

Frequently Asked Questions

on the call for applications for the selection of members for the Platform on Animal Welfare

1. Membership

Q: Which application form should we use if the organisation is composed both by representatives of the animal use businesses and animal welfare organisations?

A: The call does not make a difference between organisations since they correspond to the same selection criteria (type C members)¹. The Commission will equally consider all applications.

Q: In annex 2 of the call there's only space for one representative per organisation. Where do we list additional names of representatives?

A: The Commission has only foreseen one representative per organisation. Your organisation can appoint another person as a back-up, based on the principle of nominated representatives. This has to be clearly defined in your application.

Q: Can a national organisation become a member of the Platform?

A: Yes. All business and professional organisations having activities at EU level in the food supply chain where animals or animal products are involved, as well as in the keeping of animals for other farming purposes, can become members of the Platform.

However, the Commission will prioritize organisations which fulfil most of the selection criteria, one of them being the extent to which the organisation's activities cover the diversity of the regions of the EU.

2. Applications

Q. Is there a word copy of the application so that we can fill it out electronically? If not, do we print a copy, fill it out by hand, scan it and send it to this address?

A: The annexes 1-3 of the application are published as word-documents in the [Register of Expert Group](#)

¹ [Commission Decision of 24 January 2017](#) establishing the Commission Expert group 'Platform on Animal Welfare' (OJ C 31, 31.01.2017, p. 61), Article 4(2) (b) to (d)

3. Operation of the Platform

Q: The working documents of the commission will only be available in English?

A: The working documents will be drafted in English and meetings will be conducted in English. Please also note that among the selection criteria applicants should have a good knowledge of the English language so that they can actively participate.

Questions/queries should be send to: SANTE-ANIMAL-WELFARE-PLATFORM@ec.europa.eu