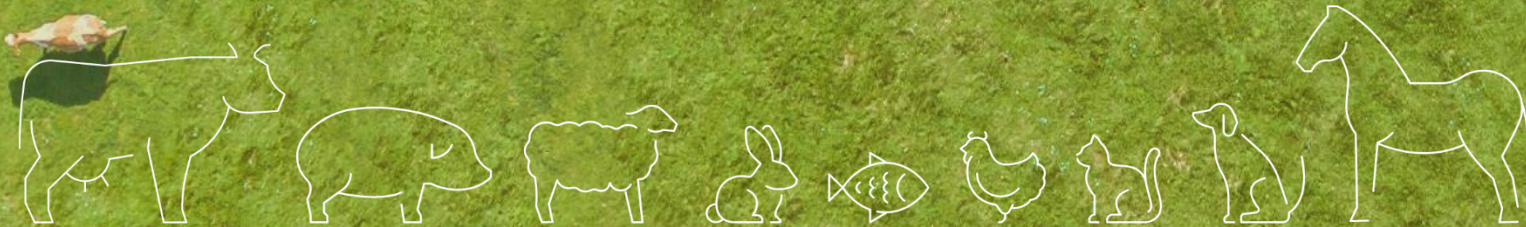


12th meeting of the EU Platform on animal welfare

Subgroup on Animal Welfare at the time of killing
Overview of the work done



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The subgroup

- 10 members + Commission + guests
 - **1 Independent expert**
 - **2 Civil society organisations**
 - **3 Business and professional organisations**
 - **4 Member States**
- 3 meetings since June



Birte Nielsen

Eurogroup for animals / CIWF

UECBV /EMN /FVE

Spain /Netherlands / Sweden / Ireland

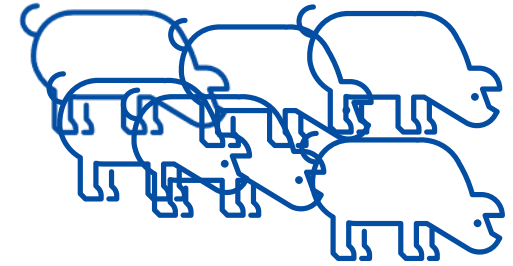
Topics discussed

- ✓ Prohibition of carbon dioxide at high concentration (pigs)
- ✓ Requirements for farmed fish
- ✓ Prohibition to kill male day-old chicks (laying hens breeds)

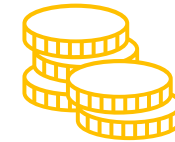
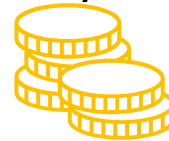
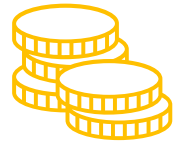
Carbon dioxide at high concentration

- Problems

- *Intrinsic issues*: aversiveness of the gas
- But: high speed, better meat quality and less staff costs



- Baseline



- Intrinsic problems unsolvable
- Economic pressure will remain
- No change without EU action



Prohibition of carbon dioxide at high concentration

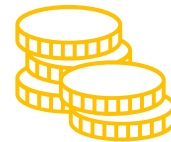
- Impacts on the problem

- No aversiveness **but**
- Stress with individual handling
- Risk of misuse with electrical stunning



- Impacts on stakeholders

- Investments (1-2 M EUR per slaughterhouse)
- Carbon dioxide availability
- Increased meat losses (220 g vs 13 g per pig)
- No other gas alternative



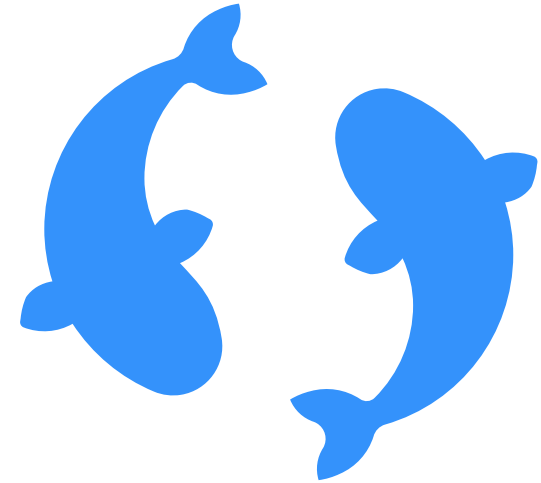
Farmed fish

- Problems

- No prior stunning and no bleeding for some species
- Technology exists but not always rewarding
- Limited knowledge of operators and officials

