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EU Platform on Animal Welfare

- 14th meeting -

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AGENDA

Thursday, 7 December 2023, 09.15 – 17.55 CET, Brussels time

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

08.30 – 09.15 Welcome coffee & registration of participants

OPENING

CHAIR: Bernard Van Goethem, Director for Crisis preparedness in food, animals and plants, DG SANTE

09.15 – 09.20 Welcome to participants, presentation and adoption of the agenda

09.20 – 09.30 Speech by Commissioner Stella Kyriakides
Stella Kyriakides, European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety

09.30 – 09.50 Presentation of EFSA report on “Scientific and technical assistance on welfare aspects related to housing and health of cats and dogs in commercial breeding establishments” and update on ongoing EFSA mandates
Denise Candiani and *Marika Vitali*, Scientific Officers, Animal Welfare Team, Biological Hazards & Animal Health and Welfare Unit (BIOHAW), European Food Safety Authority

09.50 – 10.00 Questions and Answers



10.00 – 10.45 Live web streaming of the press conference by Commissioner Kyriakides and Executive Vice-President Šefčovič to present the animal welfare package to be adopted by the Commission on 7/12/2023

(Commission legislative proposal to revise EU rules on the protection of animals during transport, Commission legislative proposal on the welfare of dogs and cats kept and their traceability, and Commission Communication on the European Citizens' Initiative "Fur Free Europe")

10.45 – 11.10 Coffee Break

MORNING SESSION

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

11.10 – 11.25 Presentation of the European Commission's proposal to revise EU rules on the protection of animals during transport, and its accompanying impact assessment
Mitja Sedlbauer, Policy Officer, and *Christian Juliusson*, Legislative Officer, Unit 'Animal Welfare', Directorate Crisis preparedness in Food, Animals and Plants, DG SANTE

11.25 – 12.10 Discussion

12.10 – 12.20 The economic, environmental, and social benefits of transporting meat and carcasses over live animals
Jo White, Co-Founder and Co-director of the Human Behaviour Change for Life and *Eva Lazar*, Specialist Team, Human Behaviour Change for Life

12.20 – 12.30 Questions and Answers

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch (offered by the Commission)

14.00 – 14.15 Presentation of the Communication of the European Commission on the European Citizens' Initiative "Fur Free Europe"
Ana Maria Popa, Policy Officer, Unit 'Animal Welfare', Directorate Crisis preparedness in Food, Animals and Plants, DG SANTE

14.15 – 14.45 Discussion



14.45 – 14.55 **Animal Welfare: Welfur Certification and Assessment**
Markus Sjöholm, Chairman of Fur Europe and fur farmer

AFTERNOON SESSION

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

14.55 – 15.10 **Presentation of the European Commission’s proposal for a Regulation on the welfare of dogs and cats their traceability**
Lucie Carrouée, Deputy Head of Unit and *Kornilia Zafeiropoulou*, Policy Officer;
Unit ‘Animal Welfare’, Directorate Crisis preparedness in Food, Animals and Plants, DG SANTE

15.10 – 15.40 **Discussion**

15.40 – 16.00 **Coffee Break**

AFTERNOON SESSION

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

16.00 – 16.20 **Setting the basis for the development of impact indicators to assess the effects of the CAP on animal welfare**

Denis Simonin, Senior Expert, Unit ‘Animal Welfare’, Directorate Crisis preparedness in Food, Animals and Plants, DG SANTE

Kaido Kroon, Policy Officer, Unit ‘Social sustainability’, Directorate Sustainability, DG AGRI

Joanna Kiszko, Evaluation Officer, Unit ‘Policy performance’, Directorate Strategy and Policy Analysis, DG AGRI

16.20 – 16.30 **Questions and Answers**

16.30 – 16.40 **The importance of animal welfare indicators in relation to different policy instruments (e.g., CAP): discussion on the establishment of a subgroup**

Kornilia Zafeiropoulou and *Céline Ledoux*, Policy Officers, Unit ‘Animal Welfare’, Directorate Crisis preparedness in Food, Animals and Plants, DG SANTE



- 16.40 – 16.50** **Questions and Answers**
- 16.50 – 17.00** **Presentation of the report “Extreme breeding: mapping legislation in Europe”**
Iza Arrieta, Programme Officer ‘Companion animals’, Eurogroup for Animals
- 17.00 – 17.10** **Questions and Answers**
- 17.10 – 17.20** **Animal Welfare Indicators at the Slaughterhouse: the “aWISH” project**
Frank Tuytens, Expert on farm animal welfare and behaviour, Flanders Research Institute for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (ILVO)
- 17.20 – 17.30** **Questions and Answers**
- 17.30 – 17.40** **Update from the voluntary initiative on the international dimensions of animal welfare**
Daniela Battaglia, Animal Production Officer, Animal Production and Health Division, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and *Jo Swabe*, Senior Director of Public Affairs, Humane Society International/Europe
- 17.40 – 17.45** **Questions and Answers**
- 17.45 – 17.50** **AOB**
- 17.50 – 17.55** **Closing of the meeting**

