



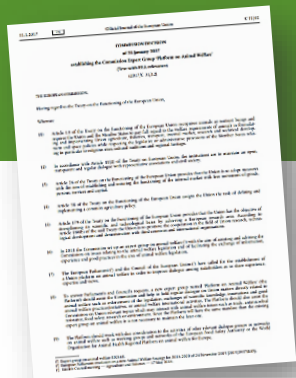
# Update on the EU Platform on Animal Welfare

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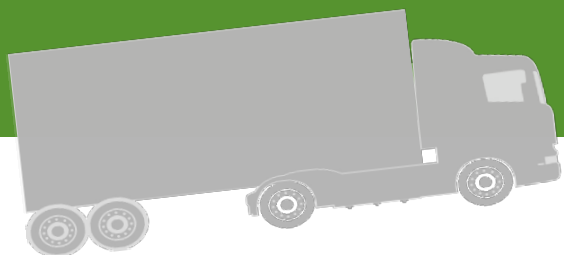


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# Background

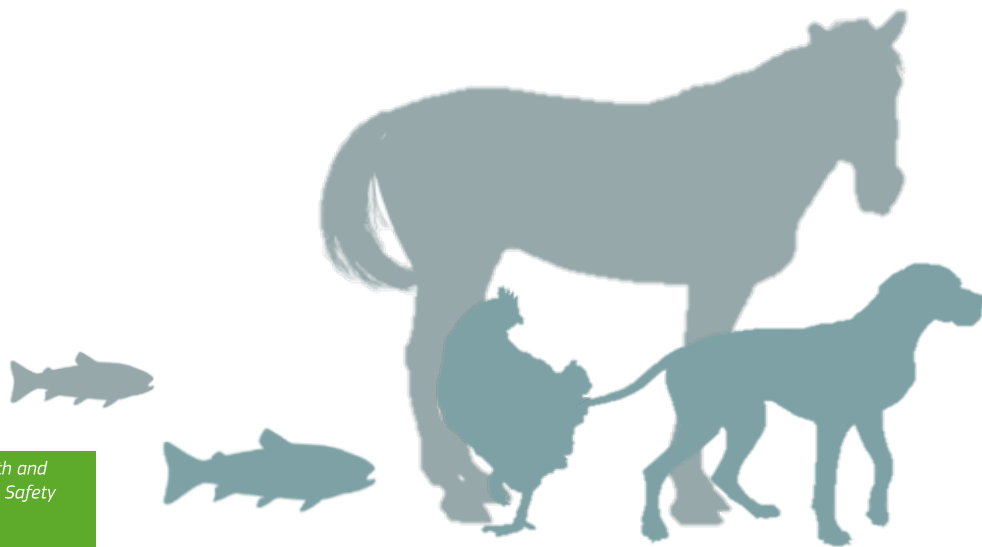
- *Commission Decision of 24 January 2017*
- *74 members: MS, NGOs, business and professional organisations, independent experts*
- *Tasks:*
  - **Better application of EU rules**
  - **Exchange information and best practices**
  - **Promote EU standards globally**
  - ...





# Working groups

- *Subgroups mandated by the Commission*
  - **Animal transport**
  - **Welfare of pigs**
- *Voluntary initiatives managed by members*
  - **Equidae**
  - **Pets (dogs) in trade**
  - **Welfare of fish**
  - **Welfare of pullets**
  - **Pig castration**





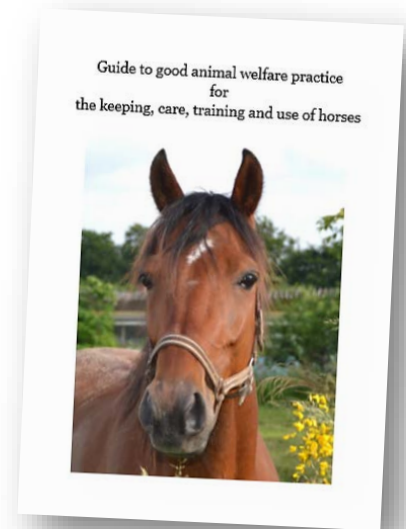
## Fifth meeting: 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019

