



PROHEALTH Policy Briefs and Best Practice Guidelines

Coordinator Ilias Kyriazakis shares his thoughts on the main achievements of PROHEALTH as it draws to a close after 5 years of public-private collaboration

PROHEALTH: sustainable control of pig and poultry production diseases, was the largest ever project funded by the European Union on animal health and welfare. The project started in December 2013 and is concluding in November 2018 with an Industry focused workshop and a scientific symposium on 27-28 November 2018 in Ghent, Belgium.

The consortium that addressed the challenge of production diseases in pigs and poultry consisted of 22 partners, from 10 European Union countries and one associated country. The partners were a healthy mix of Industry and Academia; this helped us to retain the focus of the project throughout its duration. The PROHEALTH project aimed to contribute to the understanding of the multifactorial dimension of animal pathologies linked to the intensification of production. Its results should help to provide effective control strategies to reduce the negative impact of production diseases on animal health and welfare. Some of these control strategies have already been implemented in practice and suggest substantial economic benefits, while maintaining pig and poultry health and welfare, in a quantifiable manner.

We have summarised some of the outcomes of the project in the form of Policy Briefs and Best Practice Guidelines that should be of relevance to a variety of stakeholders. You can download these documents in compact form [here](#).

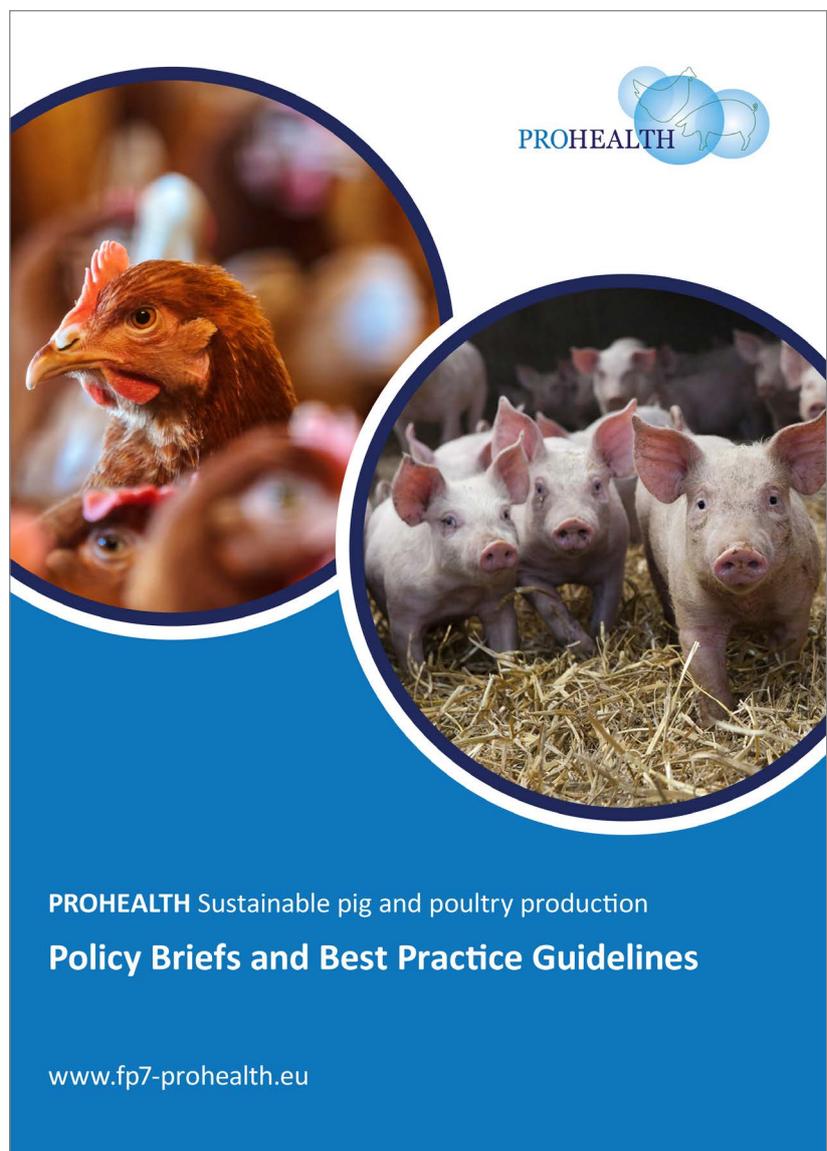


Figure 1. PROHEALTH Brochure on Policy Briefs and Best Practice Guidelines

You can find more information on the website of the project: www.fp7-prohealth.eu. I am pleased to report that the PROHEALTH website will be maintained and continue to report additional project outcomes until December 2020.

