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**to the**

**Commission Decision**

**on the financing of the preparatory action "Developing a system for the automated measuring of tail length and tail lesions of pigs at the slaughter line"**

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### Preparatory action ‘Developing a system for the automated measuring of tail length and tail lesions of pigs at the slaughter line’ and the work programme for 2022

#### 1. Introduction

On the basis of the objectives given in the budget remarks, this work programme contains the actions to be financed and the budget breakdown for year 2022 as follows:

#### Legal basis

Article 58(2), point (b), of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1).

#### Budget line

PA 03 22 02

#### Objectives pursued

To support developing a system for the automated measuring of tail length and tail lesions of pigs at the slaughter line

#### Expected results

The expected results of this preparatory action are:

- (a) the development, calibration and testing of an automated system based on the analysis of camera footage in slaughterhouses characterised by different conditions and docking levels;
- (b) the development of the software to connect the system to the ICT system of the participating slaughterhouses, and converting the data automatically into reports;
- (c) the validation of the system and the comparison of the outcomes to other data sources, such as visual assessments by trained assessors;
- (d) the assessment of the functionality and the impact of the system (including the costs) by discussing the outcomes with relevant stakeholders;
- (e) the piloting of the system in practise, in the first instance as an aid for farmers to further refine their farm management so as to prevent tail biting and avoid routine tail docking.

#### 2. Grant

The global budgetary envelope reserved for grants in 2022 is set at EUR 1 500 000.

##### 2.1. Preparatory action ‘Developing a system for the automated measuring of tail length and tail lesions of pigs at the slaughter line’

General description of the contracts envisaged

#### Eligibility, selection and award criteria

### Admissibility criteria

Proposals received after the deadline for submission laid down in the call for proposals will not be considered for funding. Other formal requirements regarding the grant application will be specified in the call for proposals.

### Exclusion criteria

Applicants will be excluded from participation in an award procedure if they are in any of the situations of exclusion listed in Articles 135 to 141 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046.

### Eligibility criteria

Proposals must be submitted by consortia of legal entities (with or without legal personality) established in at least 3 out of the 5 major pig producer Member States. Actions that have already commenced by the date on which the grant application is registered will be excluded from participation.

### SELECTION CRITERIA

Only proposals which meet the admissibility, exclusion and eligibility criteria will be assessed on the basis of the selection criteria. The following selection criteria have to be met.

#### 1. Financial capacity

Applicants must have stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain their activity throughout the period during which the activity is being carried out and to participate in its co-financing.

The verification of financial capacity will not apply to public bodies and international public organisations.

#### 2. Operational capacity

Applicants must have the professional resources, competences and qualifications required to complete the proposed action.

### AWARD CRITERIA

Only projects which meet the admissibility, exclusion, eligibility and selection criteria will be further evaluated on the basis of the following award criteria :

- (a) the relevance of the project and the contribution of its expected results to the objectives of the call, (20 points, threshold : 10 points);
- (b) the effectiveness and rationale of the proposed methodology and organisation (including the timetable and monitoring), (50 points, threshold : 25 points);
- (c) the innovative nature of the action or project, (10 points, threshold : 5 points);
- (d) the impact and dissemination of the expected results, (20 points, threshold : 10 points).

For each criteria a minimum quality threshold of 50% is required as well as a minimum quality threshold of 60% for the whole application.

Any proposal which does not reach all the thresholds will be rejected.

Following the evaluation, a list is drawn up containing proposals reaching all the thresholds and ranked according to the total number of points awarded. Only the highest ranked proposal will be awarded co-financing.

### Implementation

The project will be implemented by a call for proposals managed by DG SANTE or an executive agency.

Indicative timetable and indicative amount of the call for proposals

<b>Reference</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Launch of the call for proposals	Third quarter 2022	EUR 1 500 000

Maximum possible rate of co-financing of the eligible total costs

The maximum rate for Union co-financing is 65 %.