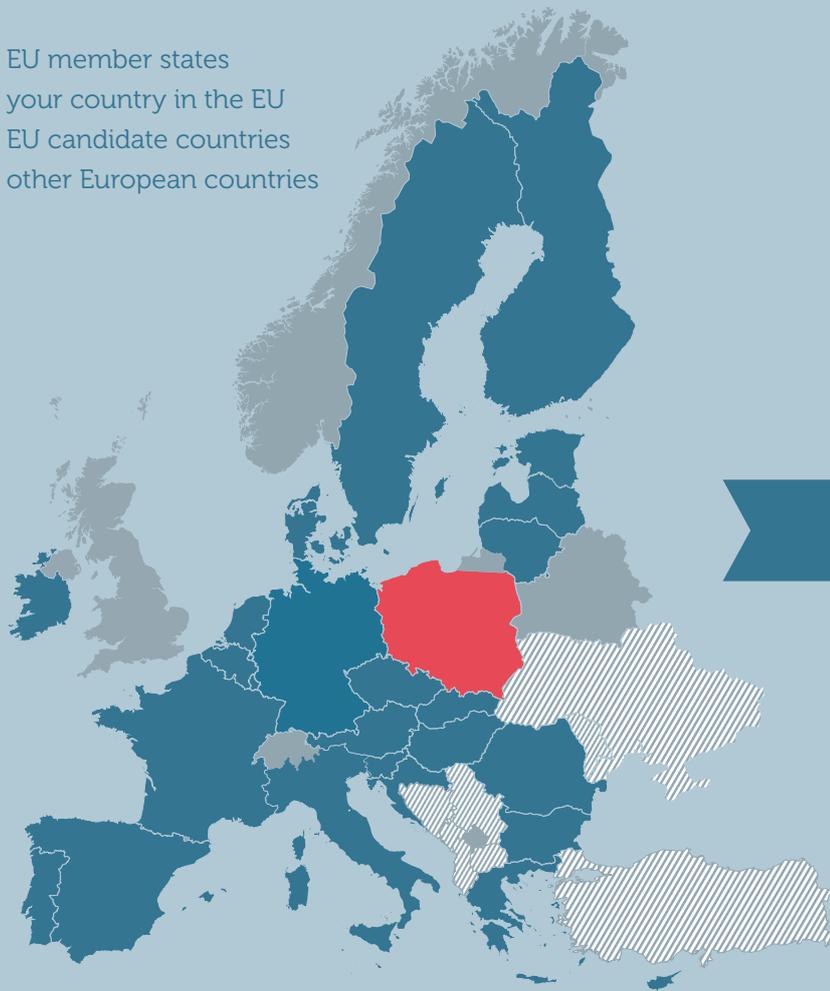


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Poland

Your country in the EU



Poland

EU MEMBER SINCE:	2004
CURRENCY:	Złoty (zł)
CAPITAL:	Warsaw
LANGUAGE:	Polish



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Information on your country

Inhabitants



38 million

Pig farmers



COUNT:
many

Animal welfare label



USED IN THE COUNTRY:
yes, voluntary

Why?:

Polish pig farmers want to show: This is how well our animals are doing. They want an animal welfare label. That is why you do not have to force them.



Must or can?

can

Why?:

In Poland, farmers get money from the state if they improve the animals' lives. We do not need a mandatory label. Pig farmers are already motivated to strengthen animal welfare.



Why?:

We already have many laws for animal welfare in Poland. Many pig farmers know that pigs do better when they have a lot of space.

Why?:

A lot of pig farmers in Poland want an animal welfare label. They can implement it quickly and do not need extra time.



When?

next year



Why?:

People in Poland prefer to buy meat from Poland. That is also more sustainable. So, we don't need a label that looks the same all over the EU.

Why?:

In Poland, we do not want the EU to say: this is what the animal welfare label must look like. We want to design our own label. That will be much easier for people in Poland to understand.

