

EU activities on animal transport

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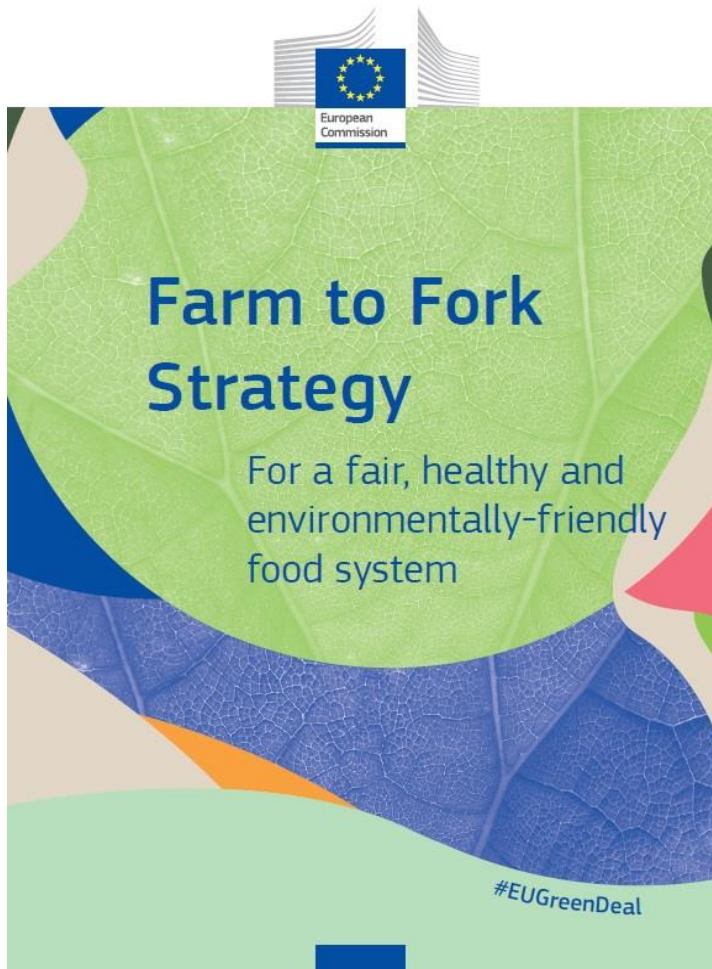


