



What is the Commission doing to promote EU animal welfare standards in the world?

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Promoting animal welfare globally

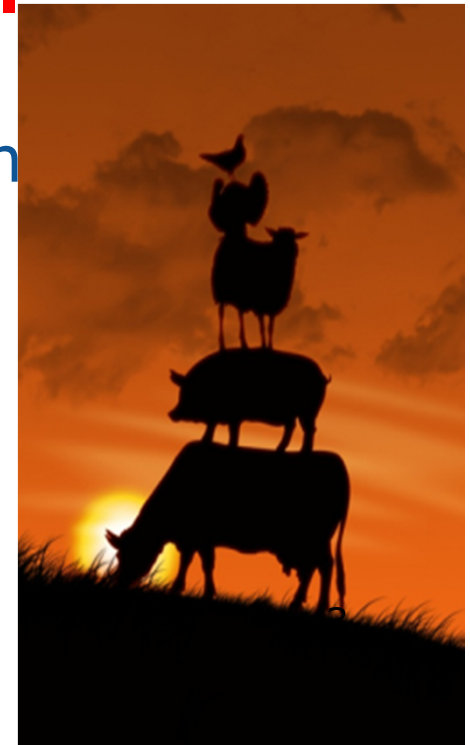
- Overall objective: to promote **globally** and in particular with EU-trading partners **high AW standards** reflecting **EU model and principles**
- EU at **forefront** in developing AW standards
- Limited competences in non-EU countries
- **Partnerships** (OIE, FAO, World Bank, EBRD) essential to act globally



Developing international cooperation

MULTILATERAL LEVEL:

1. Setting and implementing **international AW standards** (OIE)
2. Promoting EU standards globally through **capacity building activities** (BTSF, TAIEX, FAO)
3. Promoting **AW in lending policies** of International Finance Institutions





International partnerships

World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)

- International standards
- OIE AW Regional strategies
- **Global OIE Animal Welfare Strategy**
- Financing OIE activities, including training
- OIE Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe



Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO)

- Joint capacity building initiatives
- FAO Gateway to Farm Animal Welfare



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BILATERAL LEVEL:

- 1. Negotiating** AW in trade agreements
(Mercosur, US etc.)
- 2. Implementing** AW in already signed trade agreements, cooperation fora or arrangements
(Chile, Canada, Brazil, New Zealand, Australia, Switzerland, South Korea, Peru and Colombia, Central America, Argentina)





Completion of the EU AW Strategy 2012-2015

- "Commission's **Report on the impact of animal welfare international activities on the competitiveness of European livestock producers in a globalised world**" – to be finalised by December 2017
- External Preparatory "Study on the impact of animal welfare international activities"

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What can the Platform do at international level?

Advocacy/awareness raising

- Create demand for cooperation by non-EU countries

Capacity building

- Complement and implement regional/national "cascade" initiatives (including material developments and translations)

Funding/investments

- Business support and structural funds





Thank you for your attention!



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