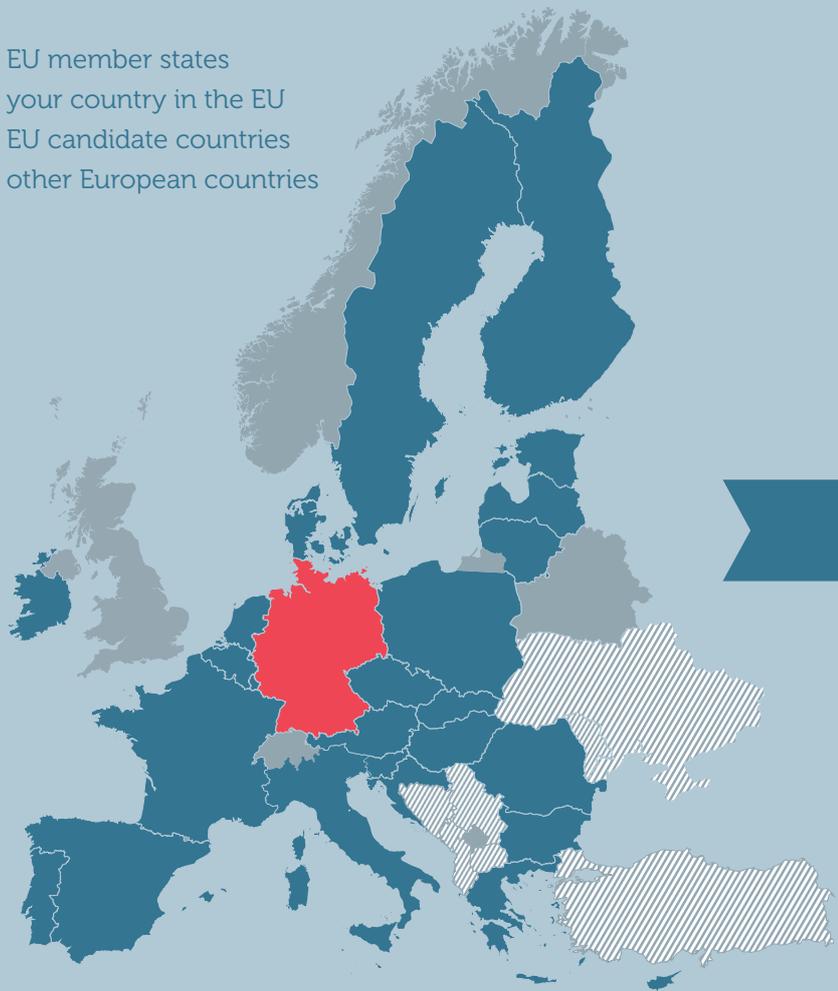


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Germany

Your country in the EU



Germany

EU MEMBER SINCE:	1952
CURRENCY:	Euro (€)
CAPITAL:	Berlin
LANGUAGE:	German



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Information on your country

Inhabitants



84 million

Pig farmers



COUNT:
many

Animal welfare label



USED IN THE COUNTRY:
yes, voluntary



Why?:

The same rules must apply to all pig farmers in Europe. All pigs in the EU should live in good conditions!



Must or can?

must

Why?:

No pig farmer wants to show: my animals are in a bad way. But a label forces them to do so. That is why they improve the lives of their pigs. So, only a compulsory label really helps animal welfare!



Why?:

The animals in Europe must get better quickly. All people must know how the animals fare. Only then can people decide: I want to buy this meat or not.

Why?:

Many pig farmers are thinking: how can I improve the lives of my animals? They need time for that. They should have to put a label on their meal only later.



When?

in two years



Why?:

We have meat from many countries in the EU in our supermarket. If they all have a different labels, it will be very confusing. We need a clear label that is the same everywhere.

Why?:

We in Germany already have a voluntary animal welfare label. Many other countries in Europe like it. So, we could use it all over Europe.

