



# Animal Welfare Platform 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Everyone is Responsible



**"Subgroups, quality controls and indicators"**

**19th November**

**Terence Cassidy, DG Health and Food Safety, F2 Animals**



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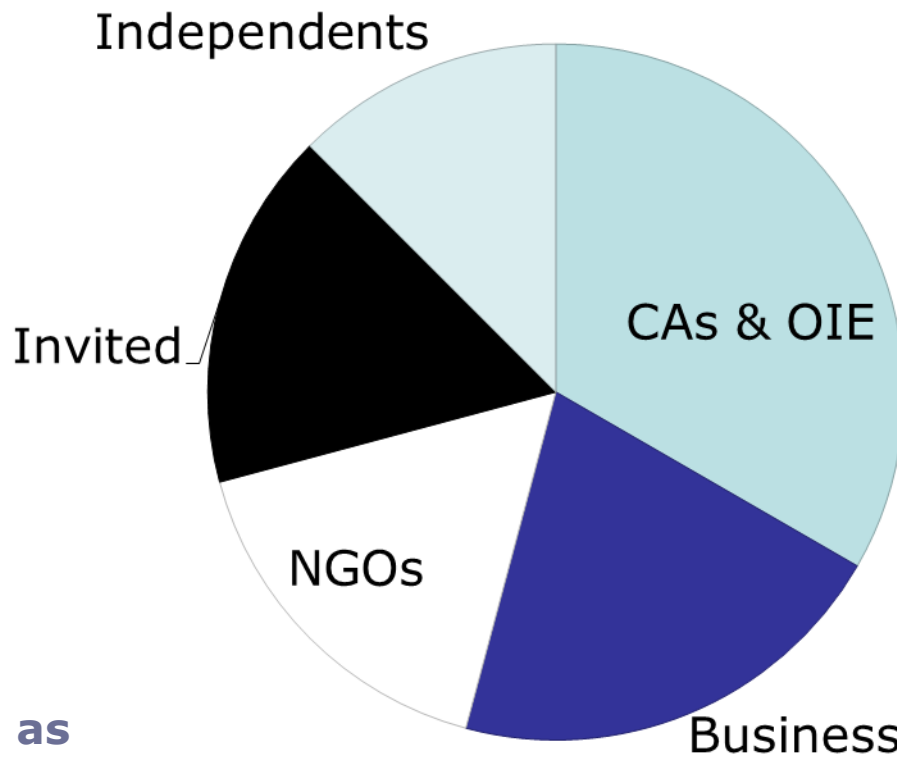
# My talk

- 1. Transport subgroup*
- 2. Pig subgroup*
- 3. Quality controls & indicators for animal welfare*



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# Membership of transport subgroup

