



# Inaugural meeting of the Animal Welfare Platform

6 June 2017

Health and  
Food Safety



## The road to the Platform

- 24 January 2017: Adoption of the Commission Decision concerning the Platform on Animal Welfare
- 30 January / 6 March: Call of application for the selection of members
- 6 June 2017: Inaugural meeting
- 75 members, 2 meetings per year



**"The greatness of a nation  
can be judged by the way its  
animals are treated"  
[Mahatma Gandhi]**





## The framework

- Eurobarometer survey (2015): over 90% of European citizens believe that protecting the welfare of animals is important.
- 40 years of a EU legislation on animal welfare based on sound scientific knowledge
- Continuous attention to implementation and enforcement
- Special consideration in other animal related legislation (animal health law, official controls...)
- Animal Welfare Strategy to be finalised this year



# The Platform as a new paradigm

- Collective efforts of all sectors of society
- Holistic approach to achieve concrete results
- Link with the global challenges (one health, AMR, food waste)



**Everyone is responsible**



# Building a common understanding

1. The Platform is not a forum to discuss EU legislation, let's focus on concrete deliverables:
  - a) Better implementation of the EU legislation
  - b) Voluntary and verifiable commitments
  - c) Promotion of EU standards globally and in the market place
2. Commitment to work together, mindful of resources
3. Focus on common areas of interest



## **Synergies with existing fora**

- The European Forum for Animal Welfare Councils (EuroFAWC);
- The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and its regional platform on animal welfare for Europe;
- The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and its Animal Health and Welfare Network;
- The Commission working group of National Contact Points on animal transport.



# The Agenda

- Session 1: the Platform contribution to better implementation and understanding of the EU legislation
- Session 2: the Platform contribution to the promotion of EU standards globally
- Session 3: the Platform contribution to voluntary commitments and the promotion of animal welfare friendly products.



# Thank You