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- 16th meeting -

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AGENDA

Monday, 31 March 2025, 09.30 – 18.00 CET, Brussels time

CHARLEMAGNE Building, Lord Jenkins room, Rue de la Loi 170, B-1040 Brussels

08.30 – 09.30 Welcome coffee and registration of participants

OPENING

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

09.30 – 09.35 Welcome to participants, presentation and adoption of the agenda

INTERVENTION OF COMMISSIONER FOR HEALTH AND ANIMAL WELFARE

09.35 – 09.45 Animal welfare policy under the new College
Olivér Várhelyi, European Commissioner for Health and Animal Welfare

09.45 – 09.55 Questions and Answers

CHAIR: Andrea Gavinelli, Head of Unit 'Animal Welfare', Directorate for Crisis preparedness in food, animals and plants, DG SANTE

09.55 – 10.10 Vision for Agriculture and Food
Maria Gafo Gomez-Zamalloa, Acting Head of Unit 'Social sustainability',
Directorate Sustainability, DG AGRI

10.10 – 10.25 Questions and Answers



10.25 – 10.35 Implications of the Vision for animal welfare. Procedural steps.
Andrea Gavinelli, Head of Unit ‘Animal Welfare’, Directorate for Crisis preparedness in food, animals and plants, DG SANTE

10.35 – 10.45 Questions and Answers

10.45 – 11.15 Coffee break

MORNING SESSION

CHAIR: *Andrea Gavinelli*, Head of Unit ‘Animal Welfare’, Directorate for Crisis preparedness in food, animals and plants, DG SANTE

STAKEHOLDERS’ CONSULTATION ON THE LEGISLATION REVISION WITH FOCUS ON POULTRY

(other species to be discussed at the next meetings)

11.15 – 12.45 Priorities of the modernisation of the animal welfare legislation for poultry farming

Panel discussion

Moderator: *Andrea Gavinelli*, Panelists: *Teresa Villalba* (ES), *Birthe Steenberg* (AVEC), *Clara Hagen* (EUWEP), *Gian Luca Bagnara* (COPA-COGECA), *Ana Granados-Chapatte* (EFFAB), *Reineke Hameleers* (Eurogroup), *Vinciane Patelou* (CIWF)

12.45 – 14.00 Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION – FIRST PART

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

14.00 – 15.30 Digitalisation and welfare indicators for poultry: state of play and future steps

Introduction: *Céline Ledoux*, Policy Officer, Unit ‘Animal Welfare’, Directorate Crisis preparedness in Food, Animals and Plants, DG SANTE

Panel discussion

Moderator: *Lucie Carrouée*, Panelists: *Birte Broberg* (DK), *Nancy De Briyne* (FVE), *Miguel Angel Higuera* (COPA), *Nadia Khaldoune* (AVEC/ELPHA), *Jörg Altemeier* (UECBV), *Georgia Diamantopoulou* (Four Paws), *Ines Grenho Ajuda* (Eurogroup)

15.30 – 15.40 European Partnership on Animal Health and Welfare

Nathalie Vanderheijden, Coordinator of the European Partnership on Animal Health and Welfare, Ghent University, Belgium



15.40 – 15.50 Animal Welfare Platform within the European Partnership on Animal Health and Welfare

Antonio Velarde, European Veterinary Specialist in Animal Welfare Science, Ethics and Law, Institute of Agrifood Research and Technology (IRTA), Spain

15.50 – 16.05 Questions and Answers

16.05 – 16.35 Coffee Break

AFTERNOON SESSION – SECOND PART

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

16.35 – 16.55 European Parliament's legislative work on the legislative proposal on the protection of animals during transport

MEP Daniel Buda, co-rapporteur for the proposal on transport

MEP Tilly Metz, co-rapporteur for the proposal on transport

16.55 – 17.10 Questions and Answers

17.10 – 17.25 Polish Presidency's work on animal welfare in particular on the legislative proposal on transport

Aleksandra Fatat, Veterinary and food safety Attaché, Permanent Representation of Poland to the EU

17.25 – 17.35 Questions and Answers

17.35 – 17.40 Call for applications for the selection of additional type "C" members, and type "A" members, of the Platform under the reviewed mandate

Marguerite Kuzma, Policy Officer, Unit 'Animal Welfare', Directorate Crisis preparedness in Food, Animals and Plants, DG SANTE

17.40 – 17.50 Presentation of the information leaflet specific to the use of equids in conservation and rewilding by the voluntary initiative on the welfare of equids

Joe Collins, Chief Veterinary Advisor, Donkey Sanctuary, Ireland

17.50 – 18.00 Questions and Answers

18.00 – 18.05 AOB

18.05 – 18.10 Closing of the meeting