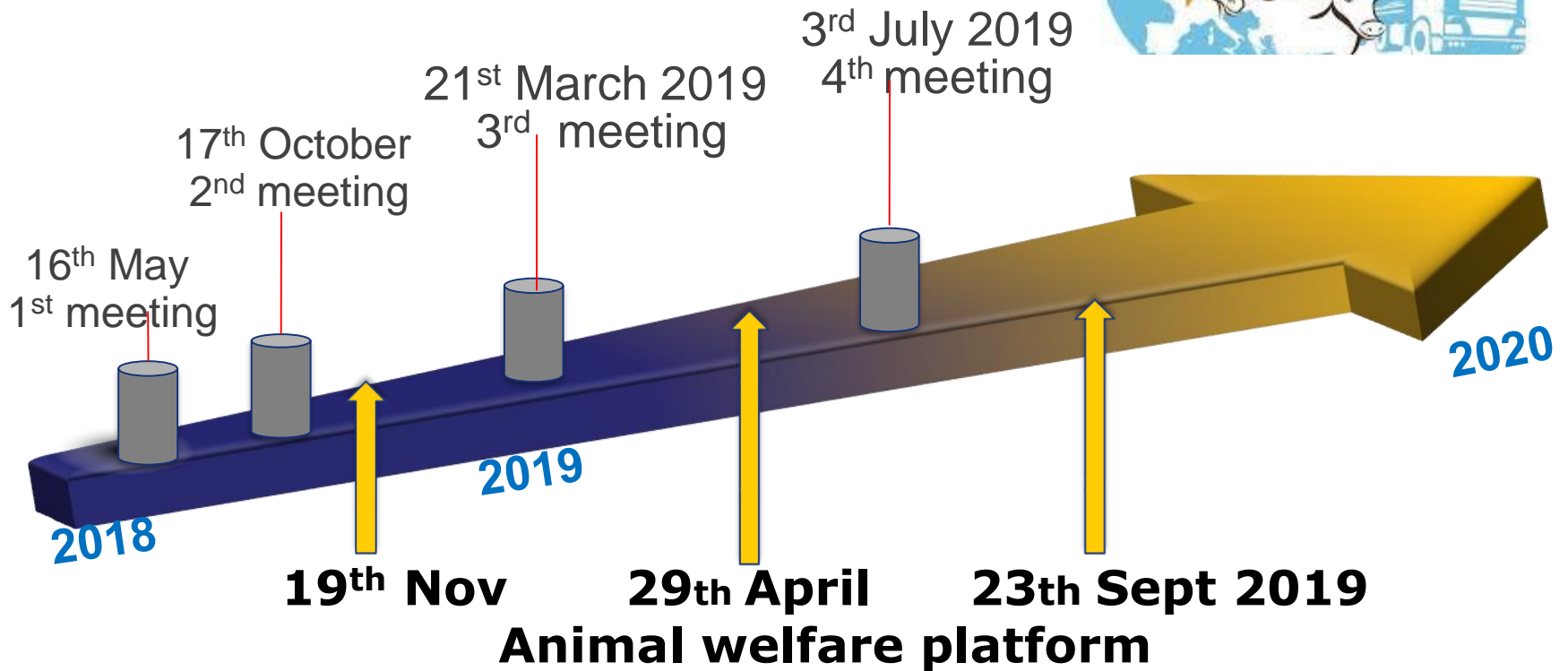


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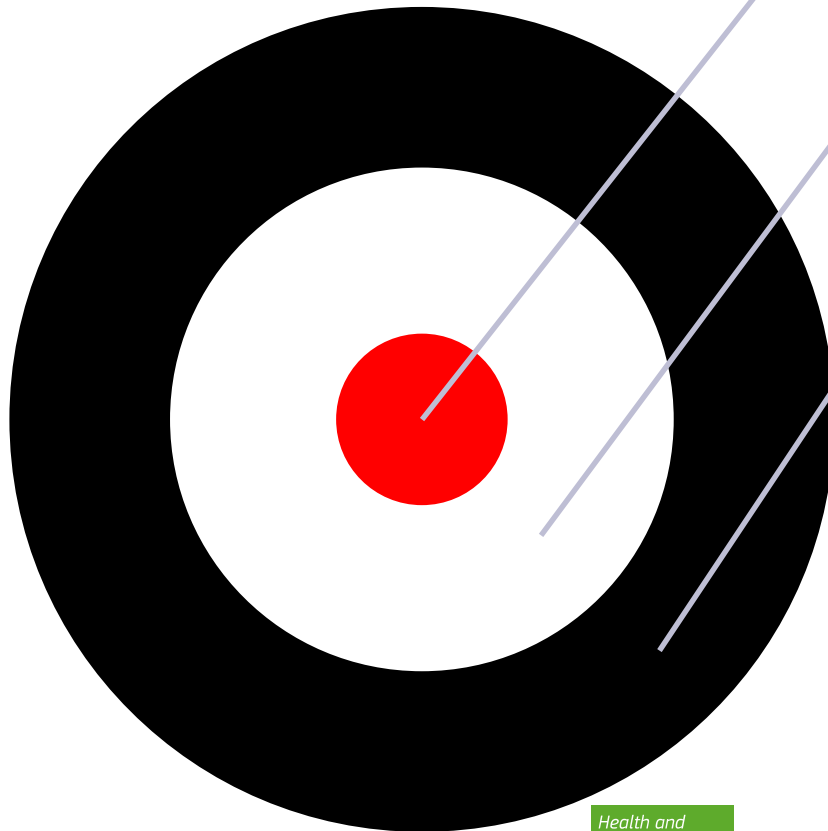
# Transport Subgroup





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## Aims of subgroup



To **assist** and **advise** the Commission on (difficult) issues

Provide information, recommendations and proposals for better animal welfare during animal transport.

