1st EU Reference Centre for Animal Welfare 'EURCAW-Pigs' – Progress Report

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EU Reference Centres for Animal Welfare

Art. 95 of 'The Official Controls Regulation':

"The Commission shall, by means of implementing acts, designate European Union reference centres for animal welfare that shall support the activities of the Commission and of the Member States"

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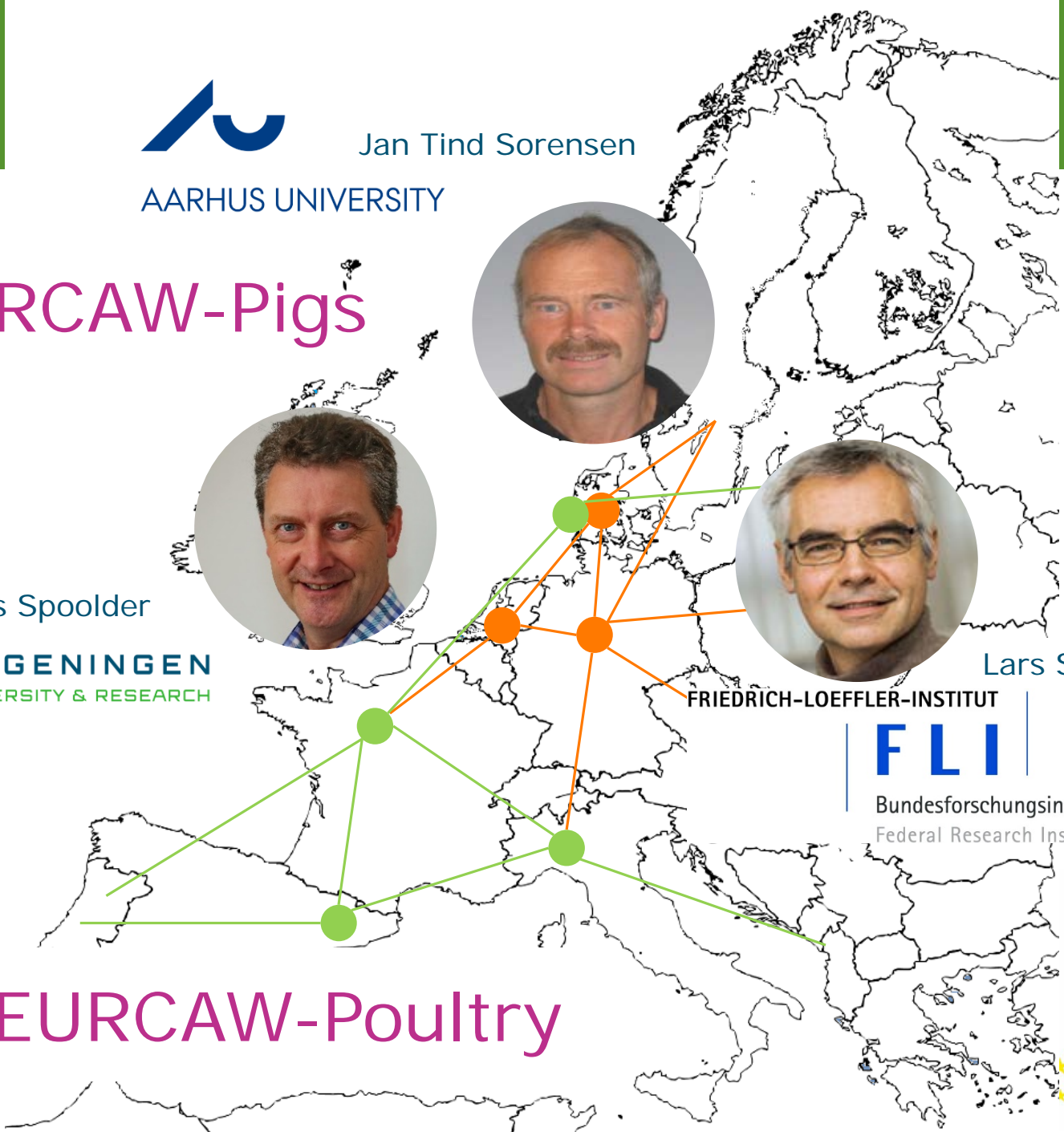
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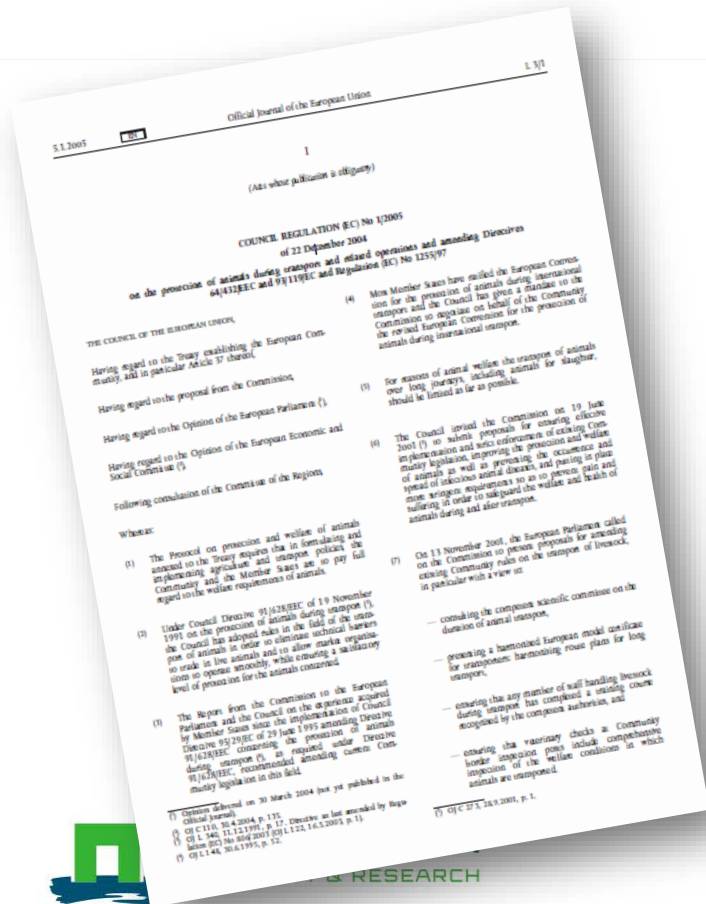Federal Research Institute for Animal Health

