



# 'EURCAW-Pigs' Regional Meeting North

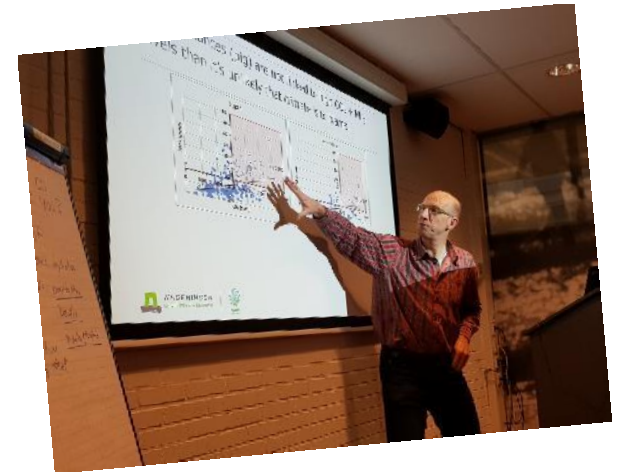
## Introduction to the meeting





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# Welcome to our 'virtual' meeting!



# EU Reference Centres for Animal Welfare

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The Official Controls Regulation  
(OCR)

Articles 95 & 96 + Recital 73





# EU Reference Centres for Animal Welfare

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



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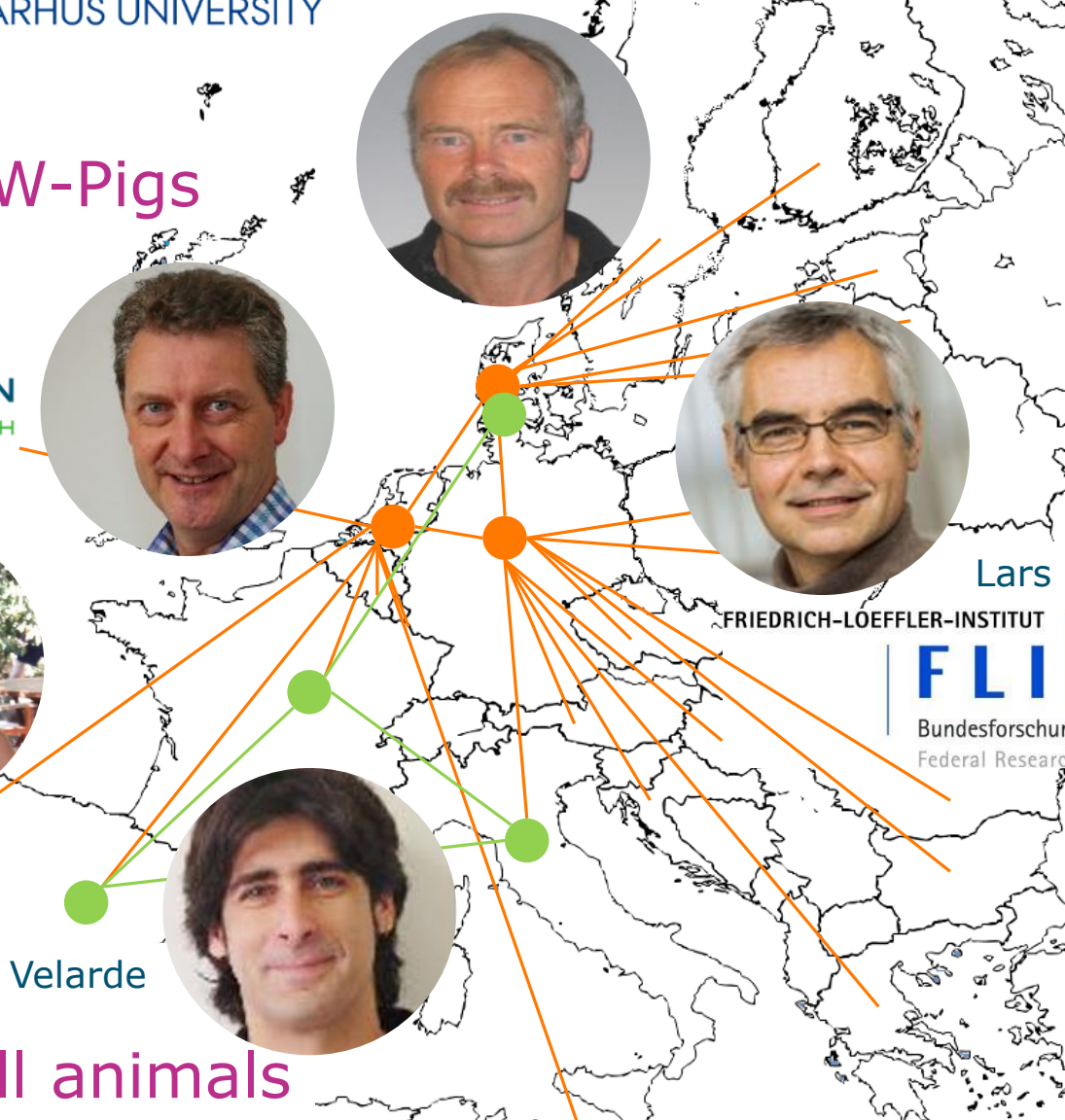
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# EURCAW-Small animals





