The future EU animal welfare strategy: Towards a new model of governance
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Better Training for Safer Food

Improving animal welfare standards
BTSF*: animal welfare activities

- Among the first training activities organised (since 2007)
- Around 11 events involving almost 750 participants (mainly official veterinarians)
- Main focus given, up to now, to slaughter/killing and transport
- Future activities:
  - focus on welfare at farm level
  - e-learning modules

More information?
http://ec.europa.eu/food/training_strategy/index_en.htm

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35 years of EU policy initiatives

- 1974: Protection at slaughter
- 1986: Protection in experiments
- 1988: Protection of laying hens
- 1991: Protection during transport
- 1998: General farm animal protection
- 2006: AW Action Plan
- 2009: Seal products ban
Something “new” is coming...

Future strategy on animal welfare 2011-2015

- Need to reinforce existing tools
  - International cooperation
  - Communication and education
  - Enforcement (e.g. common methodology to address animal welfare risks)
  - Research

- New approach
  - Relevant for EU citizens
  - Costs efficient and economically
What happens?

- Human/animal relationship
- Consumers expectations
- Impacts of AW on internal market, food safety, agriculture and trade

Are VETS the missing link?
Veterinary profession

- Vets = important actors in promoting and assuring the health and welfare of animals
- Vets = important role in providing expertise and knowledge to:
  - general public
  - animal keepers
  - policy makers
- Benefits for the animals & the owners
New Dynamic Governance Model

- **Goal:** to promote animal welfare in a holistic and global framework
- **Method:** more players, more coordination, more tools, and stratification of goals
- **Legislation is the foundation (minimum)**
  - Invest in other options to promote a flourishing of animal welfare and innovation in the field and market
New governance for animal welfare?

Economy
Quality
Science
Competition
+
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Sustainability
Multicultural values
New governance for animal welfare?

**Tools**
- Codes,
- Legislation,
- Education,
- Private Schemes.

**Network of Actors:**
- Government,
- Producers,
- Retailers,
- Consumers,
- Academia,
- Veterinarians,
- Public

**One Health, One Welfare**
- Multiple Goals for Animal Welfare
  for different players within a single global vision
For further reference please visit:

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