

## InterPIG conference 2022

**Budapest, 29th June 2022.** 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of June took place in Hungry the annual InterPIG Conference, where experts on pig sector economy from Europe and America participated. In this group, SIP has represented Spain since 2006.

Obviously, this year the meeting was influenced by the high increase of raw materials price and, therefore, production cost. Also, the consequences that ASF have in some affected countries, played an important role.

**Raw materials price:** in 2021 all participating countries suffered an increase on feed price. Among the main European producers, Spain and The Netherlands (the two of them grain importers) presented the most important increase.

**Sell Price:** Spain maintains a very good position inside the European group. In 2021, the main European countries in pig production suffered an important fall on sell price. This fall was more important in Germany and nearby countries, because of the impact that ASF had on their exports.

Moreover, there were other issues that concerned the participant countries: increasing environmental pressures and society demands to improve animal welfare requirements, especially in the Centre and North of Europe.

This context drives most European countries to a significant reduction of their sows' herd, except for Spain, which at the moment is maintaining the number of animals waiting for the global market evolution.

Although the complex situation that the pig sector is living, Spain has consolidated its position as the biggest producer in Europe and it continues being a reference worldwide.