

Voluntary Initiative on the international and global dimensions of animal welfare

**An update for EU Platform on
Animal Welfare**

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Voluntary Initiative Members

- **International organisations:** FAO, WOAHA, World Bank
- **Business organisations:** Animal Health Europe, COGECOA, European Dairy Association, AVEC, UECBV
- **Professional organisation:** Federation of Veterinarians of Europe
- **Civil Society Organisations:** Humane Society International/Europe, Eurogroup for Animals, Compassion in World Farming, World Animal Protection, Four Paws
- **Member State, EEA members:** Spain, Denmark
- **Independent experts:** Bas Rodenburg, Linda Keeling, Joe Collins, Evangelia Sossidou

Key Goals of the Voluntary Initiative

- To provide guidance on international and global aspects of animal welfare and on the links between animal welfare and the UN SDGs ; and
- To advocate the need to streamline and achieve coherence on animal welfare related matters among different EU instruments, policies, initiatives and actions at the international level (e.g. trade agreements, international partnerships, development cooperation)

Voluntary Initiative's Activities

- 1. Organise a stakeholder conference** on the international and global dimensions of animal welfare
- 2. Provide guidance** on opportunities for specific awareness-raising programmes, training, capacity-building and exchange of knowledge and expertise on animal welfare in non-EU countries.

Update: Stakeholder conference on the international and global dimensions of animal welfare

1. Organisation of an event, preferably hosted by the European Commission (ensuring contributions from different DGs)
2. Focus to be on the international aspects and links to sustainable development (SDGs) identifying systems and practices that do not respect animal welfare
3. Adoption of “One Health” and “One Welfare” approaches
4. Mapping animal welfare conditions (regulatory, practices, trade policy, stakeholders, etc.) across different regions of the world

Update: Animal welfare training & education opportunities

- 1. Mapping the different activities in EU and non-EU countries on training and education in animal welfare (organiser, topics, funding availability, length, materials, language, target audience, quality (if possible))**
- 2. Identify current gaps on needs from non-EU countries**
- 3. Present this analysis and a roadmap to address the needs**
- 4. Propose improvements in existing training and education activities or propose new ones**

Thank you

