

## Subgroup on Animal Welfare labelling

### – MINUTES –

#### Second meeting

Monday 23 November 2020, 09.30 – 11.30 CET, Brussels time

#### Attendance

<b>Independent expert</b>	Jarkko Niemi (JN)
<b>Civil society organisations</b>	Inês Grenho Ajuda (IGA), Alexandra Joos (AJ), Marcin Sokołowski (MS), Miguel Angel Higuera (MAH), Marie Guyot (MG), Trine Vig Tamstorf (TVT), Christina M. Nygaard (CN),
<b>Business and professional organisations</b>	Léon Arnts (LA), Maria Teresa Villalba (MTV), Chair Denis Simonin (DS) Margot Kuzma
<b>Member States</b>	Aude Luyckx Françoise Divanach Daniela Marullo Celia Burgaz
<b>European Commission</b>	

### 1. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting by the subgroup on AW labelling on Thursday 27 October 2020 were approved. The agenda was adopted.

### 2. Discussion on the updated templates to collect information

Based on collaboration with other members of the subgroup, IGA presented an amended template to collect information on existing schemes. The presentation was followed by a short discussion by members of the subgroup to solve doubts and reach an agreement on the final document.

### 3. Discussion on next steps (presentation of cases/discussions/drafting)

DS explained that the initial approach of collecting data through the template and bibliography was not compatible with the timeframe and the resources available. He therefore suggested proceeding differently.

Instead of consolidating detailed information, the future meetings would be dedicated to short presentations by members of the subgroup followed by discussions. The three hours' meeting could be divided by two sets of presentations (30 minutes presentation +30 minutes questions and answers) and then a hour of final debate to identify and draft useful elements for recommendations. This will allow the group to go through around 8 presentations for the first four meetings and leave the rest for finalising the recommendations (May).

Presentations could be chosen from three different angles that are not mutually exclusive. One would be to go through particular sectors in Europe (e.g. pigs, poultry, etc.); another one would

be to take a case study (i.e. the Danish or the Dutch schemes); the third one would be to organise a presentation on a particular topic (e.g. consumer awareness, controls, scoring systems, etc.).

The members of the group suggested the following:

- collecting of 8 to 10 representative schemes,
- using a mixed approach and to try to use a representative sample of a variety of topics;
- taking note of the German Presidency survey and the Council conclusions;
- hearing from an expert in organic farming;
- inviting external experts, like Welfare Quality experts or from University of Copenhagen;
- Using the template discussed for the presentation and the future study.

#### 4. Assignments of tasks

Participants volunteered to make presentations in the upcoming sessions, as follows:

<b>LA</b>	<b><i>Better life label in the Netherlands, focused on few species (i.e. broilers, pigs)</i></b>
<b>CN</b>	<b><i>Danish animal welfare labelling</i></b>
<b>MTV</b>	<i>Laying hens in Spain</i>
<b>JN</b>	<i>Consumers' approach</i>
<b>MAH</b>	<i>Spanish system for the meat sectors (pigs, cattle, sheep, and rabbit)</i>
<b>IGA</b>	<i>Animal welfare labelling in France.</i>
<b>MG</b>	<i>Overview of animal welfare labelling in Europe</i>

DS will check if he can organise a presentation on organic farming by an expert.

**LA and CN will make the presentations on the next meeting** (January).

The presentations to be used shall be shared with DS in advance.

DS reminded participants to think of the order for the next presentations in the upcoming meetings.

#### 5. Reminder for the next meeting

**The date of the next meeting is 13 January 2021 (in the morning).** Invitation will follow.