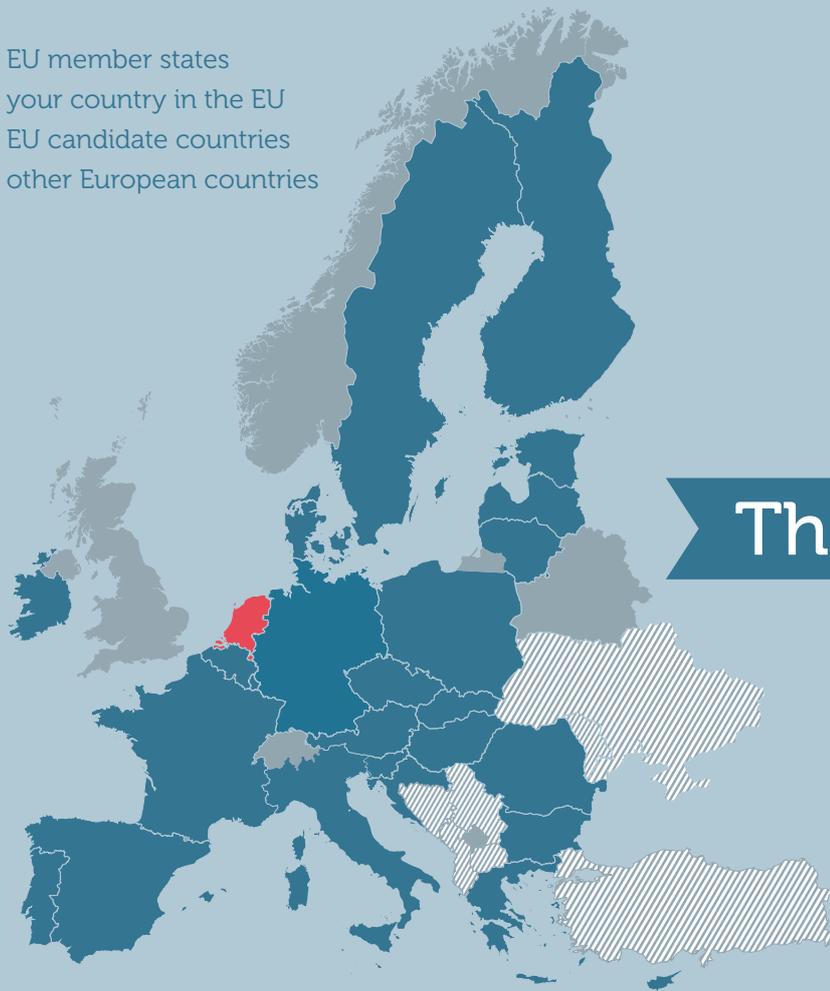


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The Netherlands

Your country in the EU



The Netherlands

EU MEMBER SINCE:	1952
CURRENCY:	Euro (€)
CAPITAL:	Amsterdam
LANGUAGE:	Dutch



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Information on your country

Inhabitants



18 million

Pig farmers:



COUNT:
many

Animal welfare label:



USED IN THE COUNTRY:
yes, voluntary

Why?:

Most pig farmers want their animals to be better off and therefore voluntarily say: we make pens bigger and give good feed. They are happy to use the label. You do not have to force them.

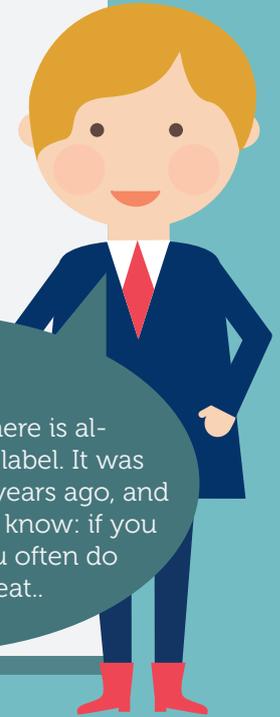


Must or can?

can

Why?:

In the Netherlands, there is already an animal welfare label. It was introduced voluntarily 15 years ago, and it works very well. People know: if you do not use a label, you often do not sell good meat..





Why?:

Many people in Europe want to know: how did the animals we eat fare? That is why we need a label soon – everywhere in Europe! So that the pigs get better as soon as possible!

Why?:

Pig farmers need motivation to spend money on bigger pens and good feed. An animal welfare label encourages them to do so. If they have a good rating, more people will buy their meat.



When?

this year





Why?:

People in the Netherlands know our animal welfare label very well. Why should the same label not be on meat all over Europe?



Same or different?