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Main role: to provide technical information on

- On-farm pig welfare: Directives 98/58/EC and 2008/120/EC

- Animal transport: Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005

- Protection of animals at the time of killing: Council Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009

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Main Target group

- Competent Authorities, Policy Workers and their 'support bodies': science, training, communication
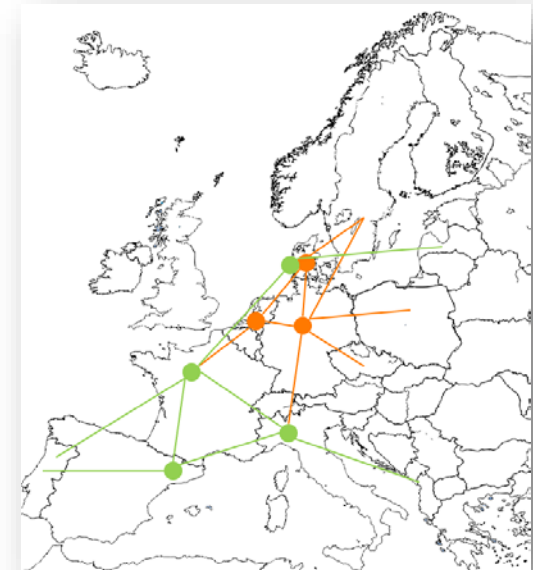
EURCAW Main Activities

Art 96 of 'The Official Controls Regulation':

1. COORDINATED ASSISTANCE
2. ANIMAL WELFARE INDICATORS
3. SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL STUDIES
4. TRAINING COURSES
5. DISSEMINATING RESEARCH AND INNOVATIONS

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1. Coordinated Assistance

- Central contact point for technical information requested by Competent Authorities (e.g. 'Questions to EURCAW')

- Networking across supporting bodies, CA's and policy workers
  - Existing networks
  - Regional meetings
  - National ref centres

2. Animal Welfare Indicators

- Compiling a list of relevant welfare indicators to verify compliance with legislation
  - 8 key areas of concern (e.g. stunning effectiveness, space on trucks, group housing of sows...)
  - Started with Tail biting

- The identification of 'Ice berg indicators'
  - Starting with 6 areas of the MS Action Plans (e.g. enrichment material, cleanliness, thermal comfort...)

3. Scientific and Technical Studies

- Existing knowledge of 8 key areas of concern, related to EU pig welfare legislation

  - Review papers and fact sheets: Transport and Farrowing environment are under way

- To identify demonstrator farms, transport companies or slaughter houses

4. Training & Education

- Describe and evaluate training activities and materials use.

  - Collaboration with BTSF

- Set standards for training activities, develop course types and materials.

  - Working with national reference centres

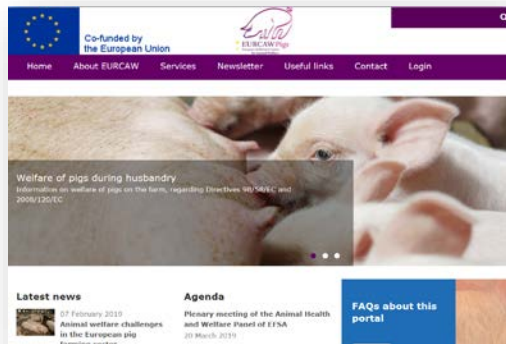- To produce guidelines on how to change perceptions and attitudes

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Dissemination via EURCAW-PIGS.EU

4. Training materials

4. Training standards

3. Demonstrators

3. Technical dossiers

2. Iceberg indicators

2. Indicators for enforcement

1. Networking

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