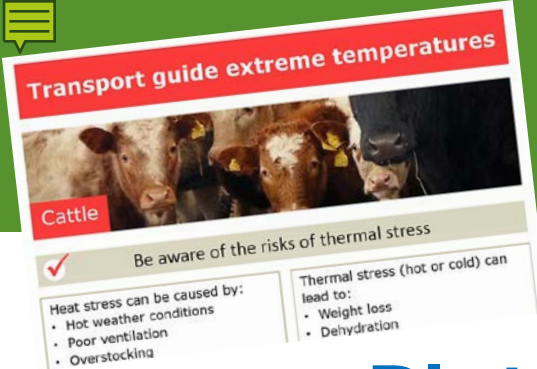
- *Romanian priorities regarding transport for export purposes*
- *Roadmap on the evaluation of the EU Strategy*
- *Results of CCP on dogs and cats*
- *Spanish Campaign “Eres responsable”*
- *Animal Protection Index*



# Sixth meeting - 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019

- *Finnish Presidency questionnaire to CVOs*
- *Conclusions of the subgroups*
- *Outputs of the voluntary initiatives*
  - **Conclusion on the guide on horse**
- *Activities of the Reference Centre on pigs*
- *Platform's achievements*





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## Platform conclusions on transport

The Platform thanks and acknowledges the work of the members of the subgroup. The subgroup has produced a number of relevant documents on “exports of cattle” and on “extreme temperatures” and the Platform invites its members to disseminate the recommendations of the documents and take actions in line with the documents and proposals. These should contribute to improve the welfare of animals and to better enforce the EU legislation on animal transport. In relation to the document on “unweaned animals (calves)” produced by the subgroup, the platform acknowledges that it contributes substantially to progress on the issue but further dialogue is necessary before recommending its dissemination and use.



## Platform conclusions on the welfare of pigs

*The Platform thanks and acknowledges the work of the members of the subgroup. The subgroup has provided targeted proposals for assisting in the development of indicators for tail-biting risks. The Platform invites the EU Reference Centre on animal welfare for pigs to consider the document “Indicators for tail biting risks relating to compliance criteria on health, dietary factors and space and competition” within the framework of its Work Programme for the future. The Platform invites its members to use this proposal, to develop it further in their research frameworks, and in proposals to strengthen official controls using animal welfare indicators. In relation to the document “Measuring tail damage at the slaughterhouse and setting common thresholds” produced by the subgroup, the platform acknowledges the principle but dialogue on the technical details is necessary before recommending its dissemination and use.*





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# Platform conclusion on equines

*The Platform thanks and acknowledges the work of the members of the voluntary initiative on responsible ownership and care of equidae. The working group concludes that the following document should be promoted in order to improve the welfare of equidae in the EU: Guide to good animal welfare practice for the keeping, care, training and use of horses*







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## Where to find?

- [https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/welfare/eu-platform-animal-welfare/platform\\_conclusions\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/welfare/eu-platform-animal-welfare/platform_conclusions_en)
- 12 documents available

The screenshot shows the European Commission website page for 'Platform conclusions'. The page features a blue header with the European Commission logo and a search bar. A breadcrumb trail reads: Home > Food, farming, fisheries > Food Safety > Animals > Animal welfare > EU Platform on Animal Welfare >. A left-hand navigation menu lists various topics under 'ANIMAL WELFARE', with 'Platform conclusions' highlighted. The main content area includes a disclaimer, a paragraph about the platform's conclusions, and a section titled 'Subgroup on transport' with a detailed paragraph. A 'QUICK LINKS' sidebar on the right lists various agencies and services.

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Animals

**ANIMAL WELFARE**

- Main achievements
- EU Platform on Animal Welfare
  - Platform Members
  - Platform Meetings
  - Platform conclusions**
  - Thematic sub-groups
- EU strategy on animal welfare
- EU Reference Centre for Animal Welfare
- Animal welfare in practice
- Legislative aspects
- Other aspects of animal welfare

**Platform conclusions**

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The Platform adopted the following conclusions during the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019 according to Article 7.6 of the Commission Decision of 24 January 2017 establishing the Platform.

**Subgroup on transport**

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**QUICK LINKS**

- European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)
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- Trade Control & Expert System (TRACES)
- Travelling with pets
- Better Training for Safer Food (BTSF)
- E-News
- Press Releases