Meeting of the sub-group on pigs

Ninth meeting, 16 January 2023, 14:00-17:30
(Videoconference)

– AGENDA –

Chair of the meeting: K. Zafeiropoulou, Unit 'Animal welfare', Directorate Crisis Preparedness in Food, Animals and Plants, Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE)

The meeting is dedicated to EU rules regarding genetic selection in pig production

1. Context by the Commission

2. Presentation by EFFAB “EFFAB pig breeders perspective and contributions to the revision of the animal welfare legislation”

3. Follow-up discussion on genetic selection*:

   - Which are the genetic traits that can be incorporated into legislation to the benefit of pig welfare? In your view, what makes a trait be a suitable candidate?

   - Which are the genetic traits that must, in your view, be incorporated in EU legislation and why?

   - What would be the potential impacts on animals, farmers & other operators, authorities, environment, market, trade or other impact, if the EU legislation was amended as per your reply under previous point? Please consider both positive and negative impacts.
- What would be the corresponding mitigation measures for negative impacts identified under previous point? Please consider a suitable transitional period, if possible.

4. **Summary of the meeting and next steps**

* In your reply, please take into consideration - among any other sources - the recommendations of the 2022 EFSA scientific opinion on the welfare of pigs on farm, relevant to genetic selection of pigs.