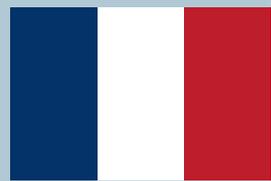
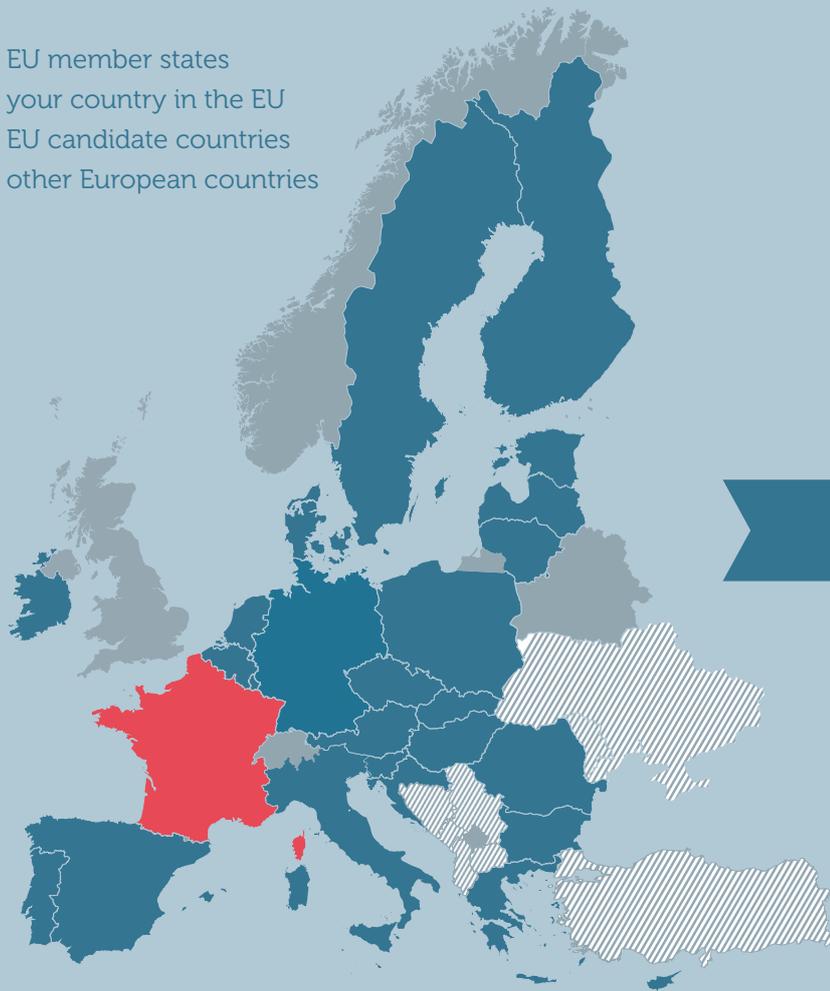
same

Why?:

People in Europe eat meat from many countries. If pork from the Netherlands is sold in Germany, the label should be the same in any case. Otherwise, no one will understand the labels any more.



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France

Your country in the EU



France

EU MEMBER SINCE:	1952
CURRENCY:	Euro (€)
CAPITAL:	Paris
LANGUAGE:	French



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Information on your country

Inhabitants



68 million

Pig farmers



COUNT:
many

Animal welfare label



USED IN THE COUNTRY:
yes, voluntary

Why?:

A label shows that the animal was fine. We do not need to force anyone to put a label on the package. All pig farmers certainly want to show: my animals are doing well. They will use the label voluntarily.



Must or can?

can

Why?:

Many people want to buy meat from happy pigs. Many pig farmers are therefore motivated to build larger pens. There is not need to force them to use the label.





Why?:

Many pigs in Europe live alone in cramped, small pens. They are often sick and unhappy. That has to change! But new rules also need some time.

Why?:

2 years is a good compromise. This way, we give pig farmers enough time to improve the lives of their animals. Only then will there be a label.



When?

in two years



Why?:

We in the EU joined together many years ago to solve problems together. We should do the same here. The animal welfare label must look the same in all countries!

Why?:

There are many people who live in Germany, for example, but work in France. When they go shopping, they cannot have different labels everywhere. This confuses people.

