



## Animal Welfare in pig production (C2)

Course Details	DATA
Objectives	<p>This course is aimed at spreading knowledge and enhancing professional skills of the staff of the competent authorities involved in official control activities on Animal Welfare in the EU, with the purpose of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– raising awareness and promoting a common understanding of the EU animal welfare rules applicable to poultry and pig productions, slaughtering practices and long distance transportation</li> <li>– ensuring consistent and high implementation standards across the Union</li> <li>– promoting the exchange of good and best practices among EU Member States as regards control activities at farm, at slaughter plants and during transport and related operations</li> <li>– improving the welfare conditions of live farmed animals in Europe</li> <li>– improving awareness of the EU legislation on animal welfare in selected non-EU Countries</li> <li>– stimulating a constructive dialogue among the interested parties (including business operators, NGOs and their umbrella organisations), and also a collaborative climate among EU and Non-EU National Competent Authorities towards common achievements concerning the most controversial aspects in the interpretation of the relevant pieces of legislation</li> </ul>
Extended Objectives	<p>This course will allow participants to achieve the necessary skills to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Interpret relevant EU legislation and COM REC 2016/336/EU (what is the aim of these legal requirement, what do we want to achieve for the pigs);</li> <li>– Apply scientific basis to explain and discuss suitable compliance criteria for legal requirements that are phrased as “open norms” relating to proper housing, management (including provision of enrichment material) and handling of pigs considering tail biting/docking as a main indicator of problems in the system;</li> <li>– Understand compliance criteria (Article 3 Directive 98/58/EC: “with regard to their physiological and ethological needs in accordance with established experience and scientific knowledge” – i.e. what are these physiological and behavioural needs and how exactly do they relate to legal requirements / compliance criteria).</li> <li>– Analyse further aspects such as group housing of sows and gilts, feeding practices for dry pregnant sows and gilts;</li> <li>– Assess compliance of existing farming systems, using criteria that should ideally combine animal based and resource based indicators to effectively enforce legal requirements on pig farms, using practical examples of different systems and different on farms situations, and also protocols for measuring environmental and other parameters;</li> <li>– Understand the concept of farm improvement measures (including on farms which</li> </ul>



- receive tail-docked pigs) going beyond basic requirements of Directive, as well as the assessment of them, using examples of improvement measures based upon scientific evidence/established knowledge;
- Understand risk assessment (main focus on risk assessment relating to tail-biting in growing pigs, and including requirements for animal and non-animal-based indicators);
  - Compare risk assessment and improvement measures in countries rearing pigs with intact tails and in the rest of the EU;
  - Monitor animal welfare outcomes, throughout practical experience on the farm;
  - Carry out effective inspections at farm level, including practical guidance on how to verify compliance of farming systems and management practices with the EU legislation;
  - Assess compliance with legal requirements on farm and – if necessary – how to build up an argument to justify sanctions or take a case to court (i. e. how to assess and document animal based indicators or – in worse cases prolonged pain, damage and suffering – link to resource based indicators / non-compliances with legal requirements);
  - Apply protocols for measuring environmental parameters e.g. gas concentrations, light (equipment, calibration, how many measurements, where to measure etc. to get usable results).

The course will also provide practical training on welfare inspection of pigs in farms, focused particularly on the assessment of the housing conditions and management practices using compliance criteria, based on tail biting/docking issues as the main indicator of problems. By using case studies, mainly coming from participants' experiences, the training will seek to develop participant's ability to identify critical points and to find solutions to problem areas/difficult situations.

Furthermore, at the end of the course, they will be aware on measures other than inspections (legislation), which are effective in Member States to promote compliance, e.g. through cooperation between competent authorities and stakeholders in the production chain (e.g. information campaigns, voluntary labelling systems, farmer discussion groups, rural development spending, QA schemes).

Specific Criteria

Candidate participants are personnel of belonging to competent authorities with at least 3 years of experience in the relevant field. Moreover they are:

- identified on the basis of national interests and priorities
- skilled in the technical issues to be covered
- fluent in English (at least intermediate level: B2)
- in a professional position allowing them to apply and disseminate the new acquired knowledge within their respective countries
- willing to improve their competencies
- committed to disseminate knowledge using various dissemination methods
- interested in establishing interpersonal relations in order to share knowledge
- willing to contribute to the training experience participating actively in group activities, discussion and other interaction exercises

Professional Profiles

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Speciality 1

Veterinarians





Speciality 2	Agricultural Engineers
Area of Activity	Area of Activity
Area of Activity 3	Zoosanitary Control Institutions/ Official controls on animal welfare in pig production

