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## The challenge of in ovo sexing – what's up in Europe?

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After a two-years-apprenticeship on dairy farms, I studied agricultural sciences at the Christian-Albrechts-University in Kiel, Germany. In my PhD-thesis I dealt with the improvement of hatchability of brown laying hybrids.

Since 1993 I was working for Lohmann Breeders GmbH (formerly Lohmann Tierzucht GmbH) in the R&D department with topics like egg quality, field data and result evaluations and the whole field of incubation and hatching.

One of my main projects since 2008 is the research and development of in-ovo sex determination in all its facets – first in basic research in different governmentally supported projects, meanwhile with a focus on the implementation of the technologies in practice.