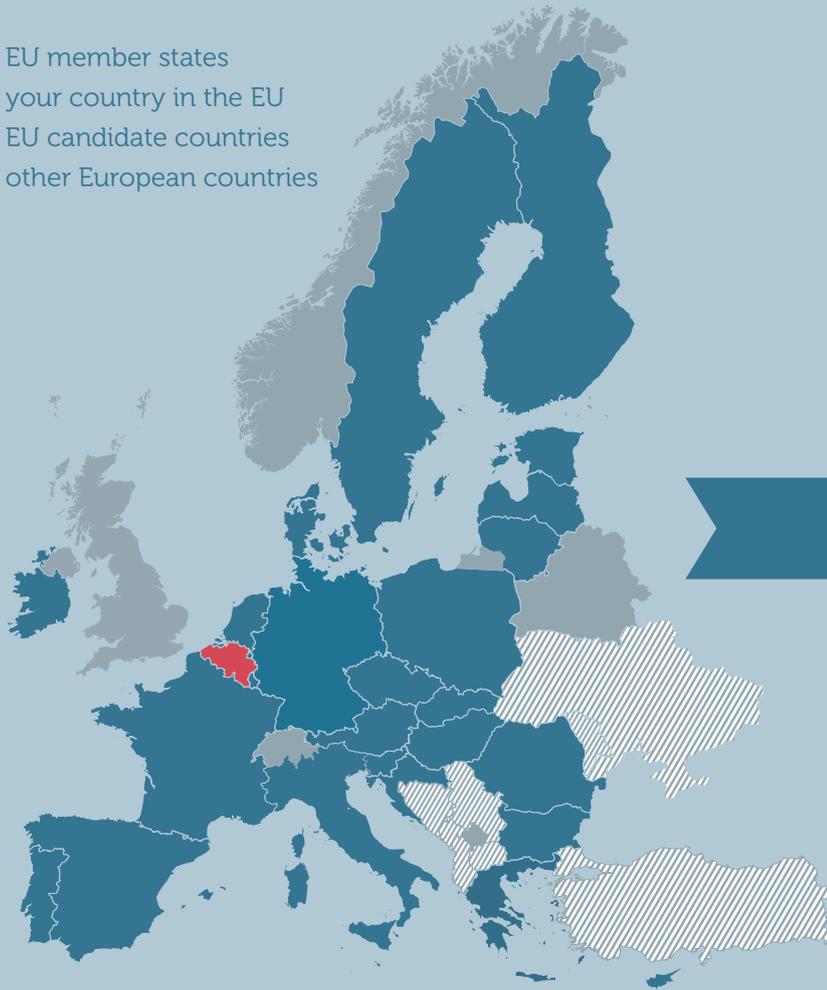


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Belgium

Your country in the EU



Belgium

EU MEMBER SINCE:	1952
CURRENCY:	Euro (€)
CAPITAL:	Brussels
LANGUAGE:	Dutch, French, German



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Information on your country

Inhabitants



12 million

Pig farmers



COUNT:
many

Animal welfare label



USED IN THE COUNTRY:
no

Why?:

An animal welfare label encourages pig farmers to improve the lives of the animals. Nobody wants a bad rating. We want all meat in Europe to come from happy animals.



Must or can?

must

Why?:

In Belgium, we do not have a label yet. But we already have strict animal welfare laws that pig farmers have to abide by. So it would not be difficult for them to introduce a label.





Why?:
We must set a good example in Europe and show: our meat comes from happy pigs. We must implement this quickly and not wait any longer.

Why?:
A label is not much work and can be introduced quickly. Some pig farmers will need more time to improve the lives of their animals. They will simply start off with a bad rating which may improve over time.



When?

next year





Why?:

The animal welfare label helps people to shop. It must be easy to understand. We want a Belgian label, that is easiest for us.

Why?:

In some countries there is already a label that people there know well. We should not force a new label on them. They should be allowed to keep their label.

