



Completed and ongoing projects:

- GIQS in meat production (3/2002 – 12/2005), INTERREG IIIA
- GIQS in food processing SMEs (7/2002 – 2/2005), INTERREG IIIA
- GIQS in fruit and vegetable chains (9/2003 – 10/2006), INTERREG IIIA
- PromSTAP (1/2005 – 12/2007), INTERREG IIIC
- Managing risks (1/2006 – 6/2008), INTERREG IIIA
- Q-PorkChains (1/2007 – 12/2011), 6th EU Research Framework Programme
- AIDA (10/2007 – 9/2010), Innovative Programme of the BMELV
- SafeGuard (7/2008 – 6/2013), INTERREG IVA
- FIN-Q.NRW (9/2009 – 9/2012), Ziel-2-Programm NRW
- QUARISMA (9/2009 – 9/2013), 7th EU Research Framework Programme

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**A strong network in
agricultural and food sciences**

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Globalisation is a big challenge, especially in the agri-food business. Borders between businesses, production stages and countries are limiting factors for activities that are aiming on more transparency, quality and process improvement of companies involved. Questions for research and development emerge, that can be better answered in cooperation between organisations.

Therefore, the Universities of Bonn (D) and Wageningen (NL) initiated the foundation of GIQS (German abbreviation for “Trans Border Integrated Quality Assurance”) in 2001 for such purposes as to strengthen co-operations between science, industries and public services. In this context, the main task of GIQS is to support partners in food chains and research bodies during planning, preparation, implementation and communication in collaborative research and development projects.

The co-operations between science, industries and public services follow the public private partnership-approach which deals with the realisation of projects in collaboration with public and private partners.

In the meantime GIQS grew up to an established player in agricultural collaborative research and, therefore, received the cooperative price of food processing of the federal state North-Rhine-Westphalia in December 2002. Since January 2008 GIQS joins the initiative of the Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology “Kompetenznetze Deutschland“.

Main focus of GIQS

Collaborative research

GIQS provides ...

...support regarding the project planning, the introduction of different actors, as well as the coordination of the projects during the whole runtime.

Technology and research

GIQS disseminates...

...the results of the collaborative research by publications, workshops, conferences and internet presence.

Advanced training

GIQS supports...

... the exchange of employees between research and industry and implements trainings and workshops in order to facilitate the communication of quality aims and methods. Furthermore GIQS develops training programmes for practical application.

Aquisition of subsidies

GIQS generates...

...ideas for new projects from an intensive dialogue with network partners. The team of GIQS is very qualified regarding the national and international funding programmes. Due to this,

the selection of the particular projects and the information of the partners about the conditions are also main tasks of the association. Projects coordinated by GIQS were implemented within the 7th EU Research Framework Programme, the INTERREG IIIA and IIIC as well as the IVA – Programme of the EU, the Ziel-2-Programm of the federal state North-Rhine-Westphalia and the Innovative Programme of the BMELV.

GIQS wants...

... to overcome regional, national and international political borders, as well as institutional barriers that exist between research, economy and policy, as well as between actors within the meat supply chain.

GIQS sees itself...

... as a network, that works together with different partners such as:

- Universities and research bodies
- Public authorities and professional associations
- Companies in the food chain from farm to retail
- their suppliers and service providers
- interested individuals.