



European
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EU Platform on Animal Welfare

Pig Sub-group

First meeting 26th November 2018

Grange-SANTE F building

Grange, Dunsany, Co. Meath, Ireland

- FINAL AGENDA -

08:45 – 09:00 **Registration of participants**

MORNING SESSION

09:00 Welcome participants and expectations for the pig subgroup: advise how Member States could better assess and manage tail biting risks to avoid routine tail docking.
T Cassidy

09:10 – 09:30 Overview of DG SANTE Project: Member State activities to prevent tail-biting and avoid routine tail-docking of pigs.
D Maguire

09:30 – 10:10 Tour de table – each participant explains their involvement in pig welfare and their experience with managing tail biting risks.

All participants

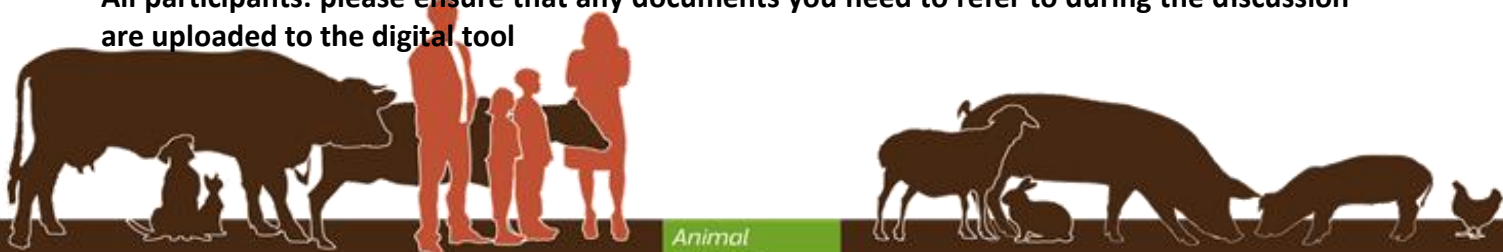
10:10 – 10:40 The work of the EU reference centre for animal welfare (EURCAW) and possible synergies with the pig subgroup.
H Spoolder

10.40 – 11.10 **Coffee Break**

11.10 – 12.30 Subgroup discussion:

- a. Attitudes and barriers to change in pig production practices - Dr Sarah Ison (WAP) and Inger Anneberg (EURCAW) to start the discussion.
- b. Assessment of health status, competition for food and space and diet:
"Examples of how we work with factors relevant to the risk of tail biting" - Linda Keeling and Karin Olson
Finnish experience on assessing risks of tail biting - Anna Valros, Taina Mikkonen and Johannes Vugts

All participants: please ensure that any documents you need to refer to during the discussion are uploaded to the digital tool



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12:30 – 13.30 Lunch Break

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 13.30 – 15:00** Measuring tail and ear injuries and use of data to manage tail biting.
- The Swedish approach - Linda Keeling and Karin Olson
 - The Finnish approach – slaughterhouse data the "tip of the iceberg" Anna Valros, Taina Mikkonen and Johannes Vugts

Discussion

All participants

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee Break

- 15.30 – 16:30** Extract from a Member State action plan. Discuss how Member States could improve assessment of the legal requirements relevant to health status, competition for food and space and diet.

All participants

- 16.30 – 17.00** Exchange of views on possible compliance criteria for health status, competition for food and space and diet, and the changes that should be made to these before tail docking is carried out (Point 8 of Annex I of Chapter I of Directive 2008/120/EC).

CLOSING

- 17.00 – 17.30** **Conclusions** – how the subgroup will develop their advice (compliance criteria, measuring tail and ear injuries, and how Member States should communicate with stakeholders on assessing and managing tail biting risks to avoid routine tail docking) before the next meeting.

Note: the second meeting of the subgroup is planned for 27 March 2019. A progress report on the work of the subgroup will be presented at the meeting of the EU Platform on Animal Welfare on 29th April 2019. The third meeting of the pig subgroup is planned for 10th July 2019.