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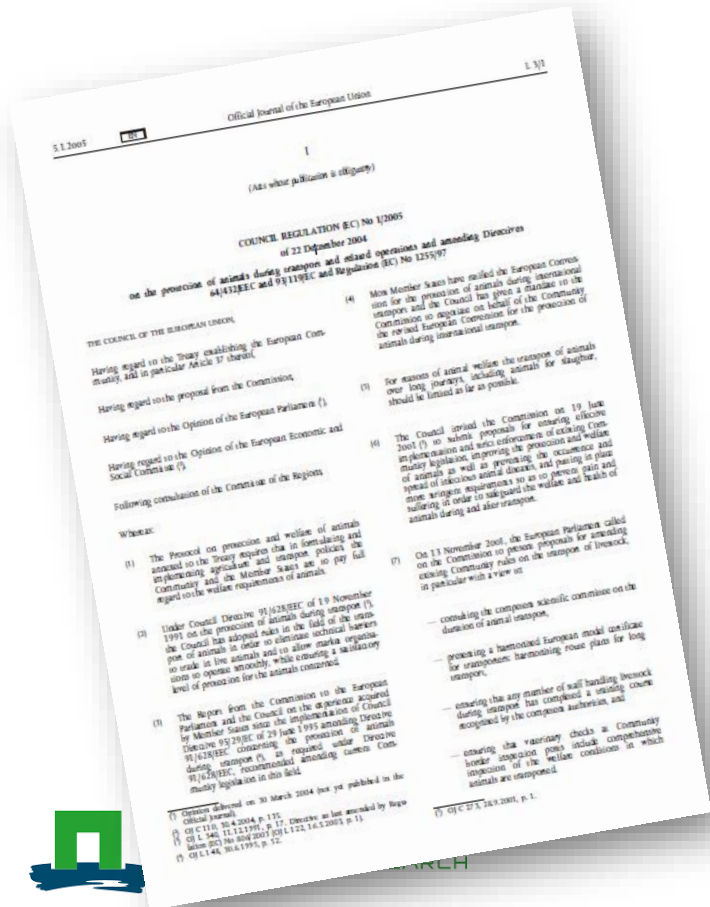
# EURCAW-Pigs





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# Main role: to provide technical information on:



- On-farm pig welfare: Directives 98/58/EC and 2008/120/EC
- Animal transport: Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005
- Protection of animals at the time of killing: Council Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009







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# Main Target group

- Competent Authorities, Policy Workers and their 'support bodies': science, training, communication

