

UECBV activities in Animal Welfare

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WHAT IS UECBV?

UECBV is the **European Livestock and Meat Trades Union**. It represents the national federations of the:

- livestock traders
- livestock markets
- meat industry: slaughterhouses, cutting and preparation plants
- wholesale meat traders
- international meat traders

UECBV focuses on **cattle, beef / horses, horsemeat / sheep and goats, sheep and goat meat / pigs, pork.**

European Livestock and Meat Trades Union – UECBV

Today, **UECBV** represents **52 associations** out of :

- **24 EU Member States** as well as certain EFTA countries and **EU candidate countries (Turkey)**.
- Other countries, EU trade partners in the meat sector, are also associated to the UECBV (**Japan, Russia and Ukraine**)

3 European Associations

Livestock markets (AEMB)

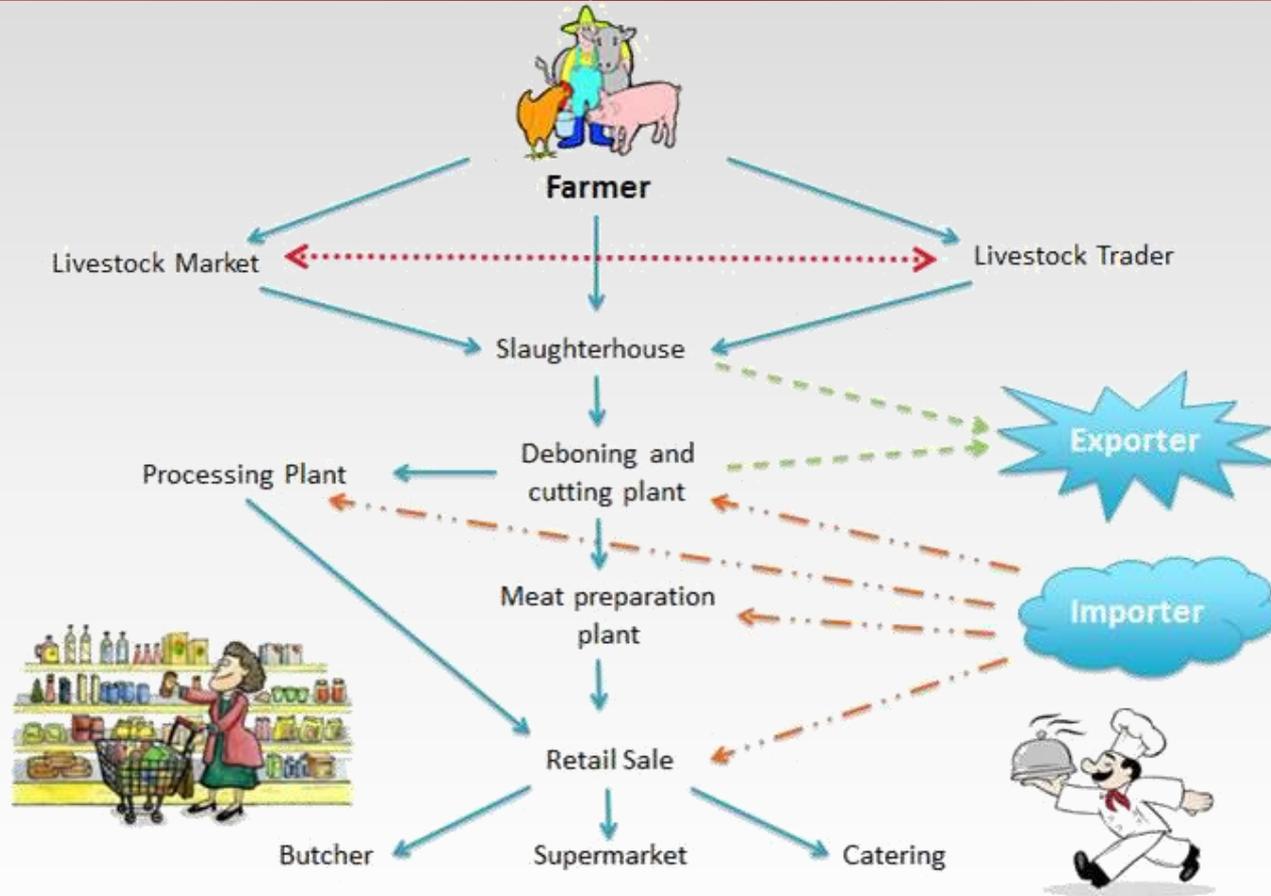
Casings industry (ENSCA)

Ship suppliers (OCEAN)

In total, some **20,000 firms** of all sizes and over **230,000 jobs** are represented within the UECBV through its national member federations.



