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Sustainable Pig Farming in Ukraine

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Introduction

Ukraine is aiming at full membership in the European Union. Therefore, for the Ukrainian pig sector – besides recovery from the Russian war of aggression – the adaptation to EU standards and regulations will determine but also be a major challenge for its future development.

In this process transformation towards sustainable production systems considering aspects of animal welfare will be of high importance not only for agricultural producers, processing companies and trade organisations, but also for decision makers in policy, research and education related to the field of beef and milk production.

The International Forum aims to highlight relevant issues of sustainable Pig Farming and animal welfare, which are important for understanding of current trends and future developments in the industry.

The discussion with recognized international and Ukrainian experts will focus on specific topics that are important for specialists from farms, managers at various levels, as well as scientists.

The forum will feature interesting plenary and specialized sessions, followed by a panel discussion.

Conference languages are Ukrainian and English. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided during the online sessions.



Programme – overview (EET)

09:45 - 10:00	Online connections, registrations Technical preparations for speakers and translators
10:00 - 10:10	Opening session and welcome addresses
10:10 - 11:10	Keynote Session
11:10 - 11:15	Coffee break
11:15 – 12:15	Session 1: Actual challenges for the European and Ukrainian pig sector in terms of sustainability and animal welfare
12:15 - 12:45	Lunch break
12:45 - 13:45	Session 2: Transformation of Ukrainian pig sector towards sustainability and animal welfare
13:45 - 13:50	Coffee break
13:50 - 14:20	Panel discussion with experts: Ways to address current challenges of the pig farming
14:20 - 14:30	Closing remarks
14:30	Conference end



Programme

09.45 - 10:00	Online connection of participants Technical preparations for speakers and translators
10:00 - 10:10	Opening Session

Moderation: tbc

National University of Life and Environmental Sciences of Ukraine

Welcome address

Taras Vysotskyi, Deputy Minister

Ministry of agrarian policy and food of Ukraine, Ukraine

Prof. Dr. Vadym Tkachuk, Rector

National University of Life and Environmental Sciences of Ukraine, Ukraine

Prof. Dr. Heinrich Schuele, SULawe Project Lead

Nuertingen-Geislingen University, Germany

10:10 - 11:10 **Keynote Session**

National legislation regarding animal welfare

Vitaliy Kryukov

Ministry of agrarian policy and food of Ukraine, Ukraine

The state of the pig industry in Ukraine and expectation of Ukrainian producers

Oleksandra Bondarska

Association of Ukrainian Pig Breeders, Ukraine

Influence of innovative barn construction measures on animal welfare and labour efficiency in fattening pig barns in Baden-Württemberg.

Christina Becker, Prof. Dr. Maren Bernau

Nuertingen-Geislingen University, Germany

11:10 - 11:15 **Coffee break**

11:15 – 12:15 **Session 1: Actual challenges for the European and Ukrainian pig sector in terms of sustainability and animal welfare**

Deciphering Pale, Soft and Exudative (PSE)-like zones: A Rising Meat quality concern

Qasim Mashood

Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden

European integration processes in the Ukrainian pig industry, experience of farms' transition to welfare standards

Oksana Yurchenko

Association of Ukrainian Pig Breeders, Ukraine



A system of training for personnel involved in the keeping, transport and slaughter of farm animals on compliance with animal welfare legislation

Viktoria Letz

QFTP, Ukraine

12:15 - 12:45 **Lunch break**

12:45 - 13:45 **Session 2:
Transformation of Ukrainian pig sector towards sustainability and animal welfare.**

Behaviour of pigs during growing with different types of enrichment materials

Prof. Dr. Anna Lykhach

Department of Animal Biology of NUBiP, Ukraine

Automation of liquid dairy feeding as an element of pig welfare improvement in the farrowing unit

Dr. Konstantyn Makhno

Innovation Manager, Product Marketing Department, Pigs, AVA GROUP

Slaughter and meat inspection at slaughter of pigs in Sweden

Jakub Babol

Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden

13:45 - 13:50 **Coffee break**

13:50 - 14:20 **Panel discussion with experts:
Ways to address current challenges of the pig farming**

Moderation: tbd

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Galia Zamaratskaia / Marija Klopčič

SLU, Sweden / UL Slovenia

Leonid Lenkov

Commercial director LLC "Servisproduct", Ukraine

Mykhailo Huhlyak

LLC "Steak-Agro", Ukraine

Svitlana Usenko

Poltava State Agrarian University

14:20 - 14:30 **Closing remarks**

Sergiy Gryshchenko

National University of Life and Environmental Sciences of Ukraine

14:30 **End of the conference**