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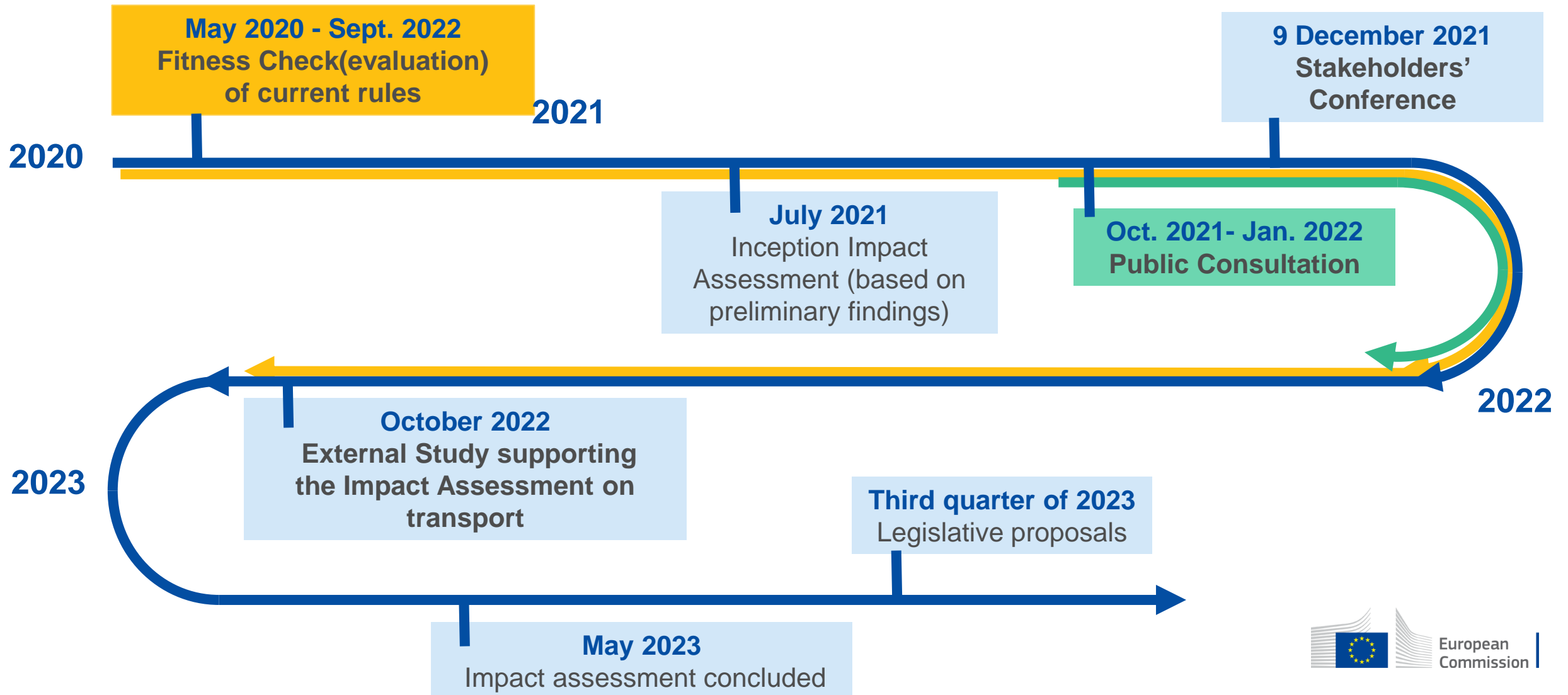
Farm to Fork Strategy

“Better animal welfare improves animal health and food quality, reduces the need for medication and can help preserve biodiversity.”

