



Update on the EU Platform on Animal Welfare and its activities

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Overview



- **Commission Decision of 24 January 2017**
establishing the Commission Expert Group 'Platform on Animal Welfare'
- **March 2017:** Call for applications
- **Motto: "Everyone is responsible "**



Composition, tasks and meetings

- **Participants: 75 members of the Platform**
 - Member States, NGOs, business and professional organisations, scientific independent experts
- **Tasks:**
 - Better enforcement of EU animal welfare legislation
 - Development of voluntary commitments
 - Promotion of EU standards globally
- **Meetings:** 6 June and 10 November 2017; **21 June 2018**



First session "Enforcement"

- **Outcomes of the 1st meeting of the subgroup on transport working in 3 working groups:**
 - Extreme temperatures/weather conditions
 - Export of cattle
 - Transport of unweaned animals

17 October 2018: second meeting
- **Establishment of subgroups on the welfare of pigs**
 - Main goal of its work: to reduce the risk of tail-biting

26 November 2018: first meeting



Second session "Voluntary initiatives"

- **Welfare of farmed fish presented from:**
 - State perspective: Norway
 - Industry perspective: Federation of European Aquaculture Producers (FEAP)
 - Animal welfare organisation perspective: Eurogroup for animals
- **Requests for the creation of subgroup on fish and of voluntary initiative on pullets**



Third session "Information and knowledge sharing"

Presentations by the Commission:

- **Report on the impact of animal welfare international activities on the competitiveness of European livestock producers in a globalised world**
- **EU Coordinated Control Plan on online sales of dogs and cats**
- **IT Digital Tool for the Platform's Members**

THE EU PLATFORM ON ANIMAL WELFARE

Everyone is Responsible



The EU Platform on Animal Welfare is an interactive network which aims at promoting dialogue among competent authorities, businesses, civil society organisations and scientists on animal welfare issues that are relevant for the Union.

This dialogue intends to build mutual understanding, foster trust and encourage voluntary commitments between Platform members to achieve concrete results in improving the welfare of animals. The Platform therefore relies on the contribution of each of its members, hence the motto "Everyone is responsible".

The Digital Tool of the EU Platform on Animal Welfare that you are currently browsing is an online space specifically designed and restricted for Platform members, providing them with a co-working instrument.

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Members' voluntary initiatives

- **Responsible ownership and care of equidae**
- **Health and welfare of pets in trade**
- **Welfare of fish**
- **Welfare of pullets**



What is next?

In 2018:

- 17 October: 2nd meeting of the subgroup on transport
- 19 November: 4th meeting of the Platform
- 26 November: 1st meeting of the subgroup on pigs

In 2019:

- 29 April: 5th meeting of the Platform
- 23 September: 6th meeting of the Platform



Important links



- Webpage of the EU Platform on Animal Welfare: http://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/welfare/eu-platform-animal-welfare_en
- #EU4AnimalWelfare
- SANTE-ANIMAL-WELFARE-PLATFORM@ec.europa.eu