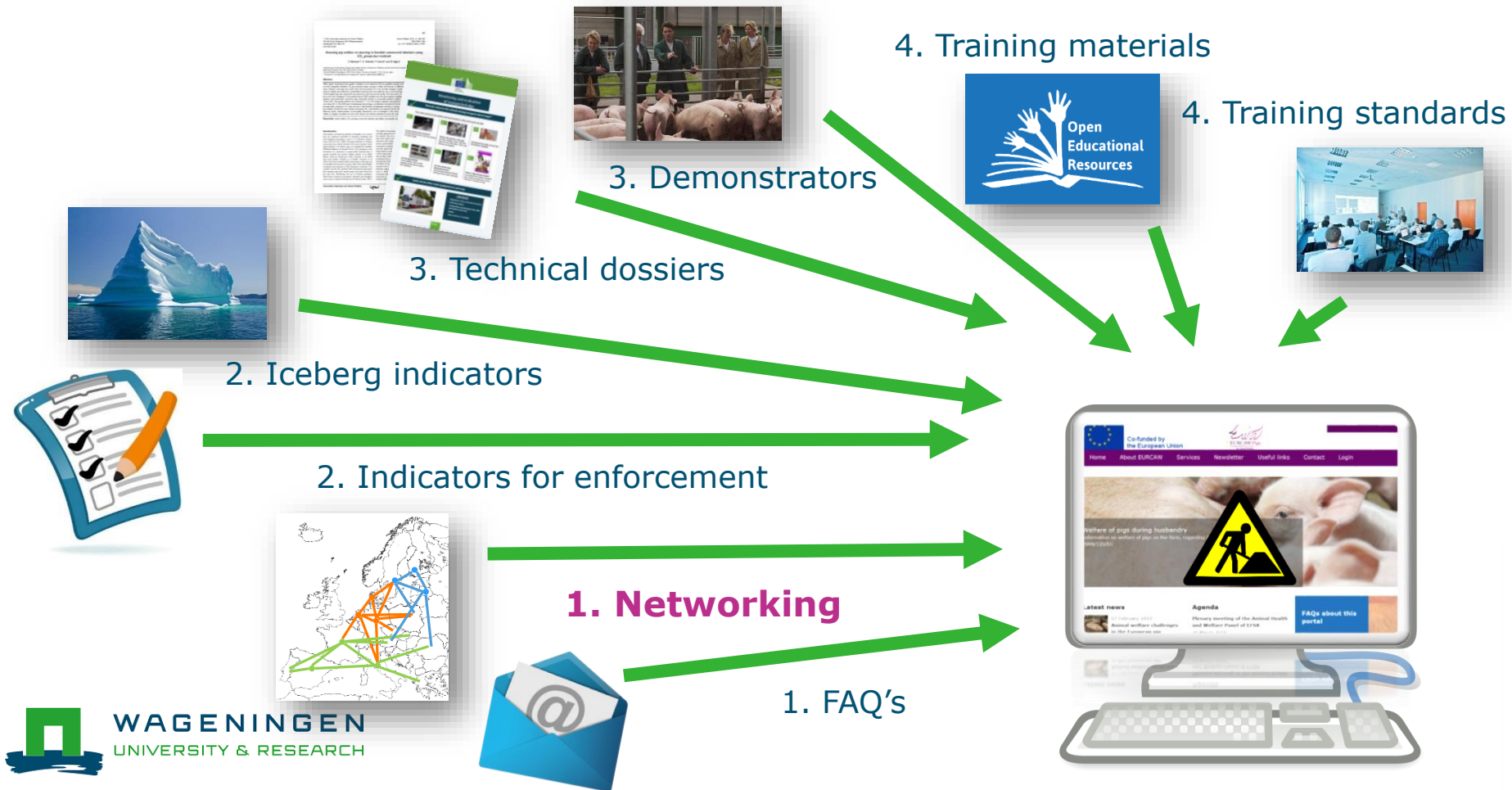
# EURCAW Main Activities (art. 96)

1. COORDINATED ASSISTANCE
2. ANIMAL WELFARE INDICATORS
3. SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL STUDIES
4. TRAINING COURSES
5. DISSEMINATING RESEARCH AND INNOVATIONS



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# Dissemination via EURCAW-PIGS.EU