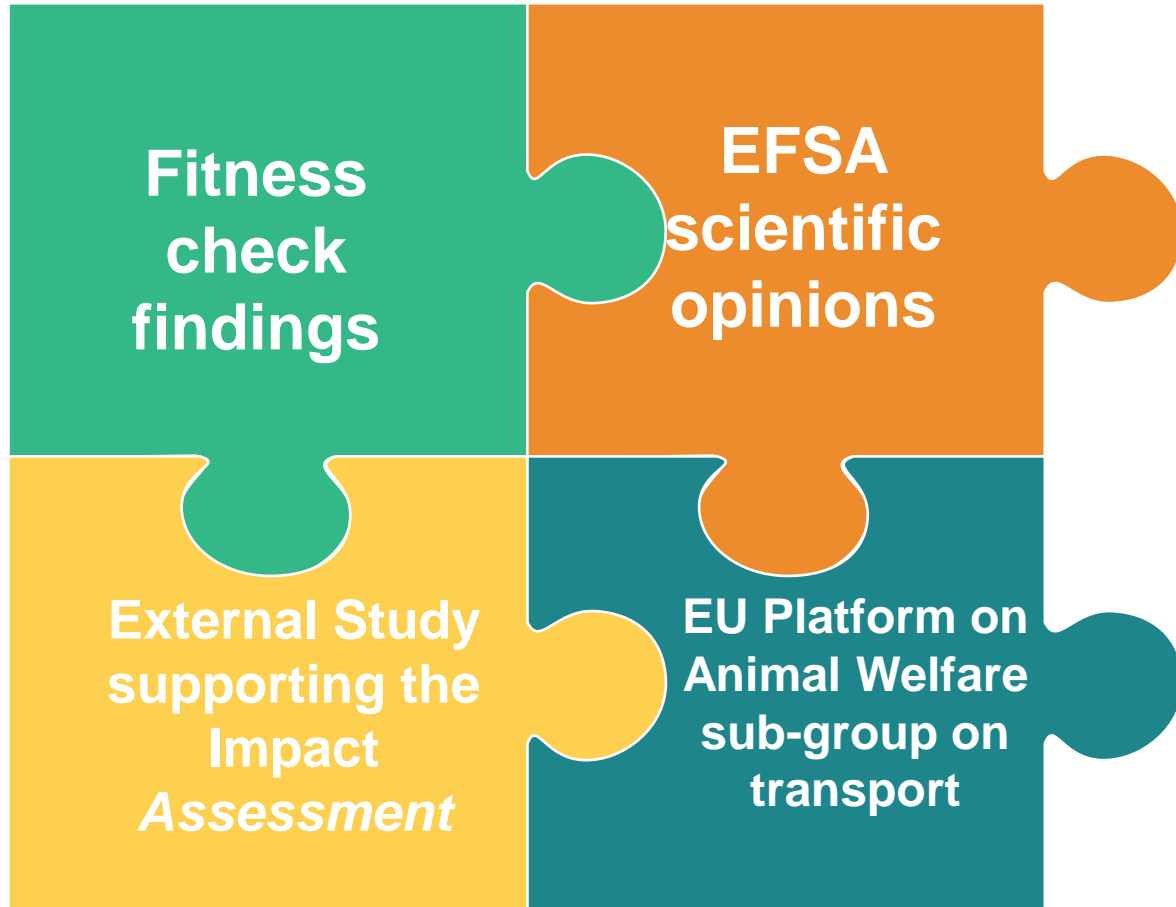


*“The Commission will **revise the animal welfare legislation**, including on animal **transport** and the **slaughter** of animals, to align it with the latest scientific evidence, broaden its scope, make it easier to enforce and ultimately **ensure a higher level of animal welfare.**”*

Process towards the revision of the EU transport legislation



Elements in support of the assessment



Fitness Check findings – main lessons learned

NEED FOR UPDATE

- Legislation needs to be updated to reflect societal expectations and ethical concerns, scientific and technological development and sustainability challenges.

MONITORING SYSTEM

- There is a lack of concepts and tools, such as robust indicators, and baselines to measure animal welfare, its variation, and evolution over time.

IMPRECISE PROVISIONS

- The language of certain provisions is too vague and ambiguous.

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

- The potential for further simplification and cost reduction, including by an increased use of digital tools, could be explored.

EFSA scientific opinions on welfare during transport



For free moving animals and animals transported in containers

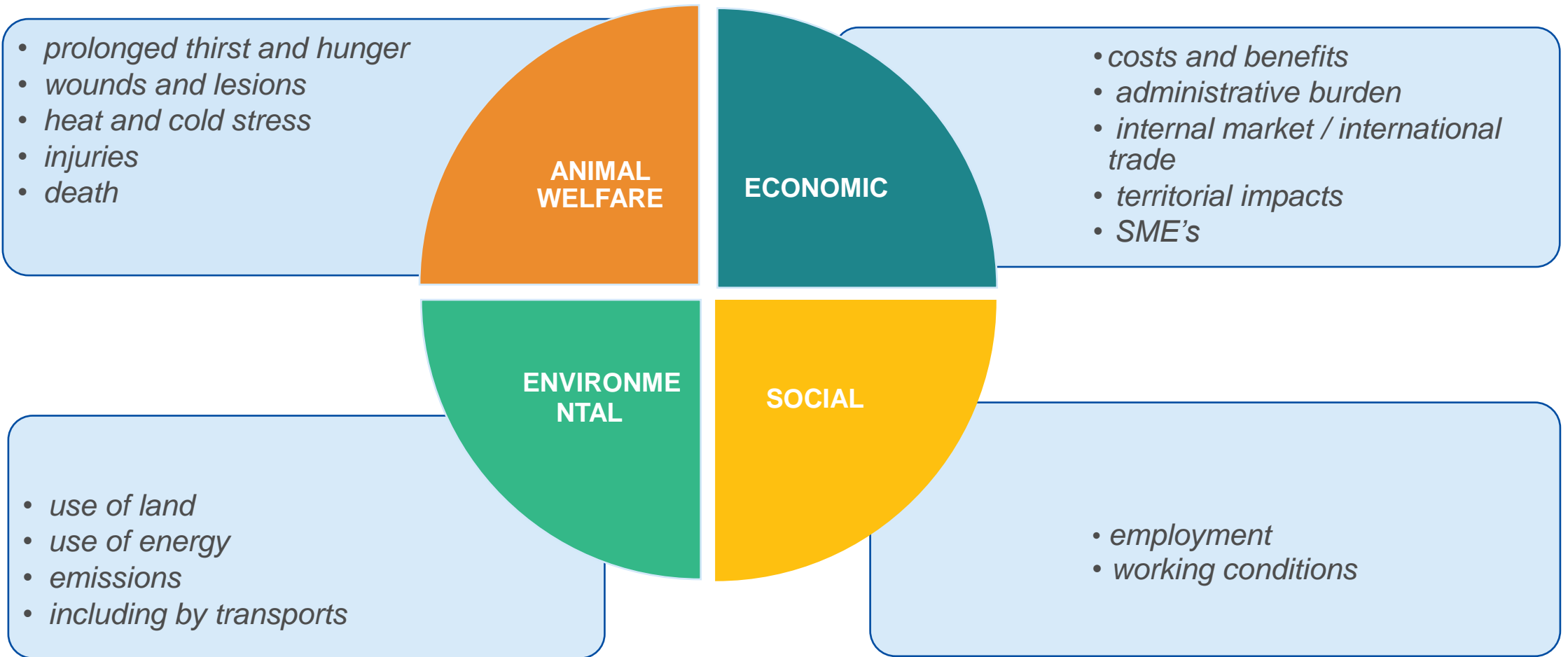
Key conclusions :