**Contribute to the objectives of the Platform**



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# Difficult issues

1. *Extreme temperatures;*
2. *Export of cattle;*
3. *Unweaned animals.*





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# EXTREME TEMPERATURES

Coordinator: Sanna Mesman (NL)

Providing information, recommendations and proposals for practices which help deliver better animal welfare during animal transport



1<sup>st</sup> Meeting : 16 May 2018

2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting : 17 October 2018

**The EU Animal Welfare Platform:**  
promoting dialogue on animal welfare issues relevant at EU level.



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# Work Plan and Achievements

**1. Factsheets** (cattle/sheep/goats/pigs/horses/poultry) for organizers, transporters and drivers, based on ATG

The first drafts are available on the Digital Tool **Questions to be answered** (reference ATG, IPR, etc.)

**2. List of research gaps**

A draft is available on Digital Tool

**3. Scenario-Solution Document**

Template under discussion in the group

**4. Communication Strategy**

A first draft is now available on Digital Tool



List of  
Cross-Cutting Issues  
To be discussed with  
other Working Groups  
-next meeting  
agenda?





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# Work plan – Export of cattle

Co-ordinator Joao Vieira (UECBV)

- 1 – Factsheet on organising the journey to non-EU countries.*
- 2 – List import requirements for main destination non-EU countries.*
- 3 – List resting facilities for animals in non-EU countries.*
- 4 – Encourage authorities in main non-EU countries to set up contact point.*





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# Export of cattle

*Deliverable 1 - Factsheet on the organisation of journeys to non-EU countries – **final stages** and adoption soon*

- *Other deliverables in different stages of development, with a second document very advanced*
- *Need for a focus on cooperation with third countries*
- *Next meeting will focus on transport by sea, and innovative ways to improve compliance in cattle exports to non-EU countries*

# Impact of the current transport regime

- *Long distance transport of calves is not farm to farm.*
- *Mostly it is assembly centre to assembly centre.*
- *This increases the risk of a negative impact on their health and welfare and ability to cope with long distance transport.*



## Unweaned animals

Co-ordinator Antonio Velarde (IRTA)

