



Scope and terms of reference of the sub-group on animal transport

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Establishment of subgroups and the sub-group on animal transport

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Legal base

- **Commission Decision of 30 May 2016** establishing horizontal rules on the creation and operation of Commission Expert Groups (so-called horizontal rules) => Article 14
- **Commission Decision of 24 January 2017** establishing the Commission Expert Group 'Platform on Animal Welfare' => Article 8



Scope of sub-groups

- Sub-groups are set up for the purpose of examining specific questions.
- Sub-groups shall operate in compliance with the horizontal rules.
- Mandate is defined by the Commission on the basis of terms of reference.
- Sub-groups are dissolved as soon as their mandate is fulfilled.



Composition of sub-groups

- Selection from **Platform members**
- Public call for applications is needed in case of **non-Platform members**
- **Selection process** of the public call is defined in:
 - **Article 5 of the Commission Decision in establishing the Platform**
 - **Article 10 of the horizontal rules on Expert groups**

Scope

- To assist and advise the Commission on issues relating to EU animal welfare legislation
- To facilitate the exchange of information, experience and good practices in the area of animal welfare legislation
- To better target specific topics and
- To achieve concrete results



Why Animal Transport?

- **Why this topic?**

- Horizontal : It concerns all sectors and all farm animals
- It concerns all Members
- It is among the Commission's priorities
- International dimension

- **Why a sub-group?**

- to contribute to a better implementation of the EU legislation through commitments from the members.





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Scope of the subgroup 'Animal Transport'

- To promote the exchange of information, experience and good practices and facilitate cooperation in this area.
- To support the Platform's work and contributing to the achievement of its objectives
- to take into account any ongoing activities in the area of protection of animals during transport in order to avoid duplication of tasks
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Objectives of the sub-group 'Animal Transport'

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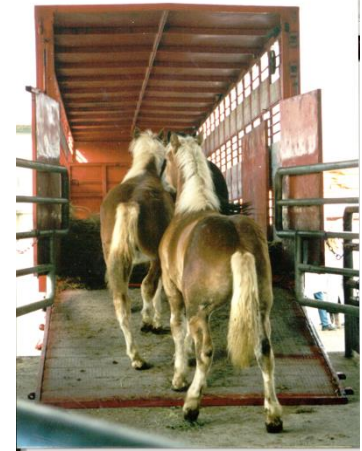




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Objective

Assist the Platform in areas related to the protection of animals during transport



Purpose of the subgroup 'Animal Transport'

- To promote and complement other COM activities:
 - **National Contact Points (NCPs)**
 - **Project on Animal Transport Guides**



Priorities

Technical innovations:

- Equipment
- Vehicles
- Tools (IT, planning, ...)
- On-board monitoring systems



Priorities

Policy indicators:

- National and EU



To measure trends in implementation

To consider future actions

Priorities

Knowledge transfer:

- Trip organisers
- Transporters
- Drivers
- Officials/controllers





Composition of the sub-group 'Animal Transport'

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Structure and membership

- A maximum of **20 members** to facilitate direct exchanges
- **Balanced** representation in representing various interests groups





Composition

- Member States, EEA members and international organisations: **8 seats**
- Business and professional organisations: **4 seats**
- Organisations from civil society: **4 seats**
- Independent experts: **4 seats**

Membership criteria

- Members should have the relevant **expertise** and **experience on the objectives of the subgroup** : e.g. different species and types of transport
- Members should be committed to provide concrete contributions
- Member States should have significant trade of live animals on long journey





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Interested in becoming members of this sub-group?



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Operation

- Rules for COM expert groups and AW Platform
- DG SANTE → Chair and secretarial services
- **Two meetings** per year **in Grange** (Ireland)
- Work starts in **2018** and ends **2019**
- Working language: English
- Documents published on DG SANTE website