



# The EU Platform on Animal Welfare

**Civil Dialogue Group on Animal Products – Milk**  
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## Legal base



- **Commission Decision of 24 January 2017**  
*establishing the Commission Expert Group 'Platform on Animal Welfare'*

# Key principles of the Platform

- *It is an expert group of the Commission*
- *In line with the Commission objectives and priorities*
- *Chaired /managed by the Commission (twice/year)*



# The Platform as a new paradigm

- Create a network of motivated stakeholders
- Focus only on EU relevant issues
- Achieve results through commitments

***"Everyone is responsible"***



# Composition of the Platform

- **75 members of the Platform**
  - 35 public entities
  - 20 business and professional organisations
  - 10 civil society
  - 10 scientific independent experts
  - 1 observer (Switzerland)
- **40 members** from a call for application out of 160 applications (non public entities)

## Key tasks of the Platform

- *Better application and understanding of EU legislation*
- *Development and use of voluntary commitments*
- *Promotion EU animal welfare standards globally*



# Inaugural meeting - 6 June 2017

- A general discussion around 3 key tasks through examples
- Very positive feedback from stakeholders
- Many expectations and demands



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# Second meeting – 10 November 2017

- Enforcement: **1st sub-group animal transport**
- Voluntary commitments: **unwanted horse**
- Information / knowledge sharing **EFSA** and **Animal transport guides**





# What is next?

- **2018:**

- Two meetings of the Platform = occasion for in depth discussions and networking
- Two meetings of the sub-group on Animal transport
- Establishment of second subgroup on pigs
- Network building



# Is the Platform relevant for the dairy sector?

- The **European Dairy Association** is a member of the Platform
- Abundant technical information on animal welfare of dairy cows
- Few EU legal requirements
- An **opportunity** to the sector
  - to establish network with other stakeholders
  - To develop and/or publicise self-regulatory initiatives



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# Important links

- Webpage

[http://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/welfare/eu-platform-animal-welfare\\_en](http://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/welfare/eu-platform-animal-welfare_en)

- Records of the meetings

<https://webcast.ec.europa.eu/inaugural-meeting-of-the-platform-on-animal-welfare>

<https://webcast.ec.europa.eu/second-meeting-of-the-platform-on-animal-welfare>

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