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Freedom in Farrowing and Lactation Workshop 2026

FFL26

'Bridging the gap between science and practice'

Danish Pig Academy, Herning, Denmark

FINAL PROGRAMME

Thursday 12th November 2026 16h00 – 18h30

Welcome and networking session including initial introductions, poster session with light refreshments and the possibility to extend networking discussions into the evening.

Friday 13th November 2026

08h30–10h00	**International overview regarding uptake and regulation of FFL**
08h30–08h40	Chairperson's introduction *Sandra Edwards*
08h40–08h50	Results of pre-workshop survey on current level of FFL implementation *Emma Baxter, SRUC*
08h50–09h05	How close are we to harmonized legislation across Europe? Farmers/industry perspective *Miguel Higuera, Copa Cogeca*
09h05–09h20	How close are we to harmonized legislation across Europe? NGO perspective *Elena Nalon, Eurogroup for Animals*
09h20–09h40	Who pays for FFL? *Tove Christensen, University of Copenhagen*
09h40–10h00	General discussion
10h00–10h30	***Break***
10h30–12h30	**Structural issues in pen design (space, flooring, substrate)**
10h30–10h40	Chairperson's introduction to 'sticking' points
10h40–11h00	Space requirements with focus on sow turning *Vivi Moustsen, SEGES Innovation*
11h00–11h10	Space discussion
11h10–11h30	Flooring with focus on emissions *Stine Grønborg, SEGES Innovation*
11h30–11h40	Flooring discussion
11h40–12h00	Substrate with focus on new organic alternatives to straw *Cesar Augusto Pospissil Garbossa, University of Sao Paulo*
12h00–12h10	Substrate discussion
12h10–12h30	General discussion on structural issues
12h30–14h00	***Lunch and Danish Pig Academy tour***

14h00–16h00	**Human interventions to promote successful outcomes**
14h00–14h10	Chairperson's introduction to managerial issues
14h00–14h30	Scheduling introduction to the farrowing pen and confinement timings to minimize sow stress and maximise piglet survival *Emma Baxter, SRUC and Marion Magnan, National Pig Centre, Leeds University*
14h30–14h50	FFL and hyperprolificacy – lessons from around the world *Nicola Bowers, Nuffield Pig Scholar*
14h50–15h10	Practices and experiences of stockpeople at farms using minimal confinement of lactating sows *Ashley Norval, Wageningen University and Danbred*
15h10–15h30	General discussion and further international insights
15h30–16h00	***Break***
16h00–17h45	**Commercial examples of successful implementation of FFL systems and/or management (presentations by producers from different countries)**
16h00–16h10	Introduction to WelFarmers project *Vivi Moustsen, SEGES Innovation*
16h10–16h30	Example 1: Southern European producer *Alberto Cavagnini, Italy*
16h30–16h50	Example 2: Northern European producer *Jonna Lynge Andersen, Denmark*
16h50–17h10	Example 3: From Temporary Crating to Free Farrowing *Taras Semchuk, Finland*
17h10–17h45	General discussion
17h45–18h00	**Summary and take-home messages**
18h30–	***Networking dinner***