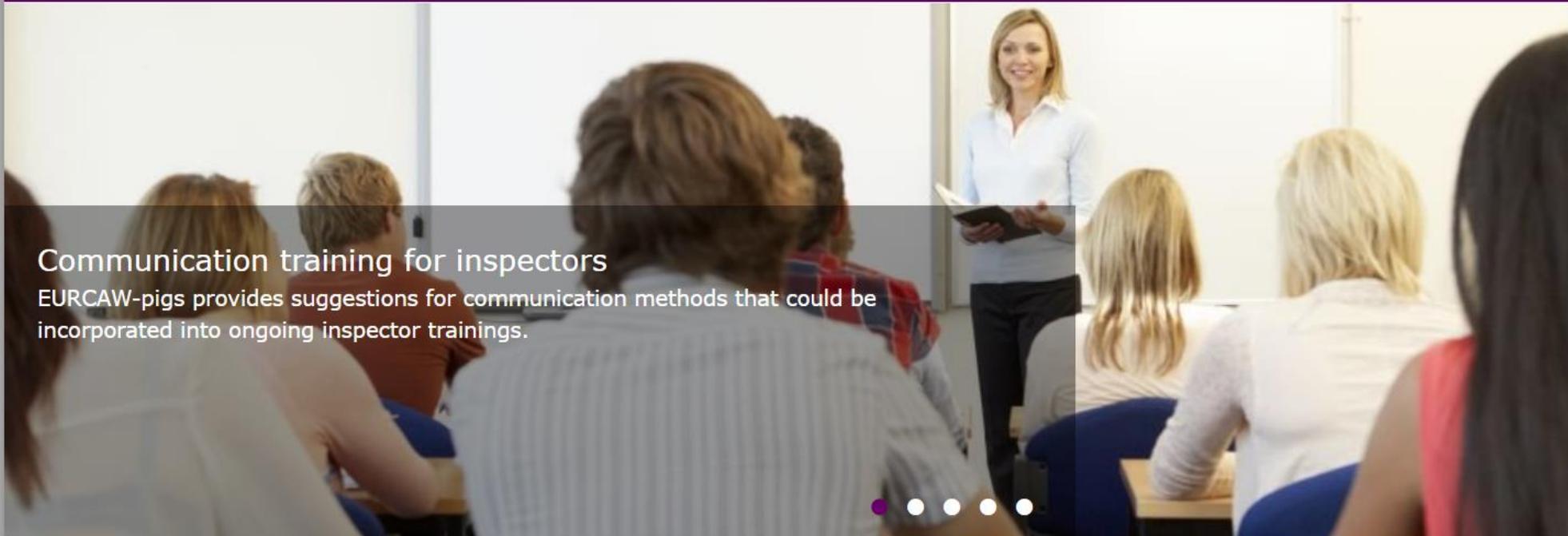
1. Q2E

4. Training materials



4. Training standards





**Communication training for inspectors**  
EURCAW-pigs provides suggestions for communication methods that could be incorporated into ongoing inspector trainings.

*EURCAW-Pigs' website offers relevant and actual information to support enforcement of pig welfare legislation in EU Member States*

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## Knowledge base

Are you looking for specific documents on pig welfare and enforcement? Search the EURCAW-Pigs Knowledge base.



Search the Knowledge base

## Top downloads September

- [Review of arrival and lairage management at pig slaughterhouses](#)
- [Review of climate control and space allowance during transport of pigs](#)
- [Review on farrowing housing and management](#)

## EURCAW-Pigs on Twitter



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The new book 'The suckling and weaned piglet' provides up to date information on the suckling and weaned piglet. It among else discusses topics such as weaning age and its long term influence on piglet health and performance [doi.org/10.3920/978-90...](https://doi.org/10.3920/978-90...)



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Is increased veterinary inspection the best way to improve animal welfare during transport? This was discussed in [ow.ly/W6Kv50BwnU8](https://ow.ly/W6Kv50BwnU8). One of the important references for the paper is the recent EURCAW review on 'possibility for change' [edepot.wur.nl/514920](https://edepot.wur.nl/514920)

## Questions to EURCAW

For technical and scientific advice on pig welfare, please send us an email with your question.



## Recent Q2E inquiries

- [How much space do boars need when kept in groups?](#)
- [How well can sows handle height differences and reverse-exits?](#)
- [Costs of tail damage due to tail biting](#)

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# European Reference Centre for Animal Welfare *Pigs*

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- Tail biting
- Farrowing housing
- Transport: Climate & space

## Dossiers

For each of eight prioritized welfare areas a webdossier is built, structured around the main areas Husbandry - Transport - Slaughter and killing (see below).

The review documents and thematic factsheets developed by EURCAW-Pigs form the basis for the dossiers.

