# SusPigSys

Sustainable pig production systems



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#### Introduction of SusPigSys

The ERA-Net SusAn project "Sustainable pig production systems" (SusPigSys) started in September 2017. SusPigSys has the aims to collect sustainability data on pig farms across Europe and to develop tools which help improving sustainability. The consortium is formed by eight partners from seven countries: Germany, Austria, Finland, Italy, The Netherlands, Poland, and United Kingdom.

You can find more information in the attached project flyer or on the project homepage: <a href="https://suspigsys.fli.de">https://suspigsys.fli.de</a>

### National stakeholder workshop

In November and December 2017, partners organised one stakeholder workshop in each of the seven partner countries. During the workshops we asked the stakeholders what is important for them regarding sustainability of pig production, and what they would like to get out of SusPigSys.



Across countries, a total of 90 stakeholders from over 10 different stakeholder groups participated. The named a range of concerns and interests in various aspects of pig production sustainability. We are working on an article which summarises the workshop outcomes.

#### **Next steps**

Currently we are working on assessment protocols (questionnaires) for recording data regarding environmental impact, economy, animal health and welfare as well as aspects regarding farmer and social interests.

Once these are finished and observers have been trained to agree well, we will collect data on 10 farms in each partner country in order to develop analysis methods and refine the protocols. Parallel to this, we are developing a software to help with recording and feeding back data.

If you have a farm and would like to participate in SusPigSys, please contact your national partner: <a href="https://suspigsys.fli.de/en/partners/">https://suspigsys.fli.de/en/partners/</a>

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