



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'

Commission Decision of 29 November 2019 extending the Platform mandate until June 2021

Commission Decision of 7 May 2021 renewing the Platform mandate and its membership, until June 2025



Tasks of the Platform

The main tasks of the Platform is to assist the Commission and help to hold regular dialogue on Union matters directly related to animal welfare such as enforcement of the legislation, exchanges of scientific knowledge, innovations and good animal welfare practices.



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Tasks of the Platform & Farm to Fork Strategy

- exploring options for an EU animal welfare label
- working on issues related to the enforcement of the animal welfare legislation
- collecting views supporting the future revision of the animal welfare legislation



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Tasks of the Platform & the OCR

In the context of the Regulation (EU) 2017/625 on Official Controls, the Platform could also assist the Commission with the development of guidance documents or the preparation of non-legislative acts aimed at facilitating and harmonizing the implementation of animal welfare rules, by providing input on technical and scientific issues as well as practical experience in this area.



Composition

- **75 members**
 - 35 from public entities
 - 20 from business and professional organisations
 - 10 from civil society
 - 10 scientific independent experts (*9 at present*)
 - 4 observers: Switzerland & three EU Reference Centres on animal welfare



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Meetings

- **Chaired by the Director General of DG SANTE**
- **2 plenary meetings per year**
- **8 meetings until now**

Digital tool



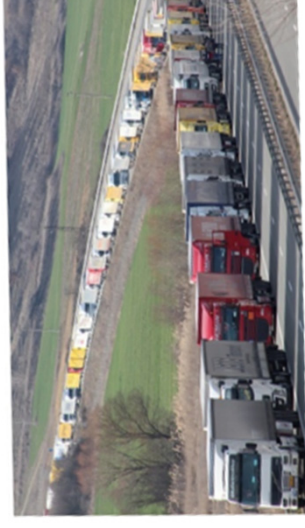


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Sub-groups

Three sub-groups managed by the EC

- Animal transport
- Welfare of pigs
- **Animal welfare labelling**





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The mandate

To assist the Commission to:

- **Identify** certification schemes
- **Establish** common comparison **criteria**
- **Analyse** the selected schemes
- **Propose** key EU actions
- **Establish** a **baseline** and **indicators**



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Voluntary initiatives

- **Five initiatives identified and handled by Members:**
 - Responsible ownership and care of **equidae**
 - Health and welfare of **pets** (dogs) in trade
 - Welfare of **fish**
 - Welfare of **pullets** (laying hens)
 - **Piglets** castration



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What is next?

In 2021:

- Call for applications for members of type "A" (private experts) & type "C" (organisations)
- Two plenary meetings: in June and November



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Important links

- Webpage of the EU Platform on Animal Welfare: http://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/welfare/welfare/eu-platform-animal-welfare_en
- #EU4AnimalWelfare
- SANTE-ANIMAL-WELFARE-PLATFORM@ec.europa.eu



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