

## EU PiG Press Release



### **PRESS RELEASE: 2019 Grand Prix Winners Announced**

Zinc alternatives, using big data and community management are among the winning best practices of the 2019 EU PiG Innovation Group (EU PiG) Grand Prix. Eight pig producers from across Europe have been awarded the title of EU PiG Ambassador to recognise their innovation in pig production.

The Grand Prix is an annual competition which aims to identify and share innovative practices in pig production throughout the European network of pig producers, and beyond.

The winning best practices from the 2019 EU PiG Grand Prix are:

THEME	CHALLENGE	BEST PRACTICE	COUNTRY
<b>Health</b>	Early warning of diseases and production errors	Degree2act app	Spain
	Influence of gut health on disease and production data	Fermenting liquid feed, an alternative to zinc oxide	Netherlands
<b>Meat Quality</b>	Replacing GMO soy for feed production	Locally grown protein can replace soy in pig feed	Finland
	Opening farms to engage with public	Community manager for pigs	Ireland
<b>Welfare</b>	Strategies to reduce aggression between animals	Doors for piglets	France
	The quality of the farm atmosphere	Ammonia emission reduction techniques for fatteners inside the stable by separating faeces and urine	Belgium
<b>Precision</b>	Reduced pig mortality	Reducing pig mortality through high care	Netherlands
	Dashboard systems/benchmarking	From pig data to big data	Denmark

EU PiG coordinator Ben Williams, of AHDB in the UK, said: “Congratulations to the 2019 EU PiG Ambassadors. The full details about how each of the ambassador’s innovations work in practice will soon be provided on the website.”

“Fundamentally, this competition is about connecting pig producers, creating a European network where new information and experience can be shared directly. This aims to ensure an ever more efficient and competitive industry.”

“Using the EU PiG platform, producers are able to learn about the ideas and techniques used effectively across Europe to help improve the efficiency and sustainability of their own farm.”

“This year’s winning best practices should act as aspirational examples of innovative techniques used on pig farms to tackle each of the eight challenges.”

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- Stichting Wageningen Research; (WR); Netherlands
- Institut De Recerca i Tecnologia Agroalimentaries; (IRTA); Spain
- Centro Ricerche Produzioni Animali – C.R.P.A. S.P.A.; (CRPA); Italy
- Boerenbondvereniging voor Projecten vzw; (BB Projecten); Belgium
- Teagasc – Agriculture and Food Development Authority; (TEAGASC); Ireland
- Agrifood and Biosciences Institute; (AFBI); United Kingdom
- Veterinaermedizinische Universitaet Wien: (VETMEDUNIVIENNA); Austria
- Interprofession Nationale Porcine; (INAPORC); France
- Landbrug & Fødevarer; (L&F); Denmark
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- Vagoallat – ES Hus Szakmakozó Szervezet és Terméktanács; (VHT); Hungary
- IFIP – Institut du Porc Association; (IFIP); France
- Gran Suino Italiano; (OI GSI); Italy
- Szkola Główna Gospodarstwa Wiejskiego; (SGGW); Poland
- Polski Związek Hodowców i Producentów Trzody Chlewnej Polsus; (POLSUS); Poland
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### About Horizon 2020

Europe has a 10-year growth and jobs strategy called **Europe 2020**. It was launched in 2010 to create the conditions for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth. Five headline targets have been agreed for the European Union to achieve by the end of 2020, covering employment, research and development, climate/energy, education and social inclusion and poverty reduction.

Europe has identified new engines to boost growth and jobs; these are addressed by seven **'flagship initiatives'**. Within each initiative both the European Union and national authorities have to coordinate their efforts so they are mutually reinforcing. **'Innovation Union'** is one such flagship initiative. **'Innovation Union'** is the European Union strategy to create an innovation-friendly environment that makes it easier for great ideas to be turned into products and services that will bring our economy growth and jobs.

**Horizon 2020** is the financial instrument implementing the Innovation Union and:

- Has a budget of nearly €80 billion for the period 2014-2020, which makes it the biggest European Union Research and Development programme ever
- Is open to everyone
- Has three priorities (Industrial Leadership, Excellent Science and Societal Change); each of which has a number of sections with a different focus and each section has a detailed work programme.

<http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en/what-horizon-2020>

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