

## PRACTICE ABSTRACT # 14

# Training on Biocheck.UGent tool

In task 4.1 of the BIOSECURE project the aim is to get insights into the implementation of biosecurity measures within countries and especially production types where data is currently lacking. To get that information, a total of 360 farm visits are performed in Denmark, Estonia, Hungary, Ireland, Romania, Spain and the Netherlands.

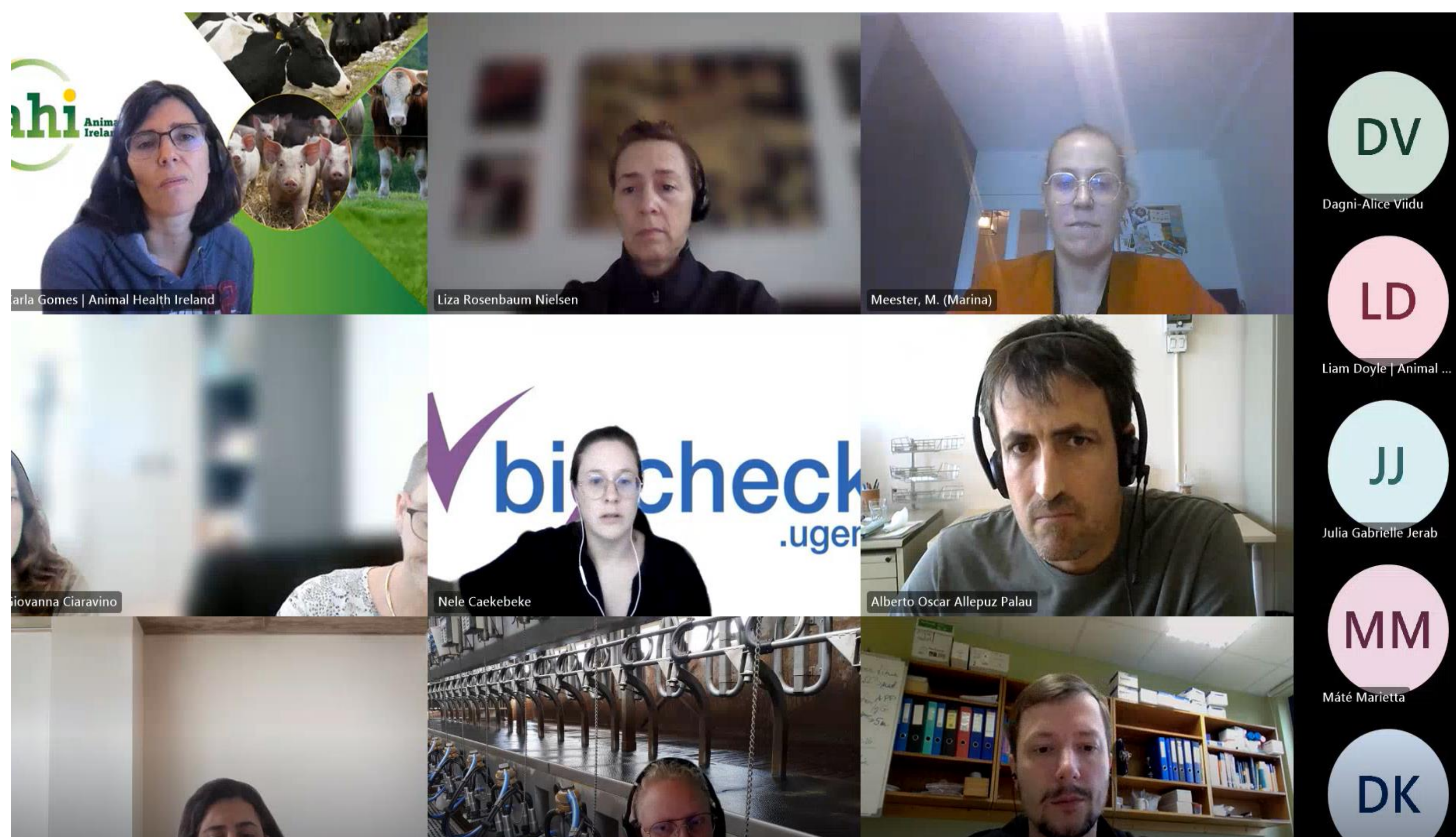
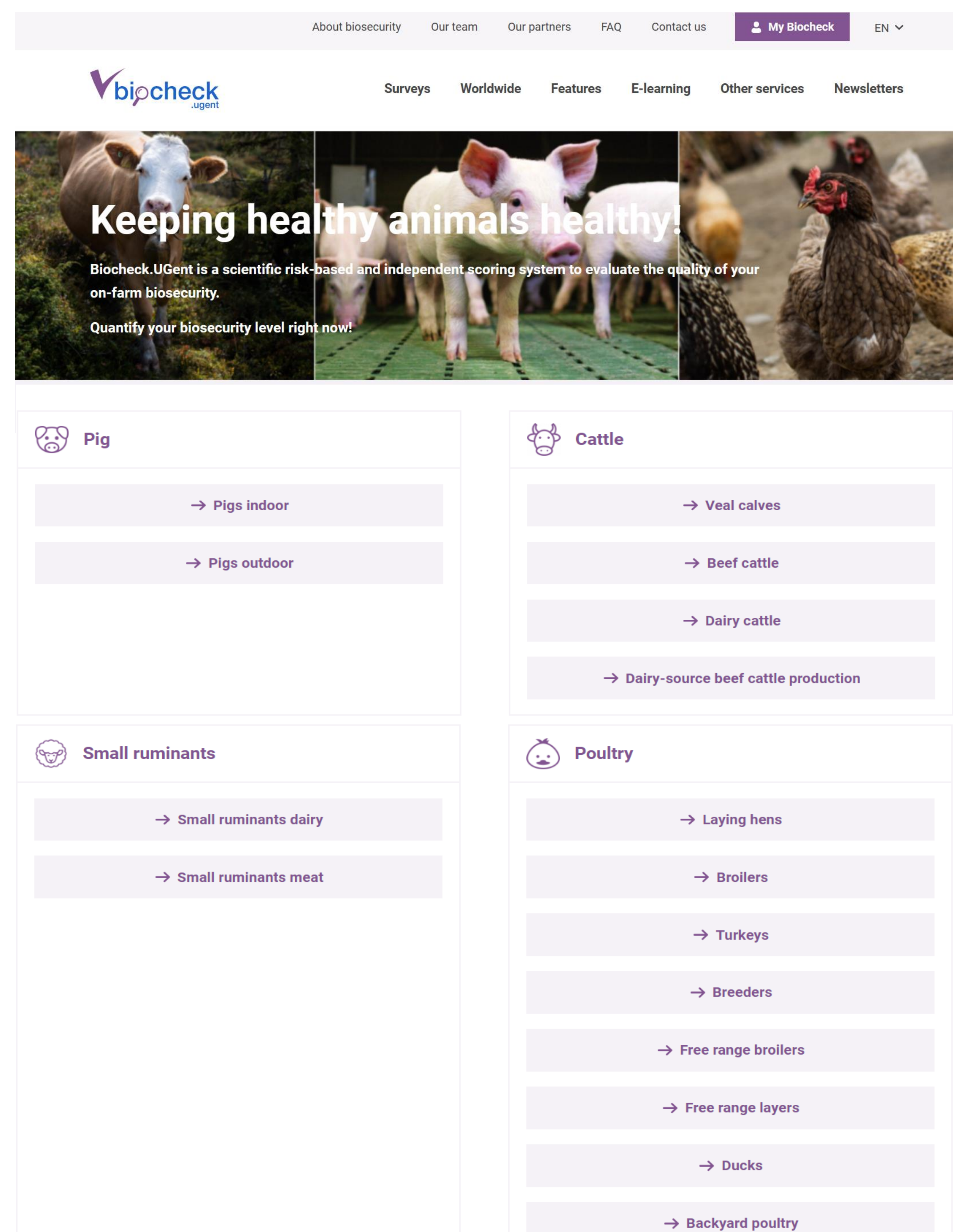
As the [Biocheck.Ugent](#) database already contains a large amount of data on biosecurity measures in European countries, it was decided to make use of the Biocheck.UGent biosecurity scoring tool on the farms, and thereby enlarge the already existing database of more than 75,000 entries with new data and insights.

Especially information on outdoor pig production data and small ruminant biosecurity practices is of high value as the surveys for these production species were only launched at the end of 2023 and beginning of 2024 as part of the BIOSECURE project. Therefore, information on biosecurity practices in these production species is lacking.

Before starting the field visits, a training session was organized in the summer of 2023 to clarify the working procedures and to make sure the interpretation of the scoring tool was done in the same way across countries.

Besides completing the Biocheck.UGent scoring tool on the farms, a short survey on **biosecurity supporting measures** will be taken on the field visits.

The field visits are carried out between October 2023 and June 2024 and internal reporting is expected by autumn of 2024. The farm-specific biosecurity reports with the corresponding scores are returned to the farmers.



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