Achievements of the EU Platform on Animal Welfare

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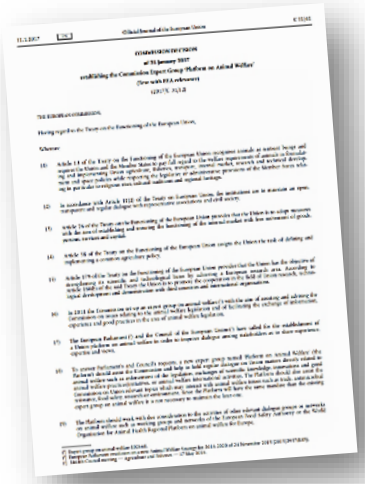

Tasks

- *Contribute to a better application of EU rules*
- *Facilitate voluntary commitments*
- *Encourage the dialogue between stakeholders*
- *Exchange information and best practices*
- *Share information on policy development*
- *Promote EU animal welfare standards globally*

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The Platform

- *31 meetings*
- *59 presentations*
- *19 topics*
- *6 EU presidencies*
- *2 subgroups*
- *5 voluntary initiatives*

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EU Presidencies

- *Malta > Exotic animals, stray dogs and feral cats*
- *Estonia > Technology and animal welfare*
- *Bulgaria > Animal transport, illegal movement/trade of pets, pig welfare/tail docking*
- *Austria > Animal transport, national rules and education*
- *Romania > Animal transport for export purposes*
- *Finland > Priorities on animal welfare*

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Main topics & debate

- *Animal Welfare labelling*
- *Unwanted horse*
- *Welfare of farmed fish*

➔ **Different perspectives: NGOs, Member States, industry**

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Subgroups

Animal transport

- *4 meetings*
- *3 working groups*
- *11 documents produced*
- *20 members*
- *12 invited experts*
- *1 observer*

Welfare of pigs

- *3 meetings*
- *1 main topic*
- *2 documents*
- *20 members*
- *4 invited experts*
- *1 observer*

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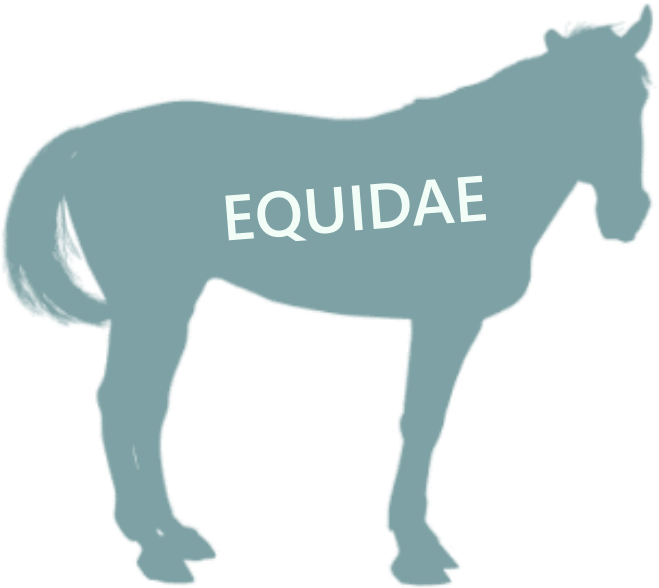
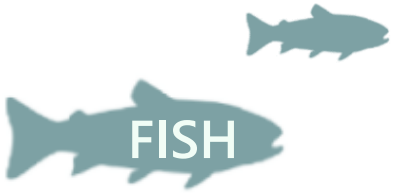
Voluntary initiatives

- *5 topics*
- *18 meetings*
- *6 documents*
- *83 members*





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Information and knowledge sharing

- *EFSA Animal Health and Welfare Network*
- *Animal Transport Guides*
- *A third country experience: New Zealand*
- *First EU Reference Centre*
- *Spanish governmental campaign "Eres responsable"*
- *CCP on online sales of dogs and cats*
- *Animal Welfare Index*

European Reference Centre for Animal Welfare *Pigs*

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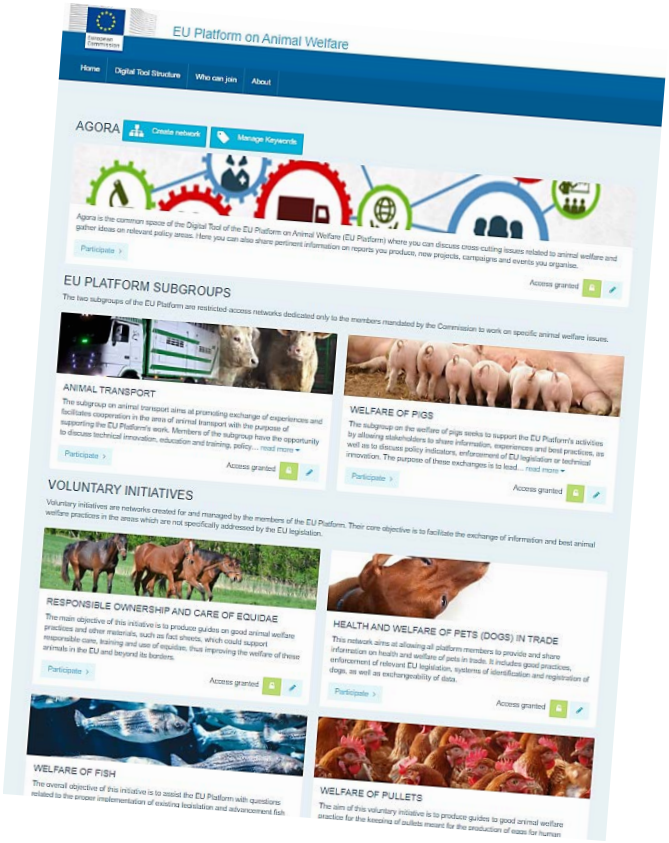
Digital Tool

- *93% of the Platform members*
- *170 Stakeholders registered*
- *7 Networks*
- *339 documents*
- *78 news*
- *112 visits per month*
- *56 unique visitors per month*
- *52 newsletters since September 2018*



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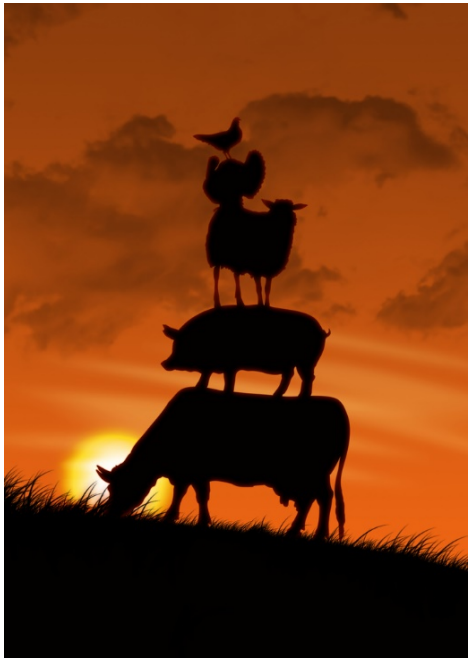
Conclusions

- *High level of involvement of the members*
- *Networking and mutual understanding*
- *Intense information sharing*

➔ *The Platform has reached its key objectives*



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