## Support provided by the Project

### Travel

- The organisation of the participant's travel, board and accommodation will be undertaken by IZSAM, who will also pay for all the related expenses. As all expenditures are covered, per diem is not foreseen. (Included expenses:- Flight in Economic Class from the participant's country to the course location (or train ticket); accommodation; breakfast, buffet lunch, dinner and coffee breaks; social dinner; organised transfer to/from arrival airport/train station to the hotel; training material; social program activities. Not included expenses: Hotel extras).
- The most cost-effective travel itinerary will be proposed and purchased by a selected travel agency, which will propose to the participant dates, itinerary, means and times according to the course schedule. The participant will receive the electronic ticket by e-mail few days before the beginning of the course. Once the ticket is issued, changes are not allowed. All the additional costs generated by travel changes (e.g. ticket extra fees, additional transfers) are at the participant's expense.
- In few particular cases, IZSAM may ask the participant to anticipate the payment for local transfer to be refunded after the end of the course.
- In case of absence of public connections with the departure location, IZSAM must be informed about the costs of the cheapest alternative solution (private car, taxi etc.) for formal approval. Unauthorised costs for local transfers will not be reimbursed.
- In case of reimbursement for non-public local transfer on departure, the participant is asked to provide IZSAM with the original invoices/receipts during the event, preferably on arrival. For reimbursement concerning the return trip, the participant is invited to send the documentary evidence by e-mail to IZSAM not later than 30 days after the end of the course. In both cases, the participant has to fill in a specific form for the refund request that the IZSAM Event Manager will provide her/him when the authorisation to use alternative means will be formalised.
- IZSAM will refund the participant by bank transfer 30 working days after the request receipt.

### Accommodation

- IZSAM will reserve a room for each participant in the same hotel where the course will be held. Before the beginning of the course, participants will receive a brochure with all the accommodation details.
- Extra overnight stays before or after the event are not encouraged and will need to be booked and paid directly by the participant.
- All meals, including coffee breaks, are foreseen. Breakfast includes sweet and savoury buffet; fresh juices; hot drinks (coffee, tea, cappuccino, chocolate, etc.). Lunches and dinners consist of both warm and cold buffets with starters/salads, different main courses and desserts, soft drinks and wine or beer. The restaurant serves international cuisine. A social dinner with a special menu having a strong local influence is also included in the leisure programme. Vegetarian needs will always be satisfied. Everything not mentioned has to be considered an extra. In case of specific food requirements, IZSAM asks the participant to inform the Event Manager when submitting the application form.

### Training Resources

- The course will be held in the fully-equipped Conference Centre provided by the hotel offering: direct phone line, Wi-

Fi Internet, audio-visual equipment, slide projector, amplifier system, fixed and mobile microphones.

- The technical assistance will be always guaranteed.
- During the whole duration of the course, the personnel in charge of the Technical Secretariat, currently speaking English, French, Spanish and Portuguese, will be available to offer all the necessary support (general information, logistics, program, material etc.).
- A Secretariat area will be equipped with computers, Internet access, printer and other supplies to guarantee an efficient organisation.
- At the beginning of the event, participants will receive a conference bag containing the course folder. During the course, printouts of the lectures will be distributed. At the end of the course, participants will receive the training lectures in electronic version (PDF files), presentations of working groups, a syllabus reflecting the content of the training sessions, additional references for further study.
- IZSAM will organise the transfer from the airport/railway station to the course venue and back.
- Few days before the departure, participants will receive the number to call in case of any problem/emergency while traveling.
- Participants have the responsibility to verify if they need VISA (or Transit VISA) to travel to the country where the course will be held. Participants are responsible for attaining VISA. They will be reimbursed for costs related to the VISA only after the event.
- Please keep IZSAM and the travel agency informed about the VISA application and its attaining.

As travel and subsistence allowances of participants are **fully funded by the project**, we kindly recommend avoiding cancelling any issued travel tickets. **Once the ticket has been issued, any change/cancellation will be at the expense of participants**, except in case of illness documented by a medical certificate.

Training Sites Practical Information DATA	
Location	<i>Oldenburg, Germany</i>
Session	3
Number of Sessions	3
Airport of arrival	Bremen Airport Hamburg Airport
Transfer time from Airport to Hotel	40 m – 2h 15
Accommodation	AcarA das Penthouse Hotel**** Website: <a href="http://www.acara-hotel.de/">http://www.acara-hotel.de/</a>