Subgroup on Animal Welfare Policy Indicators
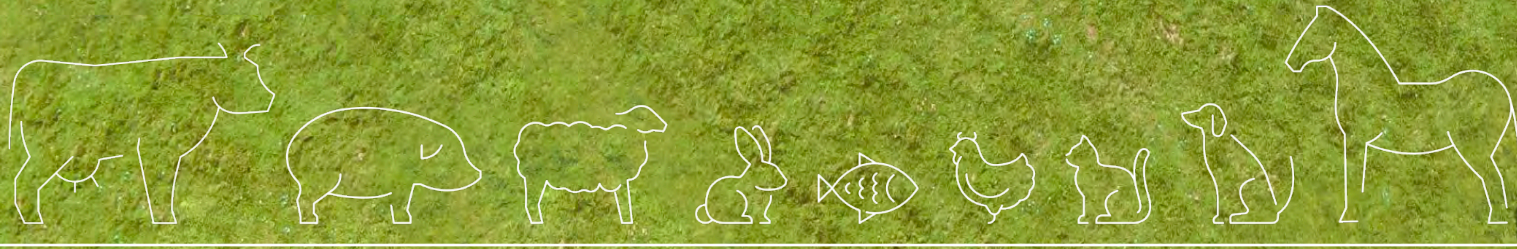
15th meeting of the EU Platform on animal welfare

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The scope and objective of the subgroup

- **Policy indicators** on animal welfare

- Pigs, broilers, laying hens, cattle, sheep and goats, rabbits and fish

- Only **farming**

- To measure the **effectivness of EU policy** instruments in delivering welfare to the animals

Main task

- Propose at least **3 indicators per specie** that would be:

  - the most effective to measure progress towards <u>the **current** EU animal welfare policy objectives</u>;

  - the most effective to measure progress towards <u>the **future** EU animal welfare policy objectives</u>;

  - feasible to **collect**, **consolidate** and **interpret**.

Process

- Identifying of the most relevant policy indicators

- Determining the methods to **collect, consolidate** and **interpret** those indicators for policy purposes

- Determining a methodology to measure the **baseline** of those indicators

- Defining criteria of **feasability** to collect, consolidate and interpret those indicators

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Composition of the subgroup

- Member States and EEA members

- Business and professional organisations

- Organisations from civil society

- Independent experts

- Additional experts and representatives of the EU Reference Centres for animal welfare or of EFSA may be invited on an ad hoc basis

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Indicative timeline

- **June 25: 1st introductory meeting**

- September 2024: Pigs

- October 2024: Broilers and laying hens (2 meetings)

- November 2024: Cattle

- December 2024: Sheep and goats

- January 2025: Rabbits

- February 2025 : Fish

- March 2025: Conclusions

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Thank you

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