*Q1 Prolonged hunger,*

*Q2 Thermal comfort,*

*Q3 Health & fitness*

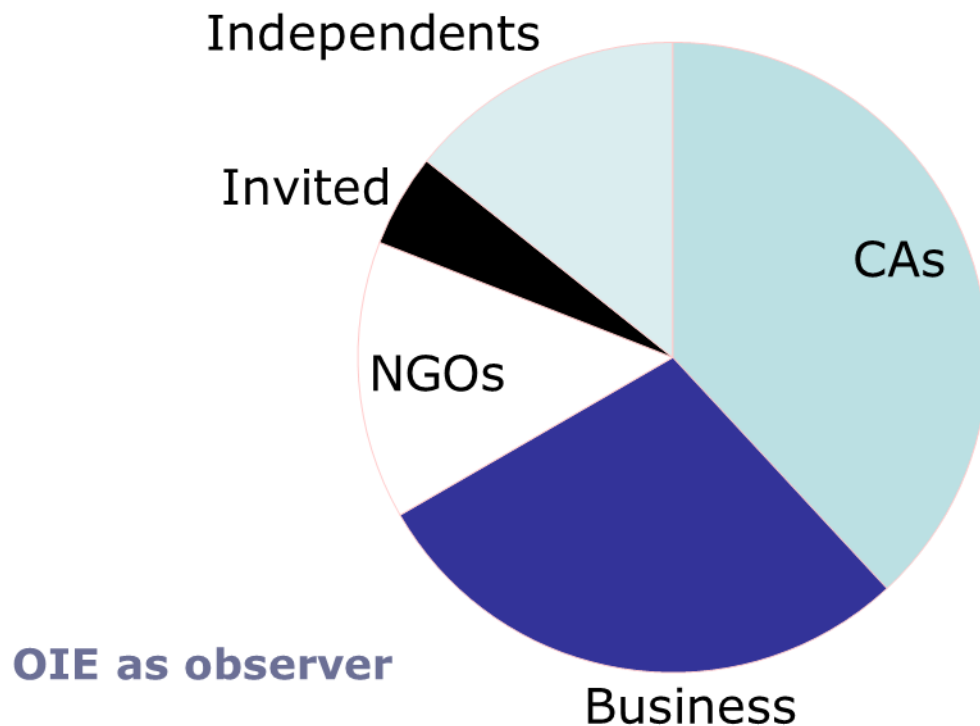
*Q1 Prolonged hunger:*

- *Calves need approx. 10-20% of body weight as milk daily;*
- *Unable to get milk on the truck and might suffer from prolonged hunger (& one hour stop not sufficient to feed them);*
- *Offer water in addition to milk;*
- *Animal based measures: cross-sucking and competition for milk, if available.*



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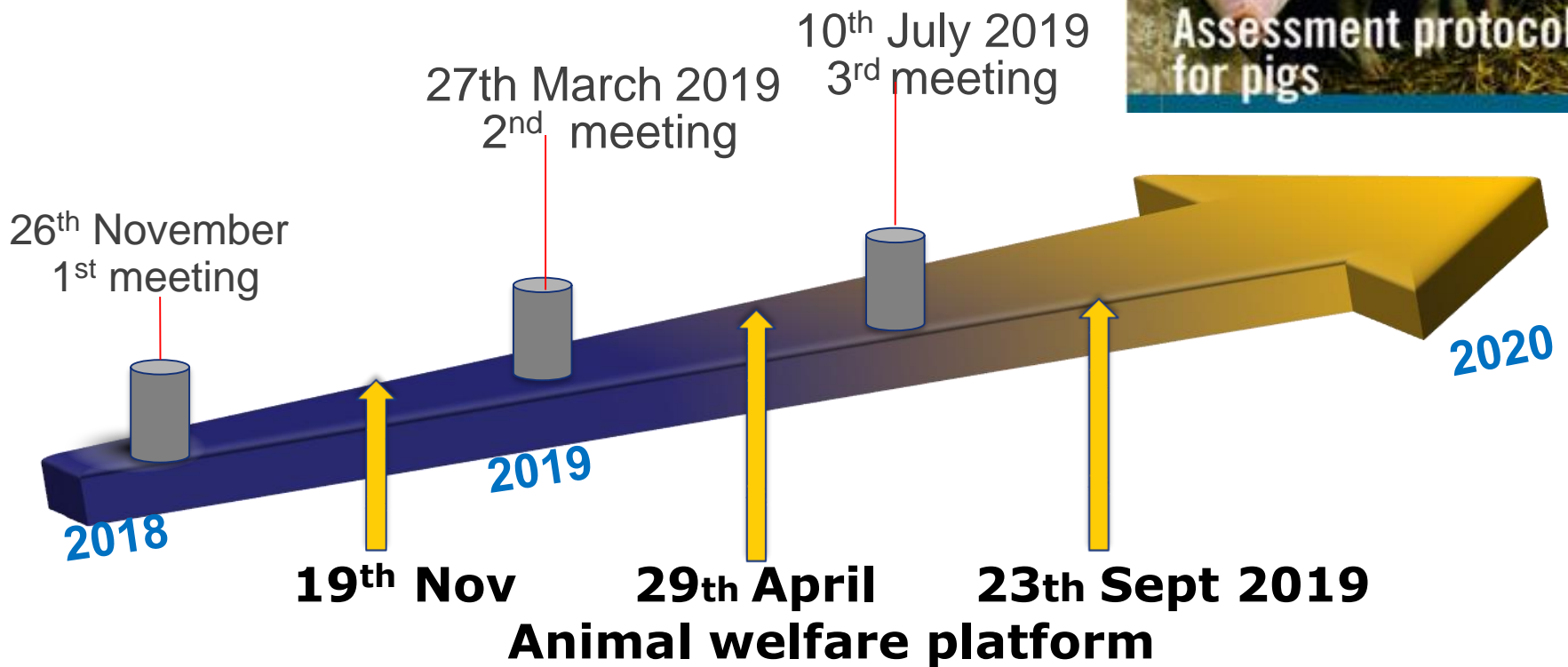
# Membership of Pig subgroup





