In the period 2014-2022, the following EAFRD\(^1\) measures are available for the pigmeat sector: animal welfare, investments in physical assets, organic farming, setting up producer groups, farm and business development, restoring agricultural production potential and preventive actions in response to African swine fever. The exceptional temporary support to farmers and small and medium enterprises particularly affected by the COVID-19 crisis was also available for the pigmeat sector.

In the CAP\(^2\) Strategic Plans, the sector could be targeted with interventions in the form of direct payments\(^3\); sector interventions (e.g. investments in tangible and intangible assets; concentration of supply; energy saving); and interventions for rural development (e.g. environment, climate and other management commitments; investments; risk management).

No specific measures are included in Flanders or the Netherlands to support pig farmers in the 2014-2022 period, apart from horizontal measures (e.g. investment support).

In Flanders, in 2021 there was special financial support for the sector on regional level (not part of the CAP). In the Netherlands, pig farmers were eligible for support under the above-mentioned COVID-19 measure. In order to address nitrogen pollution, several voluntary purchase schemes were open for animal husbandry, including pig farms.

Commitments under the animal welfare measure are programmed in the German regions of Baden-Württemberg, Niedersachsen and Nordrhein-Westfalen. They cover keeping of sows, fattening pigs and piglets and comprise, inter alia, provision of appropriate barn flooring, sufficient lying and living area and microclimate conditions in the stables.

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\(^{1}\) European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development.
\(^{2}\) Common Agricultural Policy.
\(^{3}\) e.g. eco-schemes on animal welfare; antimicrobial resistance; environment.