



European
Commission

EU Platform on Animal Welfare

Eight meeting

WebEx video conference

Tuesday 3rd November 2020, 09.30 – 17.30 CET, Brussels time

The meeting will be web streamed:

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– AGENDA –

09.00 – 09.30 Connexion of participants

OPENING

CHAIR: Claire Bury, Deputy Director General for Food Sustainability, DG SANTE

09.30 – 09.35 Welcome to participants and WebEx meeting rules

09.35 – 09.45 Presentation and adoption of the agenda

09.45 – 09.55 German Presidency priorities regarding animal welfare

Katharina Kluge, Head of Unit 'Animal Welfare', Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture

09.55 – 10.10 Questions and Answers

10.10 – 10.20 Speech by Commissioner Stella Kyriakides

Stella Kyriakides, European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety

10.20 – 10.40 Questions and Answers

10.40 – 11.00 Coffee Break



MORNING SESSION

SESSION 1: Policy updates

- 11.00 – 11.15** **Overview of the ongoing activities**
Andrea Gavinelli, Head of Unit 'Animal Welfare, Antimicrobial resistance', Directorate Crisis Management in Food, Animals and Plants, DG SANTE
- 11.15 – 11.40** **Mandates and planning of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)**
Chiara Fabris & Denise Candiani, scientific officers Animal Health and Welfare (AHAW) Team Animal and Plant Health (ALPHA) Unit, European Food Safety Authority (EFSA)
- 11.40 – 12.00** **Questions and Answers**

12.00 – 13.30 **Lunch Break**

AFTERNOON SESSIONS

CHAIR: **Bernard Van Goethem**, Director for Crisis Management in Food, Animals and Plants, DG SANTE

SESSION 2: Subgroups and voluntary initiatives

- 13.30 – 13.50** **Selection process and composition of the subgroup on animal welfare labelling and the outcomes of its first meeting**
Denis Simonin, Senior Expert, Unit 'Animal welfare, Antimicrobial resistance', Directorate Crisis Management in Food, Animals and Plants, DG SANTE
- 13.50 – 14.00** **Conclusions of the voluntary initiative on responsible ownership and care of equidae - Factsheets related to the Guide to good animal welfare practice for the keeping, care, training and use of horses**
Birte Broberg, Senior Veterinary Officer, Danish Veterinary and Food Administration
- 14.00 – 14.15** **Conclusions of the voluntary initiative on the health and welfare of pets (dogs) in trade**
- *Responsible dog breeding guidelines & Responsible cat breeding guidelines*
- *Transport guidelines for dogs and cats by land*
Léon Arnts, Senior Policy Officer Animal Welfare, Dutch Ministry of Agriculture; Nature and Food Quality, Animal Supply Chain and Animal Welfare department
- 14.15 – 14.30** **Activities of the voluntary initiative on piglets: alternatives for surgical castration**
Gé Backus, Director, Connecting Agri & Food
- 14.30 – 15.10** **Questions and answers**



15.10 – 15.30 Coffee Break

SESSION 3: Information and knowledge sharing

- 15.30 – 15.50 **Introduction to the Commission's procedure for the European Citizens' Initiative**
Kirsten Vornhagen, Policy Officer, Unit 'Animal welfare, Antimicrobial resistance', Directorate Crisis Management in Food, Animals and Plants, DG SANTE
- 15.50 – 16.05 **The End the Cage Age European Citizens' Initiative by Compassion in World Farming**
Olga Kikou, Head of Compassion in World Farming EU
- 16.05 – 16.20 Questions and Answers
- 16.20 – 16.30 **The ban of laying hens in cages by the Czech Republic**
Simona Nincakova, Head of Animal Welfare Division, Department of Animal Health and Animal Welfare, State Veterinary Administration of the Czech Republic
- 16.30 – 16.45 **EU Reference Centres for the welfare of pigs: presentation of educative materials** *Hans Spolder*, Director and coordinator of the EU Reference Centre for Animal Welfare - Pigs
- 16.45 – 17.15 Questions and Answers

CLOSING SESSION

CHAIR: Bernard Van Goethem, Director for Crisis Management in Food, Animals and Plants, DG SANTE

- 17.15 – 17.30 Conclusions and closing of the meeting

