



There are 5 phases to ProPIG:

1. Monitor health, welfare, feeding and environmental impacts on organic pig farms across 8 European countries
2. Compare results to identify strengths and weaknesses in management
3. Discuss findings with farmers and encourage everybody to adopt best practice where possible
4. Return to monitor farms a year later to see if improvements have been achieved in practice
5. Finally sharing findings within the industry and other researchers

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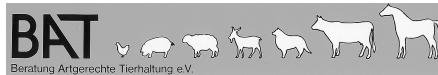


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ProPIG is a European Union *ERA-net CORE Organic II* project, in which research funding from individual member countries is co-ordinated. It is planned to run for 3 years between 2011 and 2014.

See: <http://www.coreorganic2.org/> & click 'research projects'



A research project to help organic pig production



Reducing the environmental impact by improving health, welfare and nutrition

CORE organic II



A group of 8 research partners are working together to investigate the relationship between health, welfare, nutrition and the environmental impact of organic pig production across Europe.

The idea is to identify and roll out best practice on farms then developing a decision support tool to guide sound management leading to improve efficiency.

The research will test if:

- Good animal health, welfare and proper nutrition decreases the environmental impact at farm level
- When well managed, all production systems practiced across Europe are similar in respect to environmental impacts, animal health and welfare
- Identifying specific problems on farms and offering advice will improve welfare, reduce their environmental impacts and improve profitability
- Better feed management will improve pig performance, health, welfare and environmental impacts.



Activities will be carried out over a range of production systems in;

Austria

Czechia

Denmark

France

Germany

Italy

Switzerland

United Kingdom

