

European Pigmeat Reflection Group



Final meeting – 18 January 2023

In numbers

- ❖ **7 meetings** from March 2022 to January 2023
 - ❖ **65 presentations**
 - 34 stakeholders
 - 11 academics
 - 8 MS' authorities
 - 12 Commission officials (DG AGRI, COMP, SANTE & ENV)
 - ❖ All presentations and minutes directly accessible on the **Europa website**
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- ✓ A **draft report** was shared with the group on **12 December 2022**
 - ✓ Members of the group had until **3 January 2023** to send in their comments
 - ✓ **8 answers** were received: 3 from stakeholders/NGOs (**BEUC, EEB, COPA-COGECA**) and 5 from MS (**DK, IE, BG, PL, FR**)

Recommendations (1/3)

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1) Socio-economic dynamics

- **Promoting cooperation** between pig producers (producer organisations and cooperatives) and between them and the other steps of the supply chain for a better integration of societal expectations on **improved sustainability** at all levels of the production chain, better training and sharing of knowledge as well as creating attractive conditions for **young farmers**;
- Encouraging MS to **use all CAP tools** available, including the newly created sector-related interventions, for the sector to become more sustainable;
- Diversifying EU export markets and **reducing dependency on a few destinations**, in particular unreliable partners;
- Further **valorising EU protein sources** in pig feeding;
- Promoting **EU quality and production standards** around the world;
- Better **information campaigns** on the role of family pig farms and benefits of short supply chains; better communication by the pig sector on actions towards more sustainable production methods;
- Raising awareness on **organic farming and GIs** in the pig sector;
- Raising awareness of food uses and cooking recipes that **valorise less favoured parts of the carcass** and incentivise retailers to sell more parts of the pig carcass rather than offering the most demanded only;
- Encouraging Member States to **test and pilot different agricultural risk management** strategies and tools with the involvement of pig producers at national and regional level;
- Considering linking the benefit of risk management tools with concrete actions to **adjust supply to demand**.

Recommendations (2/3)

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2) Environment and climate challenges

- Improving the awareness of farmers of the necessity to embrace more sustainable agriculture, including **manure management and emission reduction**;
- Developing **manure processing** (e.g. RENURE products) and more **efficient use of organic fertilizers**;
- Designing a sustainable framework for managing manure for fertilizing purposes;
- Supporting **local bio-gas solutions** based on slurry, residues and waste that involve not only pig farming but local communities.

3) Research and innovation

- Better information and **involvement of end-users** (producers, advisory services, etc.) in research and innovation projects;
- Speeding up **knowledge transfer** between farmers, advisors and researchers, making better use of farm advisory services.

Recommendations (3/3)

