



Update on Animal welfare activities

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Evaluation of the EU Strategy

- Special report of the European Court of Auditors
- Two major recommendations for DG SANTE
 - **Perform an evaluation of the Strategy 2012**
 - **Strengthen enforcement strategy**



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Evaluation of the EU Strategy

- Road map to be published soon for **4 weeks consultation:**

https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/initiatives/ares-2019-2267798_en

- 5 evaluation criteria:

- **Relevance**
- **Coherence**
- **Effectiveness**
- **Efficiency**
- **EU added value**

- The evaluation is due at the end of 2020





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EU Platform on Animal Welfare

- 5th meeting on 17 June 2019
- Indicative EU Platform's agenda
 - **Road map of the evaluation of EU AW Strategy**
 - **Sub-groups on transport and pigs**
 - **Voluntary initiatives**
 - Equidae, pets (dogs), fish, pullets (laying hens)
 - **Information and knowledge sharing session**



Reference Centres

- Centre for the welfare of pigs:
 - <https://www.eurcaw.eu/en/eurcaw-pigs/about.htm>
- Consortium:
 - **Wageningen Livestock Research**
 - **Aarhus University**
 - **Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut**
- Work programme 2019-2020



European Reference Centre
for Animal Welfare *Pigs*



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Reference Centres



- For poultry and other small farmed animals
- Selection procedure ongoing
- Start foreseen January 2020





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Control Plan on dogs and cats

- Commission recommendation 2018
- Identification and checks of websites
- How much information was available
- How much were compliant
- Results at the EU Platform's meeting on 17th of June 2019

**Websites screening
period**

15 October to 15
November 2018

**On-the-spot
inspection**

15 November 2018
to 15 January 2019

**Notification
period**

15 January
to 30 April 2019

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Project on indicators

- 2 years project of DG SANTE Directorate F
- Focused to understand if Member States have:
 - **A strategic approach** with objectives for animal welfare
 - **A "quality management system"** for controls
 - **Reports based on reliable data**
 - **A picture of animal welfare on farm**, based on "indicators"



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No major news but a lot coming soon...

**EU Reference
Centres**

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and cats**

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