EU MEAT CHAIN



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- For the welfare of the animal itself;
- To meet the civil society's expectations;
- To contribute to the quality of meat;
- To comply with the legal provisions:

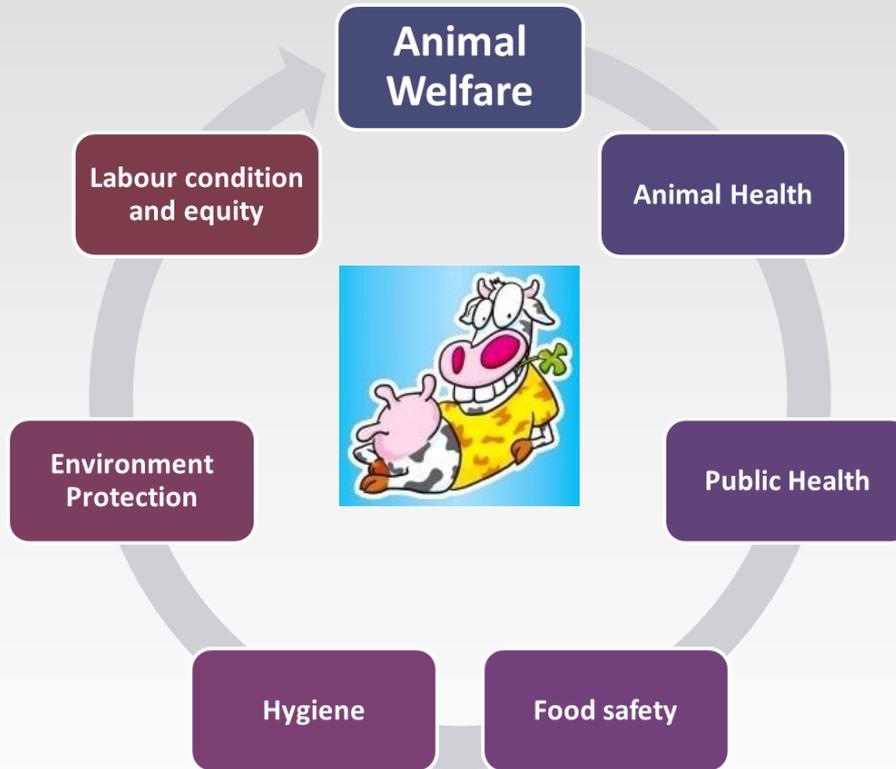
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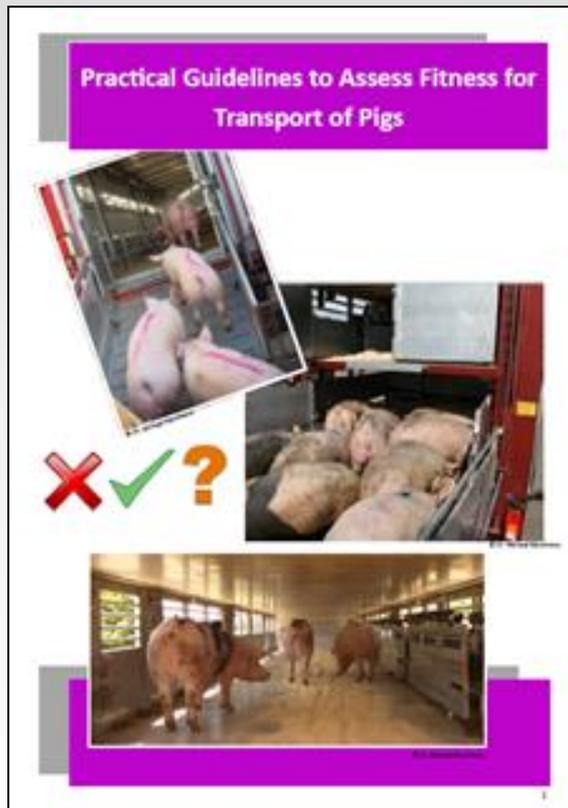
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News from past activities



Practical Guidelines to Assess Fitness for Transport of Pigs

In collaboration with:

- EUROGROUP FOR ANIMALS
- COPA-COGECA
- ANIMALS' ANGELS
- INAPORC
- COOPERL Arc Atlantique
- FVE (Federation of Veterinarians of Europe)
- ELT (European Livestock Transporters)
- IRU (International Road Transport Union)

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Practical Guidelines to Assess Fitness for Transport of Equidae (Horses, Ponies, Donkeys and their Hybrids)



Practical Guidelines to Assess Fitness for Transport of *Equidae*

In collaboration with:

