



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)*



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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**

Vytenis Andriukaitis @V_Andriukaitis · 10. Nov.
#AnimalWelfare Platform meeting ongoing 📺 webcast.ec.europa.eu/second-meeting...
#EUAnimalWelfare
My speech ➔ europa.eu/!Bk39gH

EU Platform on Animal Welfare
2nd Meeting
10 November 2017

AnimalhealthEurope, Euro Coop, EurogroupForAnimals und 2 weitere

Sub-Group 'Animal Transport'
1st EU Animal Welfare Reference Centre
EU Animal Welfare Strategy



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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

The EU Animal Welfare Platform:
promoting dialogue on animal
welfare issues relevant at EU level.



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http://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/welfare/eu-platform-animal-welfare_en

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

- Records of the meetings

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

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