



Research and innovation

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NO



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- * Research results are not communicated to the producers' organizations
- * Projects without participation of producers' organizations
- * Without the participation of producers' organizations it is almost impossible to publish the results



The sector trying to take initiatives itself

*Example: Wellfarmers project

- * With participation of 17 producers' organizations from 17 European countries
- * 14 research institutions and universities from 14 European countries
- * The project received 10,5 points mathematically divided in 3,5 point per chapter
- * Although the Commission says stakeholders must participate in these kind of projects, in practice it is only the scientists who take part in the projects and receive the funding



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*Future

- * Partnership animal health and welfare
- * Partners
- * CWG AHW
- * STAR-IDAZ IRC
- * DISCONTTOOLS
- * EPIZONE
- * ICRAD
- * ONE HEALTH ESP

*Where are the stakeholders???



What are the benefits expected from R&I projects for the pigmeat sector?

- * Production must answer to consumers
- * 2 big challenges
 - * Animal welfare
 - * Environment
- * RQI is key



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*Animal welfare

- * Ban of cages – best conditions for the sows
- * Castration- detection of boar taint at slaughterhouse
- * Tail docking – best practices to prevent tail biting



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*Environment

- * Agricultural valorisation
- * Emissions' control
 - * Biogas
 - * Green electricity
 - * Green hydrogen

We need better project monetization technologies.



What's the expected timeline of R&I projects before they can effectively apply to pig farming?

- *Innovation in farm management – 1 to 2 years
- *Innovation that includes investment – 10 to 30 years



What's the cost of implementing R&I projects for pig farming?

- *All research projects must include participation of the stakeholders
- *Experience costs must be covered in the projects
- *Budget and remuneration for farmers who participate



How can the current situation be improved?

- * Importance to bridge the **gap between research and technology** that is ready for the market
- * Strengthen the **multi-actor approach**, whereby farming stakeholders are partners in those projects. They should also be involved in the communication and dissemination working packages
- * Need for **real-farm experience**, especially in consideration of the economic sustainability. Research farms do not have the same experience
- * Dedicated research **council/advisory board of farm industry representatives** to verify and support the decisions on future calls
- * Rating systems of "**applicability of project results**" score should be introduced in addition to a more traditional scientific evaluation to all EU funded project
- * **Smaller calls** that require less participants and have decreased administrative burden must be introduced
- * The Commission must **act proactively** and look for solutions when it comes to the innovation and new technologies