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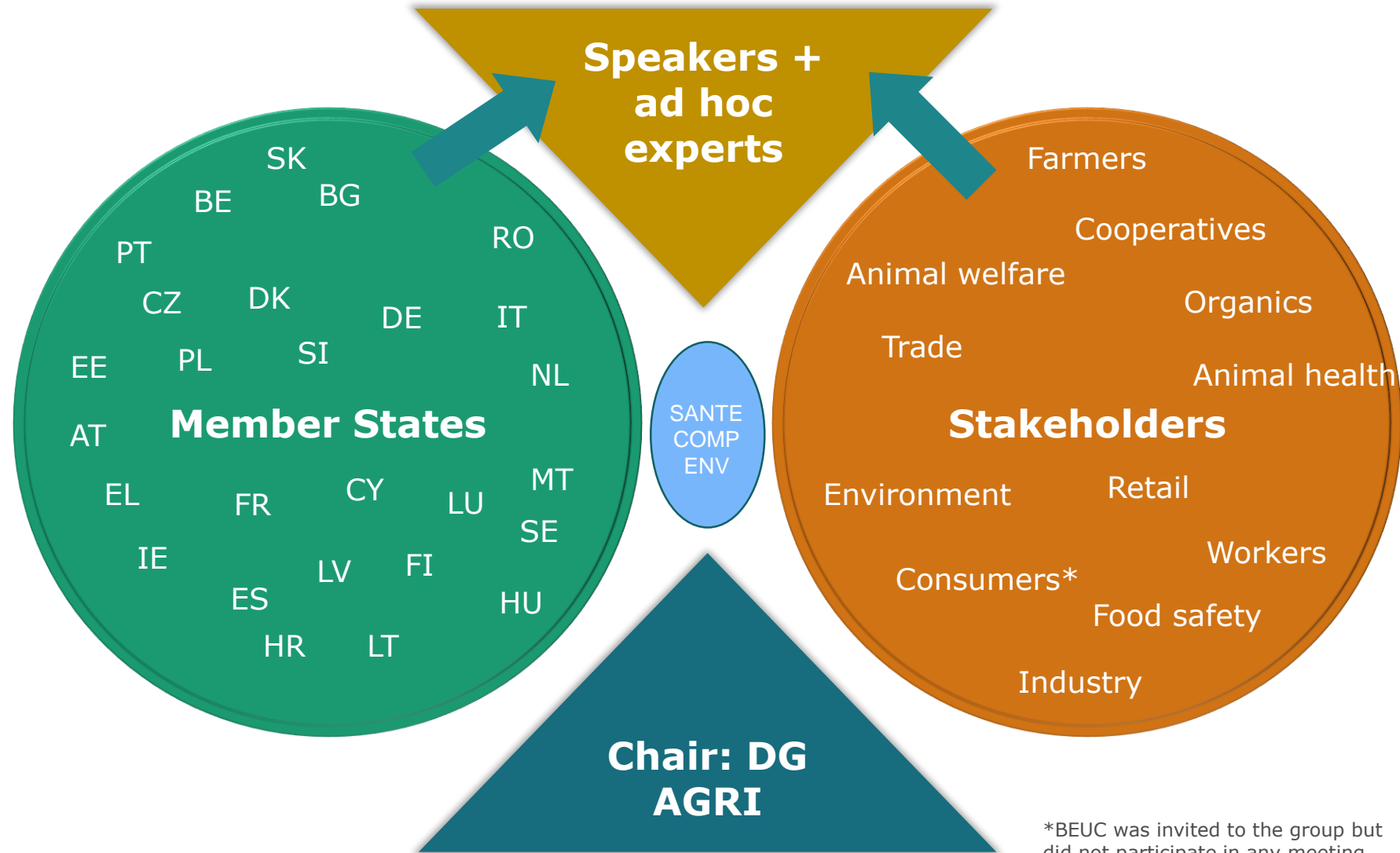
4) Animal health

- Supporting efficient **biosecurity measures and wild boar management** and sharing of knowledge and best practices between Member States;
- Supporting the development of **vaccines** for wild boar and domestic pigs;
- More engagement with third countries, including in international bodies such as the WTO and WOA, to ensure recognition of the EU **regionalisation principle**;
- Continued focus through a One Health approach on the challenges posed by **antimicrobial resistance**.

5) Animal welfare

- Implementing all available tools, including interventions under the CAP, to improve animal welfare for pigs with **livestock-friendly management practices**;
- Maintaining a science-based approach in all regulatory steps related to improvement of animal welfare;
- Supporting action, including research, to develop and implement systems with a high level of animal welfare, respecting the **behavioural needs of pigs and reducing antibiotics use**;
- Promoting EU animal welfare standards in **international fora** and in particular within the framework of free trade agreements.

Composition (Member States + stakeholders)



*BEUC was invited to the group but did not participate in any meeting

Process



Commissioner opening

Commissioner closing

1. Socio-economic dynamics

- Structure of the sector
- Export orientation, short supply chains and socio-economic relevance for rural areas
- CAP strategic plans
- Labelling, geographical indications
- Consumption trends and food environment
- Organic production
- Risk management

2. Environment and climate challenges

- Farming methods
- Carbon footprint & carbon credits
- Emissions and manure management
- Biogas
- Research & innovation

3. Animal health and welfare

- Animal health
- Animal welfare
- Animal transport
- Research & innovation

Independent Final report

with possible recommendations

Thank you



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