- Baseline

- Positive evolution for salmon, trouts and carps
- Positive trends for seabass/seabream but limited and slow



Requirements for farmed fish

- Description

- Prior stunning + monitoring stunning
- Competence
- Reference centre for farmed fish



- Impacts on stakeholders

- Many small companies affected
- Need long transition period (10 years) for some species



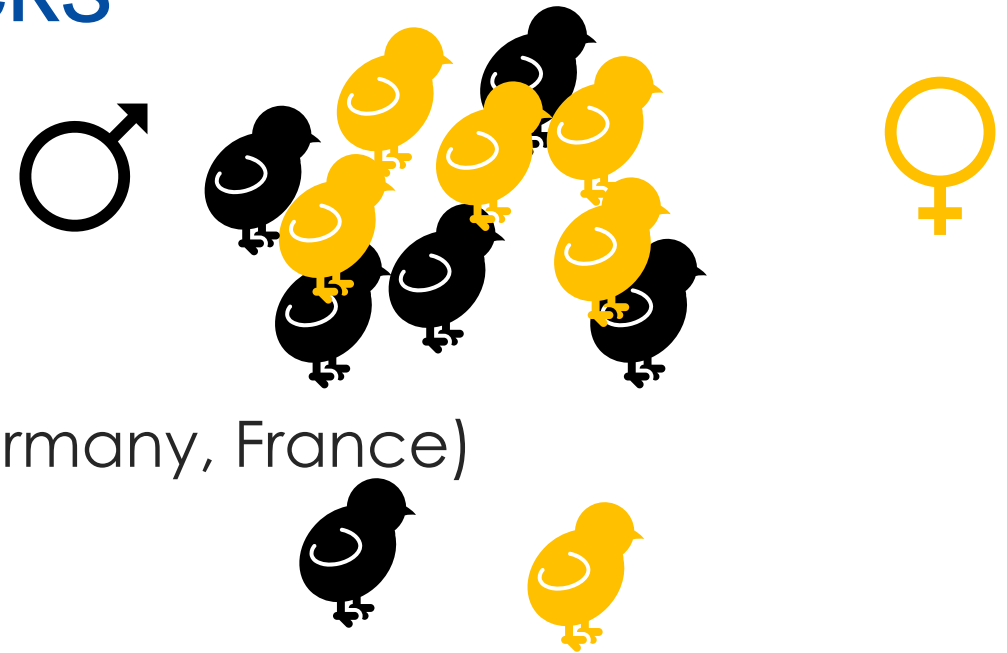
Killing male day-old chicks

- Problems

- Ethical issue
- Member States individual bans (Germany, France)

- Baseline

- Projects in some countries (Italy, Netherlands)
- Transfer of hatching and chicks' killing activities
- Risk of distortion of the internal market



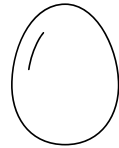
Prohibition to kill male day-old chicks

- Description

- Ban but scientific purposes, depopulation, feed? failure to detect?



- Impacts



- **Early sexing** and **sexing of white eggs** not cost efficient

- Higher price for consumers



- Higher production costs for hatcheries

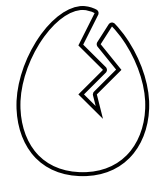
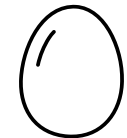
- Job losses?



- Small hatcheries with special breeds?



- Competition from imports from third countries



An aerial photograph of a lush green field filled with numerous cows of various breeds grazing. The cows are scattered across the field, some facing the camera and others with their backs to it. The grass is vibrant green, and the scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

Thank you



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