

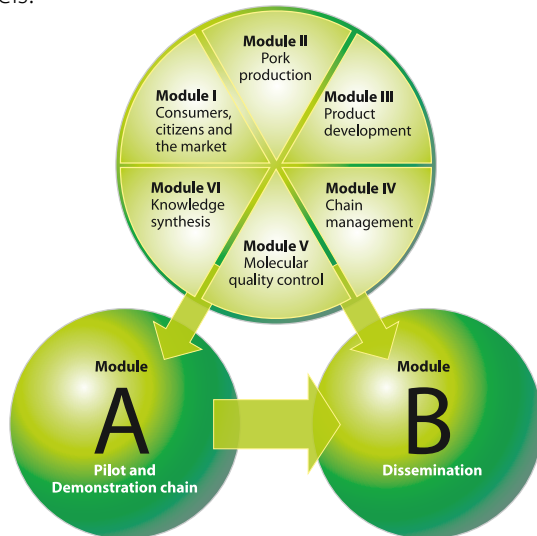
About Q-PorkChains

Q-PorkChains is an integrated project funded by EU 6th framework programme.

Title of Q-PorkChains:

Improving the quality of pork and pork products for the consumer: Development of innovative, integrated, and sustainable food production chains of high quality pork products matching consumer demands.

Q-PorkChains comprises 6 research modules; consumers, citizens and the market (I), pork production (II), product development (III), chain management (IV), molecular quality control (V) and knowledge synthesis (VI). In addition two horizontal modules (A and B) aims at testing and implementing innovative concepts originating from Q-PorkChains and disseminating research results to stakeholders at all levels.



Please visit:

www.qpork.org and www.q-porkchains-industry.org

Open Learning Platform

www.porktraining.org

The objective behind this learning platform is to empower teachers & trainers and/or trainees within the pig & pork sector with free learning resources and offer them a structured collaborative space to share their resources. The objective is also to promote and value the "open" learning resources, which are freely and openly accessible for non commercial purposes such as teaching, learning and research.

The overall aim of the teaching and training activities in Q-PorkChains is to bring research together with teachers, trainers and learners. Hopefully these learning resources will be relevant and integrated in teaching and training activities world-wide. Furthermore, it is desired that learning resources for the pig and pork sector developed outside the project will be shared within this learning platform.

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Animal Welfare-friendly
Pig Housing Systems

A Learning Resource
for teachers and trainers

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General information

The way we produce pigs for pork consumption is of great concern to consumers and the public. Legislation on animal welfare and inspection procedure to monitor how well the regulations are implemented are becoming clearer and more powerful.

Housing systems for pigs vary for many reasons, which have implications for animal welfare and animal health as well as for economic and technical performance. The European Union has agreed upon a certain minimum standard for animal welfare that should be reached in all pork-producing systems in every member state. Above those minimum levels of animal welfare standards a diverse selection of niche production systems has developed, adapted to, for example, the local market systems.

Within the EU project Q-PorkChains an inventory of pork production systems has been compiled and a survey of consumer attitudes to pork production conducted. Based on the results obtained from these studies regarding animal welfare, a learning resource has been developed focusing on animal welfare-friendly pig housing systems.



Outline

This learning resource will provide examples of housing systems for pregnant, farrowing and lactating sows, piglets, fattening pigs and boars in six different production systems in two countries, France and Sweden. The systems are described from economic, technical and animal welfare perspectives.

The learning resource includes

- objectives and learning goals for different target groups
- legislation and consumer awareness information
- inventory of pork production systems
- video clips of pig production systems
- production figures from each production system
- self-assessment
- references.

Training & demonstration events

for industrial actors

During the Q-PorkChains project period (till end of 2011) several training & demonstration events will be held in different European countries. The training events are a tool to disseminate the newest knowledge in the field of pork quality to industrial actors.

The target group consists of interested stakeholders from the industry, preferably small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), of different stages of the pork production chain. Depending on the target audience the trainings will be realised in the local language if possible.

Training and demonstration events contain theoretical and practical components such as lectures, new developed learning material, presentations, talks, discussions, exercises, plant visits etc.

Every trainer who is interested in using this learning resource for industrial actors is welcome to contact us. We can cooperate in organising such events during the project period (till end of 2011).

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