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# Pig Subgroup

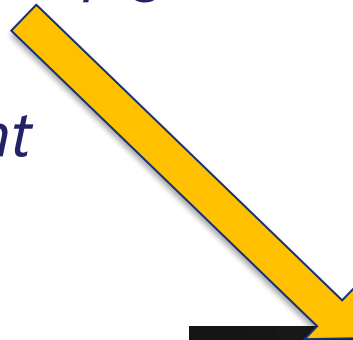
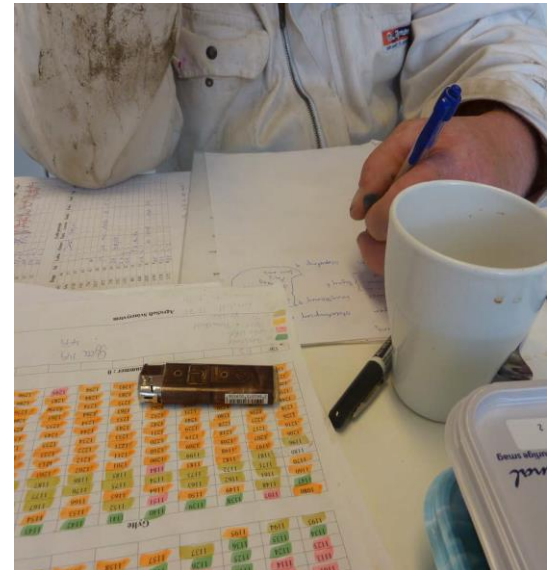




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# Difficult issues

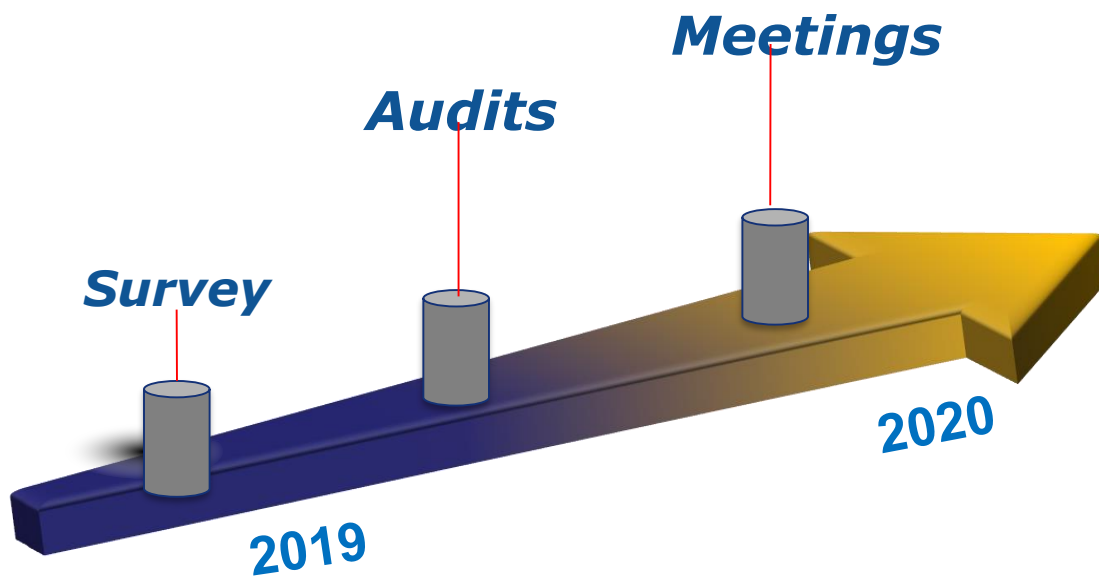
1. *Barriers to changing production practices;*
2. *Assessing health status of pigs, diet and competition;*
3. *Improving management and environment.*





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# New DG SANTE project: 2019 "Quality controls and indicators"



## *Outcomes*

- 1. Guidance for Member States on organising official controls;*
- 2. Mapping the use of animal welfare indicators.*





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