



# Overview Report: The welfare of animals exported by road



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**Unit F2 - Animals**

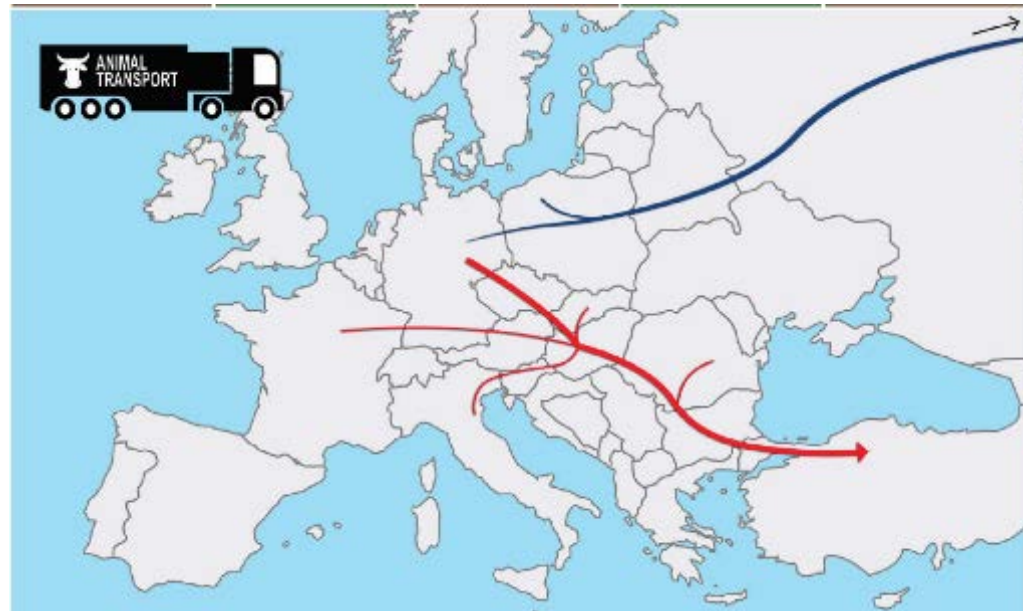
**PAFF Committee**  
**Animal Health and**  
**Welfare & Controls**  
**and Import Conditions**  
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# CONTEXT

- *10% of all movements of animals within the EU*
- *Two main exit points*
- *Increasing trend*





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# STARTING POINT - 2016

- *Complaints from NGOs during the summer concerning exports by road to Turkey*
- *Do the NGOs have a point?*
- *Which Member States should we visit?*



**Dir. F**  
**Priority Project of**  
**Transport**

XI Meeting of National Contact Points on welfare of animals during transport  
 13-15 September 2016, Grange

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## Consignments by MS of Transporter

MEMBER STATE	TOTAL TRANSPORTERS	TRANSPORTERS WITH NCs	TRANSPORTERS WITH NCs (%)
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FR	11.00%
DE	0.00%
CZ	10.00%
HU	10.00%
IT	4.00%
PL	4.50%
UK	4.50%
ES	15.30%
TR	4.10%
NL	10.00%
BE	2.00%
SE	8.40%
PT	11.10%
GR	3.50%
IE	4.00%
RO	2.00%
BG	25.00%
SI	0.00%

## Conclusions

- 1) *Analysed data from TRACES identifies the same Member States as the NGO official complaint*
- 2) *Dir. F will be visiting BG, TR, NL, DE, FR, HU, PL*



## Consignments by MS of Departure

MEMBER STATE	ANIMALS	CONSIGNMENTS	NCs	NC (%)
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FR	22173	381	38	9.90%
DE	20795	308	20	6.50%
CZ	29277	711	42	5.90%
HU	10725	158	9	5.68%
SK	27757	191	27	5.50%
DE	21791	753	34	4.50%
ES	18022	106	16	8.10%
IT	31064	514	21	4.00%
IT	3002	116	7	7.70%



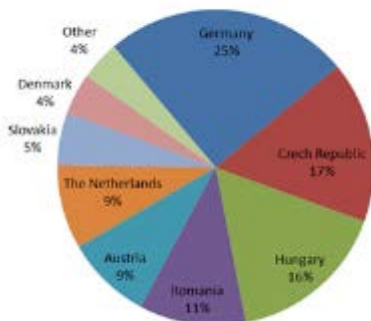
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# FIRST YEAR

