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EU Platform on Animal Welfare

- 13th meeting -

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AGENDA

DAY 1: Thursday, 15 June 2023, 14.00 – 18.10 CET, Brussels time

Borschette Building, Room 2B, Rue Froissart 36, B-1040 Brussels

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch and registration of participants

OPENING

CHAIR: Claire Bury, Deputy Director General for Food sustainability, DG SANTE

14.00 – 14.05 Welcome to participants, presentation and adoption of the agenda

14.05 – 14.20 State of play of the revision of the EU animal welfare legislation and overview of data collected for the impact assessment

Andrea Gavinelli, Head of Unit 'Animal welfare', Directorate Crisis preparedness in food, animals and plants, DG SANTE

14.20 – 14.35 Questions and Answers

14.35 – 14.45 Presentation of the 'Overview report on the protection of the welfare of laying hens at all stages of production'

Angel Miguez, External Auditor, Unit 'Animals', Directorate Health and food audits and analysis, DG SANTE

14.45 – 14.55 Questions and Answers



14.55 – 15.05 The trade dimension in the context of the animal welfare revision
Zoltán Somogyi, Head of Unit 'Multilateral international relations', Directorate One Health, DG SANTE

15.05 – 15.15 Questions and Answers

15.15 – 15.45 Coffee Break

AFTERNOON SESSION

CHAIR: Andrea Gavinelli, Head of Unit 'Animal Welfare', Directorate Crisis preparedness in Food, Animals and Plants, DG SANTE

15.45 – 16.15 Presentation of EFSA opinion on the welfare of laying hens and broilers on farm

Michaela Hempen and *Cristina Rojo Gimeno*, Scientific Officers, Animal Welfare Team, Biological Hazards & Animal Health and Welfare Unit (BIOHAW), European Food Safety Authority

16.15 – 16.25 Questions and Answers

16.25 – 16.35 Subgroup on the welfare of poultry

- Overview of the subgroup work by the chair, *Kirsten Vornhagen*

16.35 – 16.55 Presentation of EFSA opinion on the welfare of ducks, geese and quails

Marika Vitali, Scientific Officer, Animal Welfare Team, Biological Hazards & Animal Health and Welfare Unit (BIOHAW), European Food Safety Authority

16.55 – 17.05 Questions and Answers

17.05 – 17.10 Subgroup on animal welfare labelling

- Update of the subgroup work by *Céline Ledoux*

17.10 – 17.20 Subgroup on the protection of animals during transport

- Overview of the subgroup work by the chairs, *Sandra Sanmartin* & *Stanislav Ralchev*



17.20 – 17.30 European Court of Auditors' report 'Transport of live animals in the EU: challenges and opportunities'

Michela Lanzutti, Senior Auditor, Directorate 'Sustainable use of natural resources', European Court of Auditors

17.30 – 17.40 Questions and Answers

17.40 – 17.50 Voluntary initiative on the welfare of equids

Joe Collins, Chief Veterinary Advisor, Donkey Sanctuary, Ireland

17.50 – 18.00 Questions and Answers

18.00 – 18.05 AOB

European Citizens' Initiative on banning fur in the EU – 'ECI Fur Free Europe'

18.05 – 18.10 Closing of the 1st day of the meeting

DAY 2: Friday, 16 June 2023, 09.30 – 12.50 CET, Brussels time

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08.30 – 09.30 Welcome coffee & registration of participants

MORNING SESSION

CHAIR: Andrea Gavinelli, Head of Unit 'Animal Welfare', Directorate for Crisis preparedness in food, animals and plants, DG SANTE

09.30 – 09.50 Presentation of EFSA scientific opinion on the welfare of calves

Eliana Lima, Scientific Officer, Animal Welfare Team, Biological Hazards & Animal Health and Welfare Unit (BIOHAW), European Food Safety Authority

09.50 – 10.00 Questions and Answers

10.00 – 10.10 Subgroup on the welfare of calves and dairy cows

- Overview of the subgroup work by the chair, *Esther Alaez Pons*



10.10 – 10.30 **Presentation of EFSA scientific opinion on the welfare of dairy cows**
Denise Candiani, Scientific Officer, Animal Welfare Team, Biological Hazards & Animal Health and Welfare Unit (BIOHAW), European Food Safety Authority

10.30 – 10.40 **Questions and Answers**

10.40 – 10.50 **Best practices to increase the welfare of dairy calves, heifers, cows and end-of-career animals in the EU: the CARE4DAIRY Project**

Silvia D'Albenzio, Technical Manager, Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale dell'Abruzzo e del Molise "G. Caporale", Italy and *Birgitta Staaf Larsson*, Qualified Officer, Swedish Centre for Animal Welfare at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU)

10.50 – 11.00 **Questions and Answers**

11.00 – 11.30 **Coffee Break**

11.30 - 11.40 **Subgroup on the welfare of pigs**

- Overview of the subgroup work by the chair, *Kornilia Zafeiropoulou*

11.40 – 11.50 **Update on the work of the voluntary initiative on surgical castration of piglets**
Gé Backus, Director, Connecting Agri & Food, The Netherlands

11.50 – 12.00 **Questions and Answers**

12.00 – 12.10 **EU Coordinated control action on illegal trade of cats and dogs**
Alicja Mużnik, Policy Officer, Unit 'Food Hygiene, Feed and Fraud', Directorate Crisis preparedness in food, animals and plants, DG SANTE

12.10 – 12.20 **Questions and Answers**

12.20 – 12.30 **Work of the voluntary initiative on the health and welfare of pets (dogs) in trade to support the work on the Commission proposals**

Léon Arnts, Senior Policy Officer Animal Welfare, Dutch Ministry of Agriculture; Nature and Food Quality, Animal Supply Chain and Animal Welfare department

12.30 – 12.40 **Questions and Answers**

12.40 – 12.45 **AOB – Next meeting**

12.45 – 12.50 **Conclusions and closing of the meeting**

