

# Subgroup on the welfare of pigs of the EU Platform on animal welfare



DG SANTE/G5

1<sup>st</sup> meeting - 31 March 2022



European  
Commission



# Revision of EU animal welfare legislation.1

- Why do we revise the EU animal welfare legislation?
  - Science
  - Scope
  - Enforcement
  - Level of animal welfare
- Further objective: ECI 'End the Cage Age'



# Revision of EU animal welfare legislation.2

- Which are the pillars of the revision?



Scientific basis (EFSA)



Better Regulation (Commission)

*evidence-based and transparent EU law-making, backed up by the comprehensive involvement of stakeholders*

# Revision of EU animal welfare legislation.3

- Which are the Better Regulation steps?



Fitness Check of current legislation

*evaluation of the existing EU animal welfare legislation*



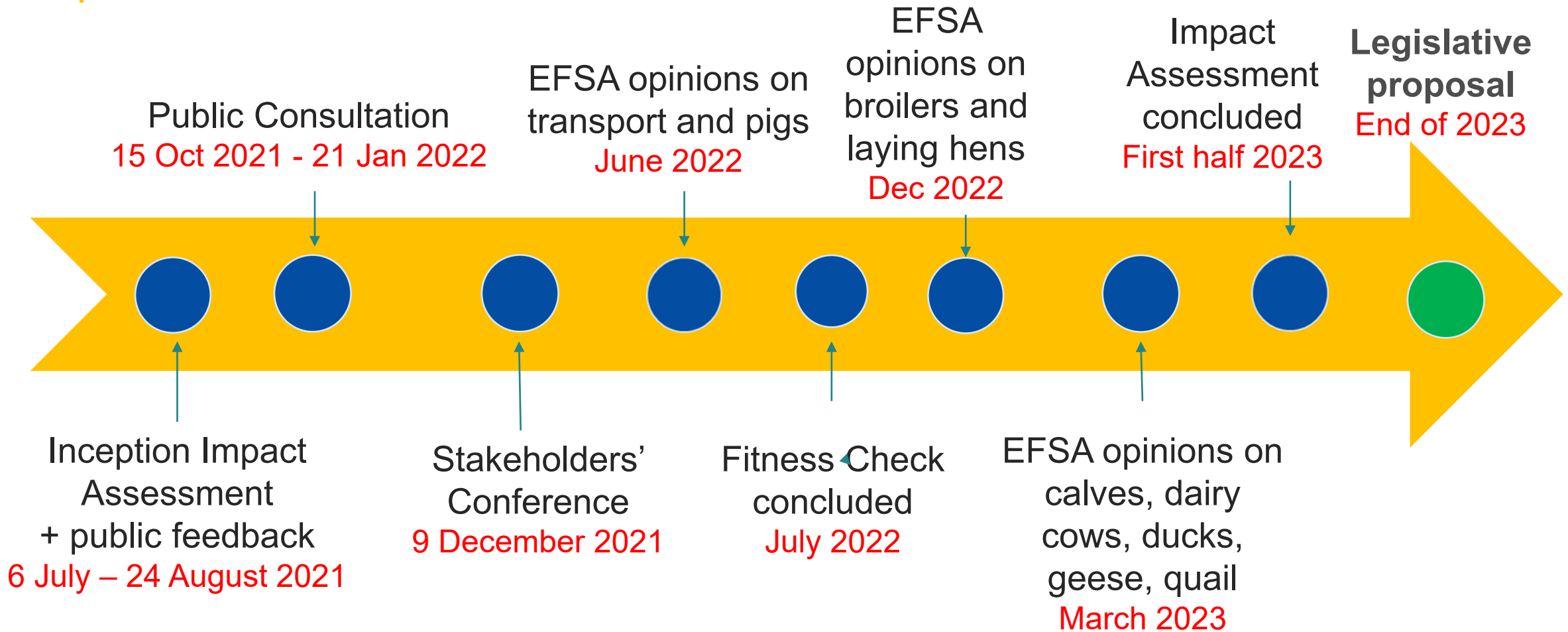
Impact Assessment

*economic, social and environmental impact of policy options*

Inception Impact Assessment

*provides Commission's understanding of the problem  
and possible solutions*

# Timeline of the Revision



# Mandate of the subgroup

- Which is the aim of the subgroup ?



to provide technical expertise and opinions to the Commission for the improvement of pig welfare at farm  
*international implications of opinions to be taken into account*

- In which way will the subgroup function ?



examine the Inception Impact Assessment options  
identify additional options, if any  
*discuss possible elements of future legislation*

# Working methods of the subgroup.1

- How often are we meeting ?

 ± 10 meetings of ½ day, on a monthly basis

- Which are the rules to remember?

 Chatham House rules

*participants may disclose information but not identify their source*

Individual expertise - no representation, no replacements

Additional experts may be invited on an ad hoc basis

No drafting of legislation or conclusions

# Working methods of the subgroup.2

- How do we organise the work ?



each meeting dedicated to a topic based on the IIA options  
short presentation of problem and possible solutions  
further questions and exchange



1. Housing of sows and gilts (ban of cages)
2. Tail docking and tooth clipping/ grinding
3. Castration
4. Space allowances and floors
5. Animal Based Indicators



# Working methods of the subgroup.3

- Questions to be answered for each topic ?
  - What is the problem to be addressed by the option?
  - What is the content of the options?
  - Which alternatives have been implemented?
  - What are the possible main impacts?
  - How to mitigate negative impacts?
  - Other options to address the problem?

# Dates for next meetings

**May** : 19 am

**June** : 27 pm



Thank you!