## 2017:

- 12 Member States sent 1,696 consignments by road to Turkey in Jun-Aug
- More complaints from NGOs during the summer re. exports by road to Turkey

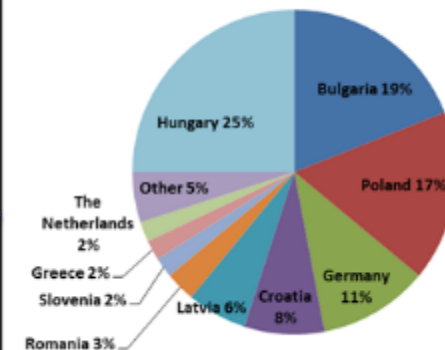
Member State Exports - 2017



Departure



Transporter





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# APPROVAL OF VEHICLES

- *Partitions*
- *Ventilation*
- *Area per deck*
- *Satellite  
Navigation System*
- *Drinkers*

*Ventilation, not air  
cooling systems*



***Temperature  
inside depends  
on temperature  
outside***



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# OFFICIAL CONTROLS

- *17 Member States have guidelines/instructions to check expected temperatures at the exit point (as on September 2019)*

*High temperatures are a major risk for AW*

- *Booking at control posts — in TRACES*

*INSTRUCTIONS NOT FOLLOWED*

*No overview of what's done at local level*



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## CONCLUSIONS

- *Discrepancy official data and NGO reports*
- *“Bad” transporters and “bad” Member States*
- *Difficult to know what are the non-compliances — ‘Other’*

2016

Iii.8.2.Non-Compliance Of The Means Of Transport	Iii.8.3.Stocking Density Exceeded	Iii.8.4.Travel Times Exceeded	Iii.8.5.Watering And Feeding Not Fulfilled	Iii.8.6.Mishandling Or Negligence To The Animals	Iii.8.10.Other
0	6	229	2	9	635



## RETROSPECTIVE CHECKS

- *Temperature records*
- *Data from Satellite Navigation Systems*
- *Tachographs*

***Big differences in quality and quantity***  
***No clear instructions in most cases***  
***Non-EU part of the journey: no data***

BTSF held in Grange, IE, in January 2020



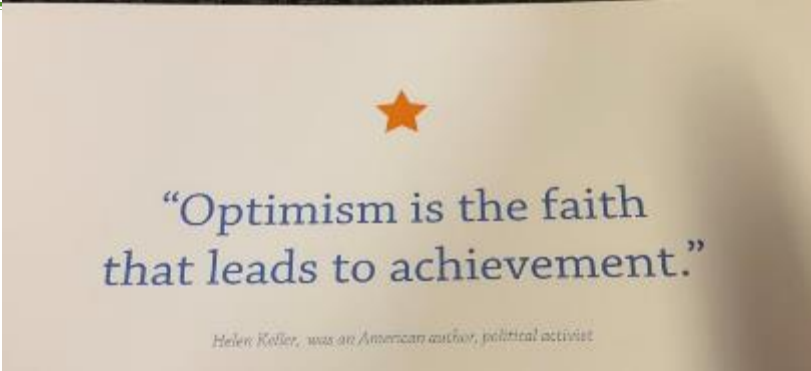


## BG-TR BORDER

- *Very busy*
- *No animal facilities*
- *6h to clear the Turkish side of the border*
- *Restricted opening times (improved!)*
- *Most 'further delays' due to 'bad' documents (identification/zootecnics) – **animals blocked for days, weeks, months...***
- *Good practice by some transporters to clear the border as early as possible*



# ACHIEVEMENTS



“Optimism is the faith  
that leads to achievement.”

*Helen Keller, was an American author, political activist*

- *Many CAs have instructions to check temperature forecasts at the border*
- *Possibility to extend opening times on Turkish side of the border*
- *9 Member States (down from 12) sent 512 consignments (70% less) by road to Turkey in Jun-Aug 2019*
- *Only one NGO report for summer 2019 – very small number of non-compliant vehicles*

More to be done...



## **THREE MESSAGES**

***1. PLANNING***

***2. CONTINGENCIES FOR DELAYS AT THE BORDER***

***3. RETROSPECTIVE CHECKS***



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# Overview reports

- *Exports by road:*

[https://ec.europa.eu/food/audits-analysis/overview\\_reports/details.cfm?rep\\_id=136](https://ec.europa.eu/food/audits-analysis/overview_reports/details.cfm?rep_id=136)

- *Exports by sea (livestock vessels):*

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