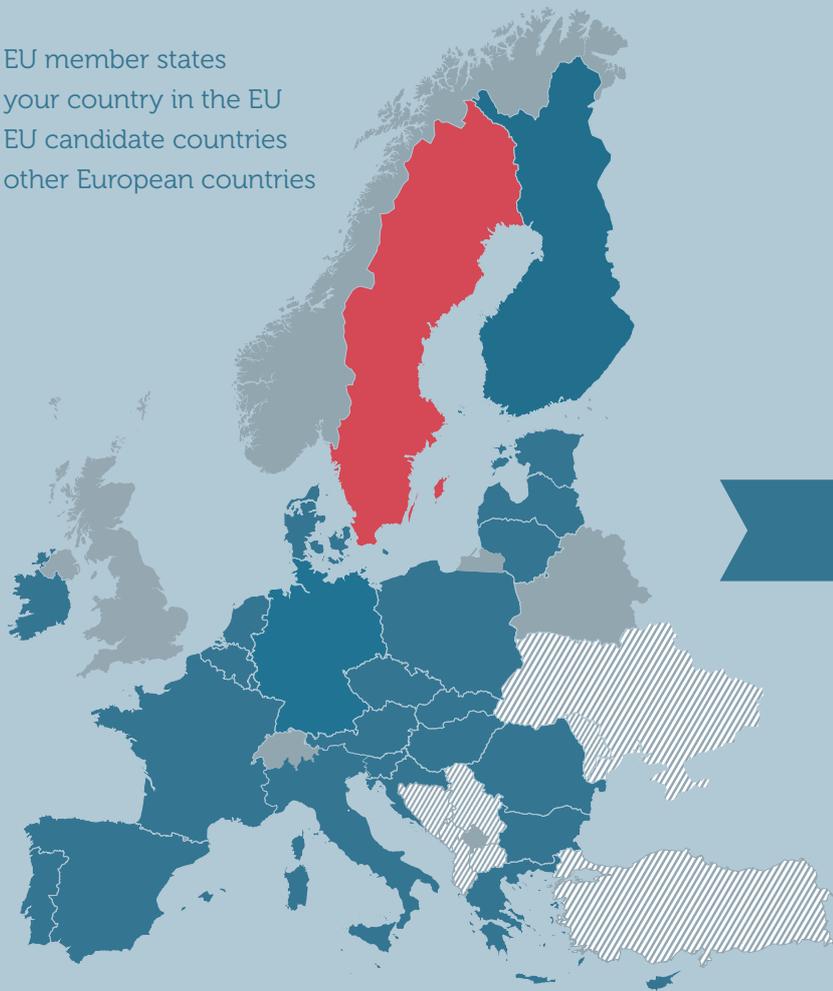


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Sweden

Your country in the EU



Schweden

EU MEMBER SINCE:	1995
CURRENCY:	Swedish Krona
CAPITAL:	Stockholm
LANGUAGE:	Swedish



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Inhabitants



10 million

Pig farmers



COUNT:
few

Animal welfare label



USED IN THE COUNTRY:
yes, voluntary

Why?:

Many pig farmers have been saying for a long time: we are improving the lives of our animals. But that often does not happen at all. If everyone has to have an animal welfare label, everyone will do more for animal welfare.



Must or can?

must

Why?:

All pigs should live in a way that makes them feel good: in groups with plenty of space and good feed. We can only achieve this if the label is mandatory.





Why?:

An animal welfare label encourages pig farmers to give the animals plenty of space and good feed. No one wants a label with a bad rating. Therefore, they will quickly change something so that their pigs are doing well.

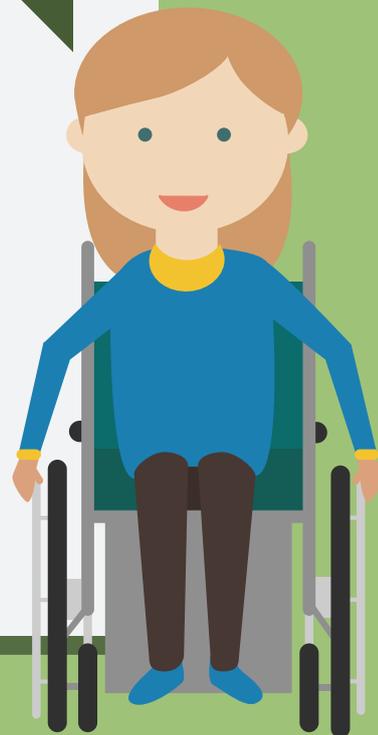
Why?:

The welfare of the pigs is close to our hearts! Many pigs today live alone in cramped pens and are sick. For them, things will only change if the law takes effect quickly.



