

IPEMA membership



As of March 2017, the membership of IPEMA includes mostly scientists from 24 European countries.

To better disseminate the existing and future knowledge and know-how to all those who can make a profitable use of it, IPEMA seeks to increase its membership by attracting new members from Eastern Europe and other neighbouring countries. IPEMA also wants to include more relevant stakeholders of the pork production chains, including producer representatives, the industry, NGOs and governmental bodies.

Joining us is free and easy
 Just send us an e-mail
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 where you explain who you are and why you are interested in joining
IPEMA



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COST Action IPEMA

Innovative Approaches for Pork Production with Entire Males

The aim of the COST action IPEMA is to find general, region-specific or chain-specific solutions to facilitate the development of alternatives to surgical castration of piglets: using entire males and immunocastration.

IPEMA runs from October 2016 to September 2020.

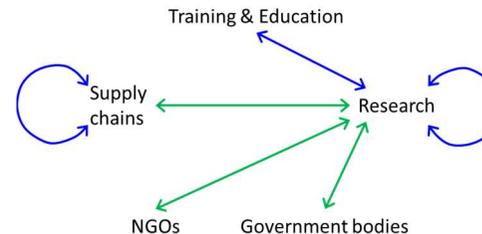
It is chaired by Prof. Ulrike Weiler, Universität Hohenheim Germany

We are looking for integrated solutions taking into account:

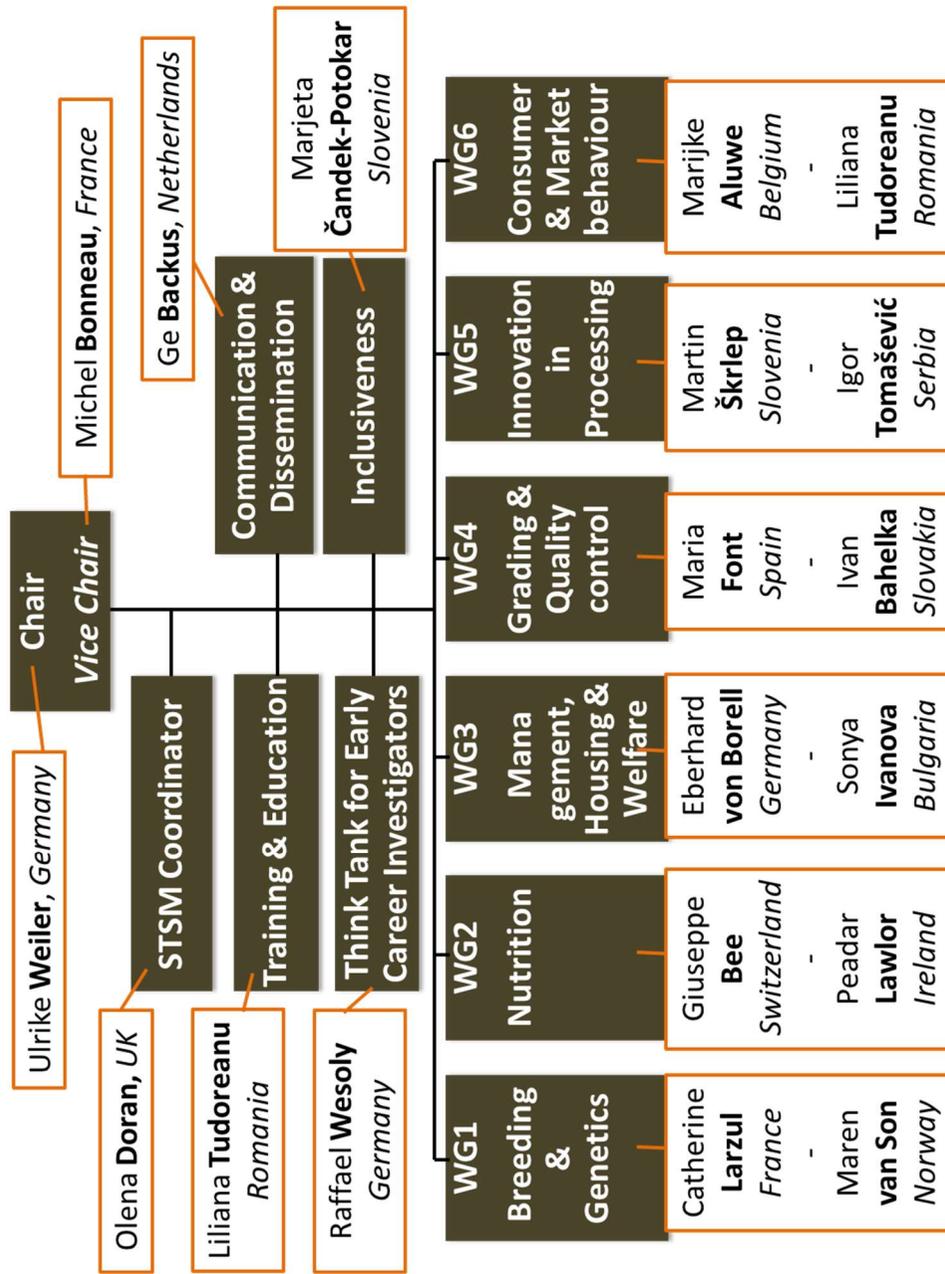
- Meat quality (Boar taint and other meat quality issues);
- Animal welfare;
- Management and production costs;
- Acceptance by stakeholders, consumers and citizens.

OUR OVERALL OBJECTIVES

- To coordinate research to increase efficiency
 - Avoid waste of time and money (“reinventing the wheel”)
 - Avoid redundancies between national programmes
- To fill knowledge gaps
 - Between different areas in Europe
 - Between science and stakeholders



Courtesy: Martin Škrlep



COST actions are funded by the EU to facilitate exchanges within the scientific community and between science and stakeholders for a better use of the available knowledge.

COST actions support travel and meeting expenses, particularly for the organisation of workshops, training schools and short term scientific missions (STSM). They do not support direct research costs nor personnel costs.

Bridging the gap between the various areas in Europe and favouring early career investigators are important goals for COST actions.

OUR SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- To guide breeding programmes for meat production systems with entire males to address specific quality issues (boar taint, tenderness, intramuscular fat content, fat quality) and reduce aggressive and sexual behaviour;
- To develop nutritional concepts for entire males and immunocastrates to meet their nutritional requirements and address specific quality issues;
- To define entire male specific housing and management conditions to address the new welfare issues due to male specific behaviour;
- To evaluate innovations in grading and meat quality control systems, including boar taint detection and assessment of other important traits;
- To promote and assist innovations in the processing industry to adapt products to the different characteristics of pork from entire males and immunocastrates;
- To develop specific information strategies for different European countries, as well as export markets to increase the acceptance of entire males and immunocastration;
- To improve exchange of knowledge between the various areas of Europe as well as between scientists and stakeholders involved in the pork production chains.



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