

# BioBIG, improving the weaning process of organic piglets

## Questions

1. Why do organic piglets - despite their higher weaning age - eat less around weaning than conventional piglets?
2. How can we stimulate their feed intake?



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**Inventory of improvement paths to optimize the composition and palatability of organic weaner feed**

- ✓ COMBINE (PRACTICAL) KNOWLEDGE AND RESULTS FROM (BIO)RESEARCH ON WEANING MANAGEMENT AND FEEDING STRATEGY
- ✓ KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE WITHIN OPERATIONAL GROUP AND (INTERNATIONAL) PIG SECTOR



**Formulate and produce organic weaner feed with an increased palatability**

- ✓ TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE NUTRIENT NEEDS OF THE PIGLETS AND WITHIN A CERTAIN PRICE RANGE
- ✓ MARKET ANALYSIS AVAILABLE ORGANIC RAW MATERIALS
- ✓ TESTING THE FEEDS AT THE PARTICIPATING FARMS

**Map the critical points and success factors regarding weaning management on organic farms**

- ✓ SURVEY ON ORGANIC PIG FARMS IN FLANDERS
- ✓ IDENTIFY GOOD PRACTICES

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| 1. Feeding and drinking strategy |
| 2. Management                    |
| 3. Hygiene                       |
| 4. Health                        |
| 5. Housing                       |
| 6. Colostrum intake              |
| 7. Treatments                    |

**Communication**

- ✓ ORGANIC BUSINESS NETWORK
- ✓ NEWSLETTERS
- ✓ WEBSITE
- ✓ SYMPOSIA

## Goal

Ease the weaning process of organic piglets

## Similar project(s)? Suggestions or remarks?

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