When?

this year





Why?:

Many countries in the EU already have animal welfare labels. Each country should keep its own label. That is much easier.

Why?:

In Sweden, there is already a label that people know very well. We do not want to introduce a new one and confuse people again.

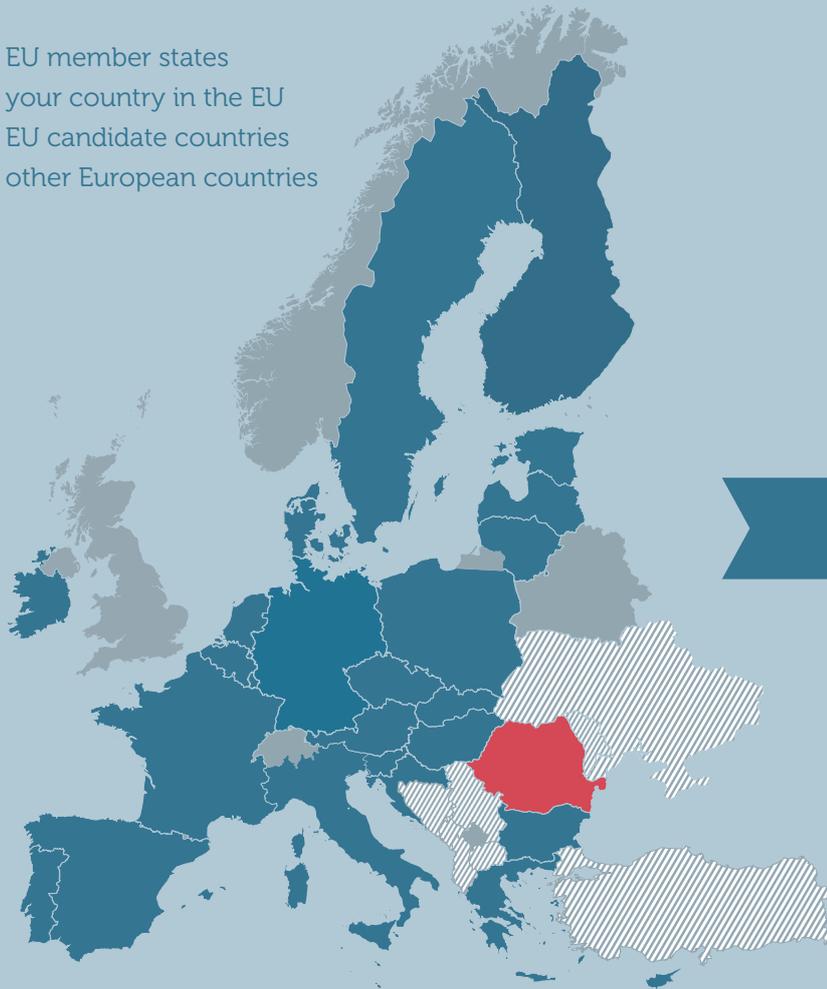


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Romania

Your country in the EU



Romania

EU MEMBER SINCE:	2007
CURRENCY:	Leu (L)
CAPITAL:	Bucarest
LANGUAGE:	Romanian



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Information on your country

Inhabitants



19 million

Pig farmers



COUNT:
many

Animal welfare label



USED IN THE COUNTRY:
no



Why?:
It is expensive to change the packaging and put animal welfare labelling on meat. Not all pig farmers can afford that.



Must or can?

can

Why?:
The conversion of pens and good feed cost a lot. Meat and sausage products will then certainly become more expensive. Many people in Europe will then no longer be able to afford meat.



Why?:

If pig farmers do not get enough time, they will get angry about the new law. Then they do not want to follow it at all in the end. That would be a problem.

Why?:

Many say: a label motivates farmers to treat their animals better in order to get a good rating. But that is not at all clear. That is why we prefer not to have a law.



