

Training guide EURCAW-Pigs: suggestions for national training in EU Member States

EURCAW-Pigs provides a training course example as a sort of standard for each of the eight welfare focus topics in our Work Programme 2021-2022. The diversity of the different EU Member states (MS) on how training is organized in general has to be taken into account: Hence, 'standards' for training will not fit all national needs, but need to be adjusted to the different contexts in the MS.

Subject: Euthanasia of suckling piglets on farm

Learning goals:

After the course, the participants will have gained:

- Knowledge about the intention of the EU-legislation (Protection of animals at the time of killing).
- Knowledge about appropriate decision-making in relation to euthanasia: What criteria must a farmer use to make her/his decision to euthanize an animal as soon as possible?
- Updated knowledge about approved methods for on farm euthanasia.
- Knowledge on key technical parameters to monitor when assessing the equipment used for the different methods for on farm euthanasia.
- Knowledge about animal-based indicators to assess the euthanasia process.
- Knowledge about possibilities of the visual inspection of the carcass with regard to the killing procedure or prolonged suffering of the animal.
- Practical training in communication with farmers during inspection; what can the inspector do to advise and instruct the farmer on how to optimize on-farm killing procedures?

Programme and suggested training material for a training course

Programme	Link to knowledge, ideas for materials you can use in the course
<p>9:00-9:30 Welcome</p> <p>Welcome, participants present themselves. Presentation of learning goals by course leader</p> <p>9:30- 11:00 Presentations by expert</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the approved methods for on farm euthanasia of suckling piglets in the EU (mechanical-, electrical- and gas methods). • Introduction to nationally approved methods and arguments for different interpretations of the EU regulations. <p><i>Plenum Discussion/ Questions</i></p>	<p>Link to EURCAW-pigs website</p> <p>Link to EURCAW-Pigs dossier "Killing on farm", including review and factsheets on Euthanasia of suckling piglets on farm</p> <p>Link to Council Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009 of 24 September 2009 on the protection of animals at the time of killing</p>
<p>11:00-11:15 Coffee break</p>	
<p>11.15-13.00 Hands on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hands on introduction to equipment used for the different methods for euthanasia (mechanical-/ electrical-/gas). • Discussion of technical parameters that are relevant to monitor during inspection in relation to the different killing methods. 	<p>Participants have the possibility to try out different devices relevant in the relevant country.</p>
<p>13:00-14:30 Lunch</p>	
<p>14:30- 16:00 Presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by expert: Animal based methods for monitoring successful induction of unconsciousness and death. • Presentation by veterinary practitioner/other person with experience in different killing methods: Common pitfalls. 	<p>Videos should be used here for illustration.</p>
<p>16:00-16:15 Coffee break</p>	

<p>16:15-17:45 Work in groups – inspection processes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encountered problems or challenges during inspections related to on-farm killing. Discussion on new approaches to inspections on-farm killing. <p><i>Plenum discussion</i></p>	<p>Link to Review on responsive approaches to inspection processes, EURCAW-Pigs</p>
<p>17:45-20:00 Break and evening meal</p>	
<p>20:00-22:00 Evening session on communication</p> <p>Handling of difficult cases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Role plays with farmer/ inspector situations. Expert on communication comments and offers advice. Prior to the course, participants are asked to send in examples on difficult situations, they have encountered with respect to communication on farm killing. <p>Course wrap up and evaluation</p>	