Each dossier is a central source of technical information on a particular topic, with links to documents, video's etc., structured around:

- legal aspects of the welfare issue
- practical knowledge on welfare indicators
- background information on the welfare issue
- demonstrators and inspiring examples
- relevant training materials

## Husbandry

[Dossier Tail biting & tail docking](#)



[Dossier Farrowing housing & management](#)



[Dossier Sow group-housing & mixing](#)



Expected: November 2020

## Transport

[Dossier Climate control & space allowance](#)



[Dossier Fitness for transport](#)



### Dossier Climate control & space allowance



### Dossier Fitness for transport



Expected: November 2020

### Slaughter and killing

#### Dossier Handling in lairage



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#### Dossier Pig stunning



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#### Dossier On-farm killing



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Indicator factsheet – Risks for tail biting Enrichment

# Suitability of materials



## When is enrichment material suitable?

- Providing a sufficient quantity of suitable materials is necessary to enable pigs to fulfill their innate need for

"(...) pigs must have permanent access to a sufficient quantity of material to enable proper investigation and manipulation activities, (...), which does not compromise the health of the animals." {Annex I, Chapter I, point 4}

*Note: Listed requirements are not comprehensive.*

**Assess all pigs on individual level. Make all pigs rise if necessary to observe them up and walking (unless there is an obvious reason why a pig should not be made to rise). Gait scoring should be performed on non-slippery floor.**

**Lameness score at farm level; percentage of pigs scored as 1**

**Score 0: No or slight lameness**

**Normal gait (fluid motion, same stride length, full weight bearing on all four legs)**

*Or*

**Slight lameness (stiff gait, shortened stride, increased spinal segment movement)**



**Score 1: Severe lameness**

**Minimum weight bearing on the affected limb, quick alternation between weight bearing and no weight bearing of affected limb ("tipping")**



**Example videos of lame and not lame pigs.**

**Source scoring method and QR code**



## Art 96 of the Official Controls Regulation

“conducting training courses for staff of the national scientific support networks or bodies referred to in point (a), for staff of the competent authorities and for experts from third countries”



# BTSF ACADEMY

## Better Training for Safer Food



### ANIMAL HEALTH

Implementing policies that help animal welfare and health



### About Better Training for Safer Food

"Better Training for Safer Food" (BTSF) is a Commission initiative aimed at organising a Community (EU) training strategy in the areas of food law, feed law, animal health and animal welfare rules, as well as plant health rules. [Read More](#)

### Animal welfare rules



#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Organisation and implementation of training activities on animal welfare on the farm, animal welfare at the time of killing of animals (at slaughterhouses and for disease control purposes) and animal welfare during transport under the Better Training for Safer Food initiative.

#### OBJECTIVES

#### TARGET AUDIENCE

#### CALENDAR AND LOCATIONS

SESSION	START DATE	END DATE	CITY	COUNTRY
1	19/02/2019	22/02/2019	Barcelona	Spain
2	12/03/2019	15/03/2019	Rome	Italy
3	14/05/2019	17/05/2019	Nunspeet	Netherlands
4	11/06/2019	14/06/2019	Herning	Denmark
5	17/09/2019	20/09/2019	Freising	Germany
6	15/10/2019	18/10/2019	Nunspeet	Netherlands



# BTSF versus EURCAW



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Better Training for Safer Food

BTSF

- Offers training at EU level
- In English



EURCAW

- Supports training at MS level
- For translation in different languages
- Working with National Ref Centres





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## Training

To facilitate training, EURCAW-Pigs offers suggestions for training and continuing education courses for inspectors. These are specifically targeted towards the eight prioritized welfare areas along the value chain (on-farm, transport, slaughter).

EURCAW-Pigs provides:

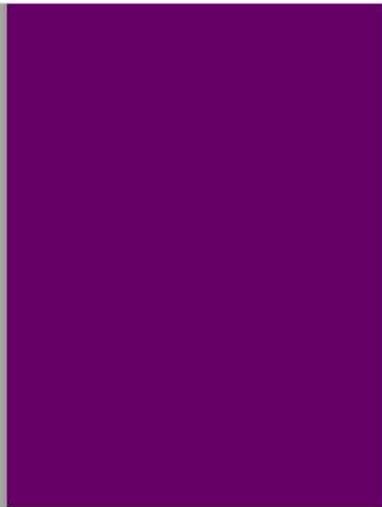
(1) Examples of training plans and materials used in different Member States in English, to the extent possible.

(2) Quality standards, advice, templates, and technical support. These are provided in English so that they can be used by all EU member states.

### Contact

For suggestions, comments or questions about the training activities and materials, please contact us:

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(2) Quality standards, advice, templates, and technical support. These are provided in English so that they can be used by all EU member states. Training and education suggestions may include, for example, calibration between inspectors, seminars, lectures on new legislation, lectures on the biological basis of legislation, and communication workshops.

(3) Training suggestions for improvement of communication skills and ways to support inspection-driven welfare improvement.

*EURCAW-Pigs also supports the 'Better Training for Safer Food (BTSF)' training sessions on [Animal Welfare](#). For an update on suspension of BTSF training sessions due to COVID-19, [see BTSF website](#).*

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### + New readings



#### Training activities and materials

Examples of materials used in different Member States.

If you have access to training material from your own country that



#### Standards for training

Quality standards, advice, templates, and technical support.

- [Training on pig welfare in husbandry, transport and](#)



#### Inspection-driven improvement

Communication to handle ambivalence and make changes happen on farm.

- [Farmers, inspectors and animal](#)



# EURCAW contributes to EU wide training on pig welfare

- To standardise knowledge across MS
- To include the latest technical information
- To reach inspectors, via their colleagues, in their own language



## Contact us



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