

## Press release

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### H2020 PIGWEB project held its Kick-off Meeting

PIGWEB is a Horizon 2020 project which was launched on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021. This 5-year project gathers 16 different partners from 9 different countries. PIGWEB will provide transnational access (TNA) to ensure easy and transparent access to 28 experimental pig research infrastructures and associated laboratories.

The Kick-off Meeting started with the introduction and presentation of the research infrastructure by the project coordinator Jaap van Milgen, followed by short introductions of each partner organisation. The project goals were highlighted and leaders of the 7 work packages explained their roles and responsibilities and how engagement and interaction can be an ongoing and noticeable activity for both sector, scientists, and the citizens of Europe. The main goal of the meeting was to clarify the expectations and provide a project overview that would allow the full expectations of PIGWEB stakeholders to be identified and fulfilled.

The core aim of PIGWEB is to strengthen the pig research community. PIGWEB aims to do this by providing and facilitating access to research infrastructures, reinforcing a culture of cooperation between the research community and industrial and societal stakeholders.

It is important to underline that PIGWEB and all partners fully embrace the European Green Deal and the “Farm to Fork” strategy to make Europe the world’s first climate-neutral continent by 2050. PIGWEB will play a key role in identifying the levers that can be used to attain the goals of the Green Deal to produce safe, nutritious, high-quality food with a minimum impact on nature. It will also address citizens’ concerns about the welfare of farmed animals. PIGWEB contributes to all these aspects by a “Pig to Pork” approach.

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