When?

never



Why?:

If we are to have a common label in the EU, we do not want to be told by the EU: this is what your animal welfare label must look like. We want to decide that ourselves.

Why?:

Many countries in the EU already have an animal welfare label. They should be allowed to keep that and not have to change it.

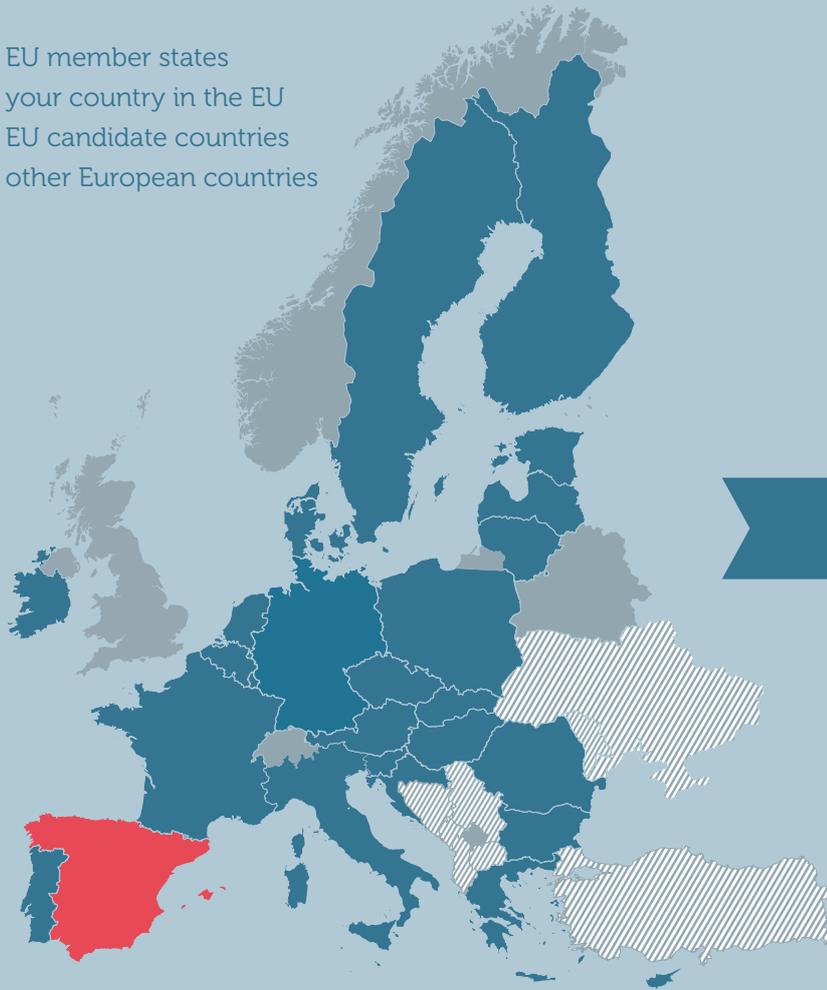


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Spain

Your country in the EU



Spain

EU MEMBER SINCE:	1986
CURRENCY:	Euro (€)
CAPITAL:	Madrid
LANGUAGE:	Spanish



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Information on your country

Inhabitants



47 million

Pig farmers



COUNT:
a great many

Animal welfare label



USED IN THE COUNTRY:
no



Why?:

In Spain, many pig farmers have already said of their own accord: we want to offer our animals a better life. If the animals are better off that way, we will not necessarily need a label.



Must or can?

can



Why?:

There are very many pig farmers in Spain. Many have small farms with only a few pigs. It is too expensive for them to put an animal welfare label on the meat. It should not be mandatory for them.

Why?:

You cannot introduce an animal welfare label immediately. We have to give our farmers time to adapt. Many want their animals to be better off. But those who want to change their pens need many years to do so.

Why?:

For us in Spain, it is important that the pigs are doing well. That is why we think an animal welfare label is good. But it has to be well planned and takes time.



When?

in five years





Why?:

We are one big community in the EU. This is why we should also have common rules and labels.

Why?:

Many people go on holiday to other countries. It helps them if they know the label on the meat there. Otherwise they might not understand the animal welfare label in another country.



Same or different?

same

