



European
Commission

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 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.

