



European
Commission

EU Platform on Animal Welfare Inaugural Meeting - 6 June 2017

Charlemagne building, Mansholt room
Rue de la Loi 170, B-1049 Brussels

DRAFT AGENDA

8.30 – 10.00 Registration of participants

Opening (CHAIR: Xavier Prats Monné, Director General for Health and Food Safety)

10.00 – 10.05 Welcome to participants

10.05 – 10.15 **Keeping EU leadership on animal welfare**
Vytenis Andriukaitis, Commissioner for Health and Food Safety

10.15 – 10.25 **Member States as key players**
Paula Calamatta, Maltese Presidency of the Council of the European Union, Head of Unit for Agriculture and Fisheries, Veterinary and Phytosanitary Attaché

MORNING SESSION (CHAIR: Xavier Prats Monné, Director General for Health and Food Safety)

10.25 – 10.45 **Why an EU Platform on Animal Welfare?**

- **Adoption of the agenda**
- **Adoption of the Rules of Procedure**

Xavier Prats Monné, Director General for Health and Food Safety

10.45 – 11.05 Coffee Break



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Welfare

The following three sessions are focused on the priorities of the Commission related to animal welfare. The intention is to have the views of the members on the prospect of future EU actions related to animal welfare and its added value. The members will be asked to present their experiences and their possible contributions.

SESSION 1: How can the Platform contribute to better application and understanding of EU legislation on animal welfare?

As regards the better application and understanding of EU legislation the Commission focuses its work on the pig directive (in particular routine tail docking), the transport of animals (in particular live animals export) and the stunning of poultry.

11.05 – 11.15 **Commission priorities in enforcing EU legislation on animal welfare**
Ana Ramirez Vela, Head of Unit, Unit F2, Health and Food Safety

11.15 – 12.25 **Exchange of views**

- What is your experience (successes and failures) in better enforcement of EU legislation?
- What is the role of research and education in relation to EU legislation on animal welfare?
- How do you disseminate knowledge on animal welfare?
- How could you contribute to the better application and understanding of EU legislation? How does your work fit with the Commission priorities?

12.25 – 13.55 **Lunch Break**



AFTERNOON SESSION

(CHAIR: Ladislav Miko, Deputy Director General for Health and Food Safety)

SESSION 2: How the Platform can contribute to promote EU animal welfare standards globally?

As regards the promotion of EU animal welfare standards globally the Commission focuses its work on bilateral and multilateral actions, where stakeholders' involvement plays a key supporting role.

13.55 – 14.05 **What is the Commission doing to promote EU standards in the world?**

Bernard Van Goethem, Director, Directorate G, Health and Food Safety

14.05 – 14.15 **What is the World Organisation for Animal Health doing on animal welfare in Europe?**

Nadège Leboucq, Sub-Regional Representative of World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), Brussels

14.15 – 15.25 **Exchange of views**

- What is your experience (successes and failures) in raising awareness on animal welfare in non-EU countries?
- What lessons learnt can you share in carrying out and assessing capacity building initiatives in non-EU countries?
- How do you cooperate with stakeholders in non-EU countries?
- How do you promote research and implementation of its results in non-EU countries?
- What is your experience in financing and monitoring the implementation of animal welfare projects in infrastructure developments in non-EU countries?
- How could you contribute to the promotion of EU standards outside the EU? How does your work fit with the Commission priorities?

15.25 – 15.55 **Coffee Break**



SESSION 3: Examples on how the Platform can facilitate the use of voluntary commitments and promote market value of animal welfare friendly products.

As regards the use of voluntary commitments and the promotion of market value of animal welfare friendly products the Commission focuses its work on the development of mutual understanding in areas where no EU legislation exists: both horizontally (quality schemes, etc.) and in relation to specific species (rabbits, dairy cows, farm fish etc.).

15.55 – 16.05 Animal welfare label

Katharina Kluge, Head of Animal Welfare Unit, Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture, Germany

16.05 – 16.15 European Declaration on pig castration

Gé Backus, Director, Agri and Food, Netherlands

16.15 – 17.25 Exchange of views:

- What successes, and failures, can you share on labelling schemes?
- What about species specific guidelines?
- Do you have experiences to share in a specific animal welfare project on national or regional level? Did it lead to a change of common practice?
- What are you able to do to contribute to the Commission priorities on animal welfare? How does your work fit with the Commission priorities?

Closing

(CHAIR: Ladislav Miko, Deputy Director General for Health and Food Safety)

17.25 – 17.35 'Any other business'

17.35 – 17.45 Conclusions and closing of the meeting