- Shorter journeys;
- Lower upper temperatures;
- More space

- <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/infographics/animal-welfare-during-transport-free-moving-animals>
- <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/infographics/animal-welfare-during-transport-animals-containers>



What are the main impacts of the different policy options?



Policy options on transport under assessment

(non-conclusive list)

- Space allowances, travel times and travel conditions
- Live animal exports to non-EU countries
- Unweaned and other vulnerable animals
- Better monitoring and enforcement by introducing new technologies
- Means of transports, adapted to new technologies

More details on the concrete policy options are available in the Inception impact assessment:

https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12950-Animal-welfare-revision-of-EU-legislation_en

Who would be impacted by policy options?



CONSUMERS



FARMERS



**PUBLIC
AUTHORITIES**



ANIMALS



**PROCESSORS
TRANSPORTERS**

EU Platform on Animal Welfare – Sub-group on transport

- A sub-group on the protection of animals during transport since 2022
- All Platform meetings are webstreamed and recorded:
- https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/animal-welfare/eu-platform-animal-welfare/platform-meetings_en

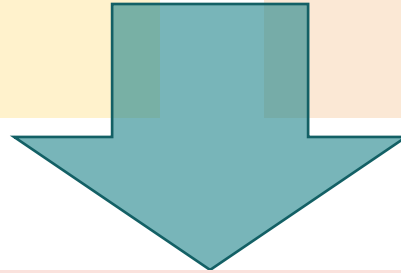
Livestock vessels: Implementing & Delegated Acts

Implementing Act

Basic Act: 1/2005

Delegated Act

Basic Act: OCR



- ❖ Module to register Official Controls
 - ❖ Vet on board first voyage
 - ❖ Inspectors = vets & engineers
- ❖ Contingency plans for sea journey
 - ❖ Control posts at exit points

Commission audits in 2022

- Remote and on-the-spot
- Sea transport
- Transport of calves by road and vessel

Other activities on animal transport

European Parliament Committee of enquiry on animal transport (ANIT)

- June 2020- December 2021
- Implementation by Member States & Enforcement by Commission
- Main recommendations: https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-9-2022-0015_EN.pdf

European Court of Auditors (ECA) review on animal transport

- One year review on animal transport
- Expected publication – spring 2023 (tbc)
- Aimed to support the revision of the current EU legislation

Thank you for your attention!

