

Update on the EU Platform on Animal welfare and its activities

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- Commission Decision of 24 January 2017
 establishing the Commission Expert Group 'Platform
 on Animal Welfare'
- March 2017: Call for application with 160 applications
- 6 June 2017: Inaugural meeting
- 10 November 2017: Second meeting and first subgroup on Animal Transport





Composition and tasks

- Participants: 75 members of the Platform
 - 35 from public entities
 - 20 from business and professional organisations
 - 10 from civil society
 - 10 scientific independent experts
 - 1 observer

• Tasks:

- better apply and understand of EU legislation
- facilitate voluntary commitments
- promote EU standards globally









Inaugural meeting - 6 June 2017

- A general discussion around 3 topics:
 - Better application and understanding of EU legislation
 - Promotion EU animal welfare standards globally
 - Development and use of voluntary commitments
- Very positive feedback from stakeholders
- Many expectations and demands
- "Everyone is responsible"





Second meeting – 10 November 2017

Food Safety

- **Enforcement**: animal transport
- Voluntary commitments: unwanted horse
- Information / knowledge sharing
 EFSA and Animal transport guides





What is next?

2018:

- Two meetings of the Platform = occasion for in deepth discussions and networking
- Two meetings of the sub-group on Animal transport
- Establishment of second subgroup on pigs
- Network building
- 2019
 - Under construction







Important links



- Record of the meetings:
 https://webcast.ec.europa.eu/inaugural-meeting-of-the-platform-on-animal-welfare
- https://webcast.ec.europa.eu/second-meeting-of-theplatform-on-animal-welfare
- #EU4AnimalWelfare
- Webpage of the EU Platform on Animal Welfare: <u>http://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/welfare/eu-platform-animal-welfare_en</u>
- <u>SANTE-ANIMAL-WELFARE-PLATFORM@ec.europa.eu</u>