I have had the privilege of coordinating PROHEALTH since its inception and bringing it to its conclusion. It has been a wonderful journey, but like all good things in

life, it must come to an end. PROHEALTH, however, will continue to influence the way we raise pigs and poultry in the European Union. The improvement in the health and welfare will be its long lasting legacy.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Ilias Kyriazakis
PROHEALTH Coordinator



Figure 2. Ilias Kyriazakis

PROHEALTH event at the European Parliament Pre-conference dinner with key European stakeholders

PROHEALTH is delighted to have the chance to present its final results in front of high profile European stakeholders, including representatives of the European Parliament and its Science and Technology Options Assessment (STOA) panel and its Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (AGRI), as well as of the European Commission specialized agencies, researchers and investors. The framework for this exchange will be formed by a dinner event organised at the premises of the European Parliament in Brussels on Monday, 26 November. At this event, PROHEALTH coordinator Prof. Ilias Kyriazakis (Newcastle University) and Dr. Theo Kanellos (PROHEALTH member Zoetis, representing the industry Stakeholders of the Consortium) will speak about the increased understanding of the multi-factorial dimension of animal pathologies linked to the intensification of production in EU and how this can be used to improve pig and poultry health and welfare. Some emphasis will be given on the novel diagnostic and digital opportunities, some of which have been developed by PROHEALTH, in addressing these issues. They will also present the main conclusions from the project and how they can contribute to



Figure 3. Photo: European Parliament

address the main challenges faced by the livestock farming sector across the EU. Participants will hear and get the chance to debate what is at stake regarding the animal health and welfare in Europe, the circular economy perspectives and the innovation challenges in the European and the global market.

While the event in Brussels is only for invited participants, including the Work Package Leaders of PROHEALTH, the following two days the PROHEALTH members will present their results in detail in the Industry Workshops and the Scientific Symposium, open for everyone

interested, in Ghent on 27-28 November (see below). The main conclusions and recommendations are also compiled in compact form in the [Policy Briefs and Best Practice guidelines](#). The landscape of farming pigs and poultry in the EU is changing very rapidly, whilst facing new challenges, such as African Swine Fever and the need to find new ways of tackling production diseases in the face of the threat from antimicrobial resistance. The hope is that PROHEALTH has contributed to offering solutions in this respect.

Join us at the final PROHEALTH events

PROHEALTH Industry Workshops and Scientific Symposium, in Ghent, Belgium on the 27-28 November 2018

As the PROHEALTH project is drawing to a close do not miss the opportunity to join our consortium at the PROHEALTH Industry Workshops and Scientific Symposium. The events will be held in Ghent, Belgium on the 27-28 November 2018. We have invited keynote speakers from within and outside of the consortium to chair and present their expert knowledge in the field of sustainable pig and poultry production.

The Industry Workshops held on the 27 November have been organised into two parallel sessions on poultry and on pigs. The first section of presentations will present PROHEALTH's own findings over the course of the five year project whereas the second part will present the relevance of sustainable pig and poultry production to a wider stakeholder group.

In addition to key note presentations, the Scientific Symposium on the 28 November will present abstract and poster presentations to give short insights into the different research topics and their related activities. Further, a round table session with keynote speakers will be held to offer opportunities for discussions and enhance mutual knowledge transfer.



Figure 3. Location of PROHEALTH final events Het Pand, Ghent, Belgium (source: UGENT)

The combined Industry Workshops and Scientific Symposium will provide a unique platform for exchanging ideas, both scientific and practical, among veterinary practitioners, researchers, and other animal health professionals from all over Europe.

The detailed agenda can be found on the PROHEALTH website: <http://www.fp7-prohealth.eu/events/prohealth-industry-workshops-and-scientific-symposium>.

Register now to secure your place during the PROHEALTH Industry Workshops and Scientific Symposium.

PROHEALTH project
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Key Facts

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