# European Reference Centre for Animal Welfare *Pigs*

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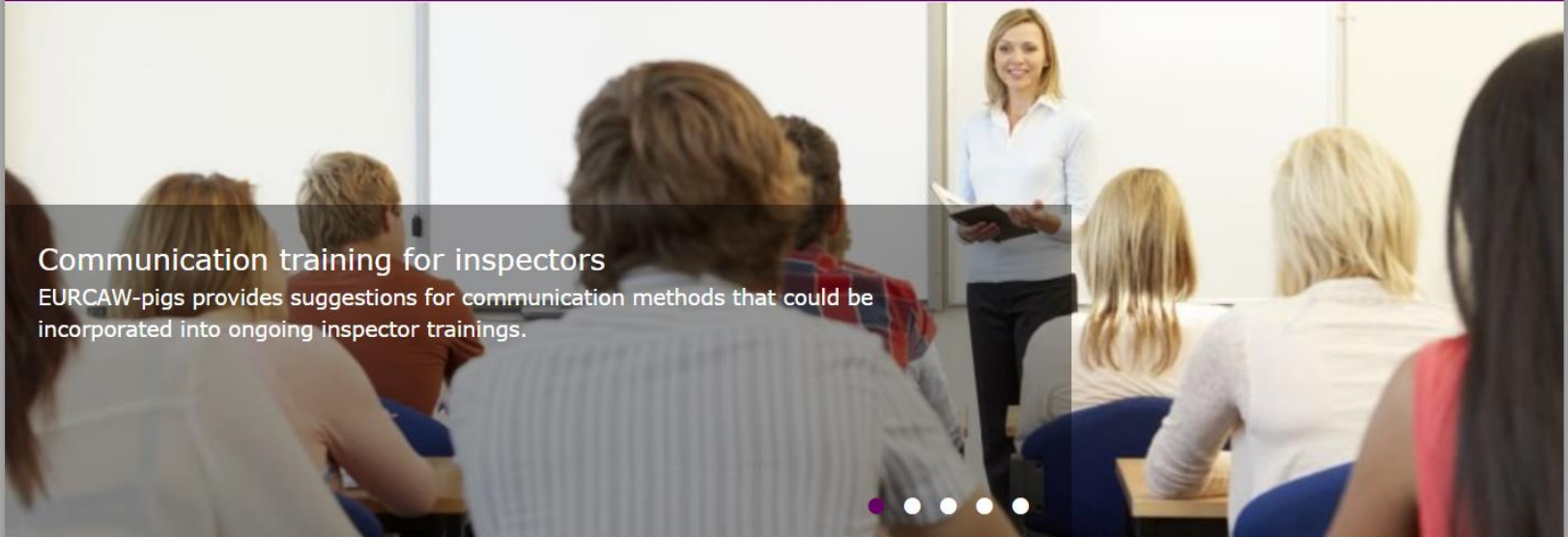
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## Communication training for inspectors

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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# Networking aims

- To improve and harmonise the technical knowledge of CA's, pig welfare policy workers and supporting bodies in the EU by face-to-face interaction and dialogue
- To make sure that EURCAW-Pigs can optimize its services by staying well aware of, and updated on the main concerns and expectations within its primary target group



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# Networking activities

- Existing networks
  - Contact points for Dir (EU) 1099/2009 (on stunning and killing of animals), by EFSA
  - EU Animal Welfare Platform (DG SANTE)
- Meetings with National Reference Centres
  - France, Italy, Finland, Sweden, Greece
- **EURCAW Regional meetings**



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# Regional meetings

- Introduction and update of EURCAW-Pigs activities
- Potential new links between EURCAW-Pigs and MS activities, e.g. any national reference centres
- Suggestions for improved functioning of EURCAW-Pigs
- **Technical support to delegates**

## Regional meetings: dates

- **April 2019** in The Netherlands for the **Western region** (NL, DE, BE, AT, FR, IE, LU)
- **October 2019** in Italy for the **Mediterranean region** (IT, ES, PT, MT, CY, GR)
- **November 2020** 'virtual meeting' with the **Eastern region** (BG, HU, HR, PL, RO, SI, SK, CZ)
- **December 2020** 'virtual meeting' with the **Nordic region** (DK, SE, FI, LV, LT, EE)





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# Agenda

- Description of 3 relevant topics
    - Tail biting
    - Farrowing housing
    - Sow group housing
  - *Intermezzo:*
    - The EURCAW website
    - Demonstrators
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- Presentation on topics by experts & discussion

# Rules of engagement

- We aim for an **open discussion**
  - Concerns, mistakes, obstacles can be shared
- We aim for a **constructive discussion**
  - We cannot change the law....
  - ...but: we can provide each other with best practices

# Rules of engagement

- We will report on the website on **what is discussed**
  - By applying the 'Chatham House Rule'

“When a meeting, or part thereof, is held under the Chatham House Rule, participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the connection of the speaker (s) nor that of another participant may be changed or revealed”.

- EURCAW will **ask for your approval** prior to publication



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