- WORLD HORSE WELFARE
- FEEVA (Federation of European Equine Veterinary Associations)
- ANIMALS' ANGELS
- ATA (Animal Transportation Association)
- AUSTRIAN FEDERAL CHAMBER OF VETERINARY SURGEONS
- AWIN (Animal Welfare Indicators)
- BCP-CBC (Belgian Confederation for the Horse)
- COPA-COGECA (European Farmers and Agri-Cooperatives)
- EUROGROUP FOR ANIMALS
- FISE (Italian Equestrian Sports Federation)
- FVE (Federation of Veterinarians of Europe)
- FFE-PSV (French Equestrian Federation)

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Animal Welfare at Livestock Markets

Guide to best practice

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Animal Welfare at Livestock Market, Guide to best practice:

In collaboration with:

- ANIMALS' ANGELS
- FMBV (Fédération Française des Marchés de Bétail Vif)

Translated into FR and SP, publicly available on AEMB website.

Request received from other MSs rather than the AEMB members.

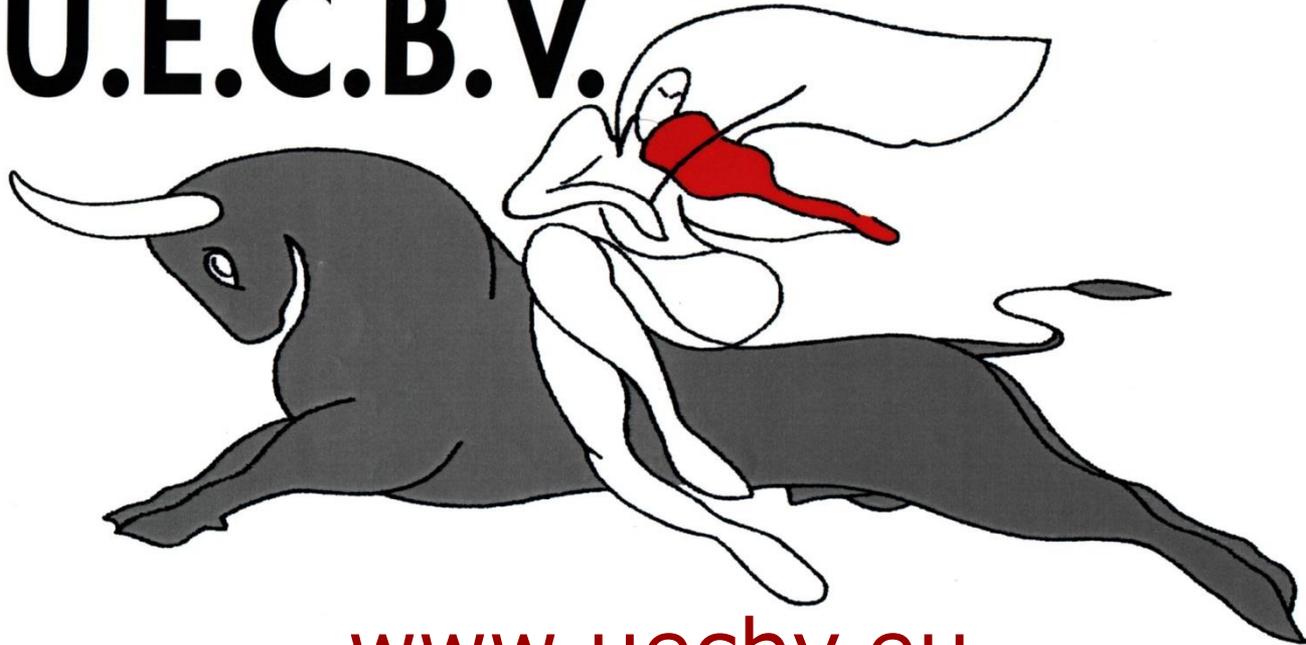
Current/future activities

- UECBV is member of the new EU animal welfare platform: another tool for a better enforcement of the EU legislation on the EU territory and on the territory of the trade partners;
- UECBV task force on Animal Welfare
- Participation in the expert group on alternatives to piglet castration
- Collaboration with AW NGOs on the situation of livestock markets in Bulgaria and Poland
(request for meetings with the Commission Services on this issue)
- EU Commission pilot project on best practices for animal transport (May 2015/April 2018)
- Guidance document for transportability of sheep and goats
- Guidance document for transport of horses for slaughter

Current/future activities

- Collaboration with the charity World Horse Welfare on the welfare of horses during slaughter
- Training in countries where EU is exporting live cattle and live sheep
(waiting for the green light from the Commission services)
- Initiatives of the meat industry regarding the animal welfare during slaughter (CCTV in BE/F/UK/NL) and the coordination by UECBV.

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