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# **Voluntary Initiative on pullets**

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## Background

The EU Platform on animal welfare should be an instrument to promote animal welfare standards and to share information and experiences from voluntary initiatives

Council Directive 98/58/EC concerning the protection of animals kept for farming purposes apply to pullets.

- The provisions are general and do not address the complex animal welfare challenges, which may arise during the rearing period of pullets, and which may affect their welfare both during rearing and later in the egg-laying period

On this background a discussion paper on best management practice for the welfare of pullets was drawn up and send to the Chairman of the Platform by its members from Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden, Belgium, and Denmark



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At the meeting of the platform in June 2018 I announced the intention of establishing a voluntary initiative on pullets

- ✓ Terms of reference were drafted
- ✓ Platform members were invited to indicate interest in becoming a member or to nominate a candidate for the voluntary initiative group
- ✓ The voluntary initiative group shall focus on the establishment of a guide to best animal welfare practice for the keeping of pullets meant for the production of eggs for human consumption
- ✓ Basis for discussions in the group is the discussion paper
- ✓ First meeting held on 29 October 2018



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## The members

### Member States:

- ❖ Denmark, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, and Sweden

### Business and professional organisations:

- ❖ Association of Poultry Processors and Poultry Trade in the EU, Copa-Cogeca, European Rural Poultry Association, and ISAE

### Civil society organisations:

- ❖ Compassion in World Farming and RSPCA

### International Organisations:

- ❖ OIE





Thank you – questions?