

EU Platform on animal Welfare and the Subgroup on pig welfare

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Subgroup on pig welfare of the EU Platform on Animal Welfare

Aims to contribute to the objectives of the Platform by providing information, recommendations and proposals for practices which help deliver better pig welfare.

- **Three Meetings 2018/19**
- **Wide representation: sector, research, CA, NGO, invited experts, COM secretariat**
- **2 Papers presented at Animal Welfare Platform Oct 2019**
- **Papers contain recommendations for future action**

What are the Papers about?

- **Measuring tail damage at the slaughterhouse and setting common thresholds**
- **Indicators for tail biting risks relating to compliance criteria on health, dietary factors and space and competition.**
- **Commission invited Platform members to disseminate them and passed on to EU Ref Centre for Animal Welfare**

Update- Animal Welfare Platform

- The Animal Welfare Platform will be extended until at least June 2021
- The formal procedure to adopt the extension should be around 28 November 2019
- Future activities remain to be announced

NEWSFLASH!

- Federation of Veterinarians in Europe (FVE) & European Association of Porcine Health Medicine (EAPHM) position paper (FVE/018/doc/062) on preventing tail docking and tail biting
- Available from FVE.org
- Echoes COM position on Action Plans etc