



# 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the EU Platform on Animal Welfare

**Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed**

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## Overview

- **Commission Decision of 24 January 2017** establishing the Commission Expert Group 'Platform on Animal Welfare'
- **75 members:** Member States, NGOs, business and professional organisations, scientific independent experts



# Tasks and meetings

- **Tasks:**

- Better enforcement of EU animal welfare legislation
- Development of voluntary commitments
- Promotion of EU standards globally

- **Meetings:**

2017: 6 June and 10 November

2018: 21 June and 19 November



# Outcomes of the 4th meeting

## Opening session

- Speech of Commissioner Andriukaitis:
  - Establishment of a second EU Reference Centre for Animal Welfare
  - Evaluation of the EU Animal Welfare Strategy 2012-2015
- Presentation of the European Court of Auditors' report  
*"Animal welfare in the EU: closing the gap between ambitious goals & practical implementation"*



# Outcomes of the 4th meeting

## **1. Enforcement**

- Outcomes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the subgroup on transport
- Selection process and composition of the subgroup on pigs
- DG SANTE project "*Quality Controls and Indicators for Animal Welfare*"



# Outcomes of the 4th meeting

## 2. Voluntary initiatives

- Responsible ownership and care of **equidae**
- Health and welfare of **pets** (dogs) in trade
- Welfare of **fish**
- Welfare of **pullets** (laying hens)



# Outcomes of the 4th meeting

## 3. Information & knowledge sharing

- Digital Tool
- First EU Reference Centre for Animal Welfare
- A third country experience: New Zealand



## What is next?

### In 2019:

- 29 April: 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Platform
- 23 September: 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Platform
- Two meetings of each of the two subgroups







## Important links

- Webpage of the EU Platform on Animal Welfare:  
[http://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/welfare/eu-platform-animal-welfare\\_en](http://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/welfare/eu-platform-animal-welfare_en)
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