



Brussels,

Minutes

Meeting of the Animal Health Advisory Committee (AHAC), the sub-group of the Advisory group on the food chain and animal and plant health held on September 05th, 2024.

1. Introduction, opening: Francisco REVIRIEGO GORDEJO – Head of Unit G2 Animal Health

The Commission welcomed the Members of the Animal Health Advisory Committee, briefly explained the purpose of the meeting and proceeded with the approved agenda.

2. Evaluation of the Animal Health Law: study supporting the evaluation – presentation by the contractor Ecorys

The purpose of the meeting was to provide an update on the ongoing study supporting the evaluation of the Animal Health Law, conducted by the contractor Ecorys. The contractor introduced the study team, outlined the objectives, and explained the general approach of the study. This included detailed descriptions of the consultation strategy, activities carried out during the inception phase, the intervention logic, evaluation matrix, and the methodology to be applied (see presentation). As part of the consultation activities, AHAC members will be engaged through surveys, interviews, focus groups, case studies, and interviews. The surveys, available in all EU languages, will be launched during the coming days. These consultation activities aim to gather feedback on the perceived relevance, efficiency, effectiveness, and coherence of the Animal Health Law. Potential for simplification and proportionality of benefits and costs will be looked at with particular attention.

During the discussion, questions were raised regarding the process of selecting stakeholders. Members highlighted the importance of ensuring a broad and representative range of stakeholders to maximize the value of the evaluation. In response, both the Commission and the contractor reassured participants that stakeholder representation is carefully considered, and that the feedback and diverse opinions from all participants are highly valued and welcomed.

The Commission informed the AHAC-Members about its intention to organize regular meetings. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for second half of November 2024.

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