



Animal Welfare activities

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Current priority areas of work

- *Ensuring higher standards of implementation and enforcement of EU legislation*
- *Increasing evidence, capacity-building and dialogue between stakeholders*
- *Promoting animal welfare and fair competition globally*





Specific EU Commission's actions on transport and slaughter



The EU animal welfare strategy 2012-2015

A list of 20 EU actions 4 types:

- *Reports on implementation or/and policy alternatives (8 actions)*
- *Enforcement activities(6 actions)*
- *Studies on policy issues (5 actions)*
- *Possible legislative proposal (1 action)*



The EU animal welfare strategy 2012-2015

Related achievements up to now:

- *Implementation of the slaughter regulation*
- *Report on poultry stunning*
- *Study on information to consumers on the stunning of animals*
- *Report on restraining bovine*
- *Study on the welfare of dogs and cats*



The EU animal welfare strategy 2012-2015

Actions to be completed in 2017:

- *Best practices for animal transport*
- *Best practices for animal slaughter/killing*
- *Report on animal welfare international activities*





Other key EU achievements- regular activities

Enforcement

- *Audits*
- *Legal interpretations*
- *National contact points on transport*
- *BTSF workshops*
- *BTSF eLearning module on AW at slaughter and killing for disease control*

Science and innovation

- *European Food Safety Authority work (opinions, AHAW network, EFSA Meeting of National Contact Points under Art 20 of Council Regulation (EC) 1099/2009)*
- *DG SANTE projects*





Long animal transport and live animal exports

Training initiatives:

- **First multi-beneficiary TAIEX Workshop on welfare practices at the time of slaughter, March 2015, Lebanon** (*Lebanon, Turkey, Jordan, Palestine, Egypt, Algeria*)
- **BTSF Workshop on AW during transport and at the time of slaughter, July 2015, Italy** (*9 countries including from Middle East and North Africa*)
- **Exploring further possible training initiatives, in synergies with the activities of OIE Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe**

Enforcement initiatives:

- **Support to MS and dialogue with stakeholders**
- **Dedicated meetings of the National Contact Point on transport**





Developing international cooperation

- **OIE Regional Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe (SG membership)**
- ***Bilateral cooperation via Free Trade Agreements and cooperation forums*** (Chile, New Zealand, Brazil, Australia, Canada, Central America)
- ***Multilateral cooperation with World Animal Health Organisation (OIE) and FAO***
- ***Regional "BTSF World" workshops*** (Canada, Chile, Korea, Brazil, Thailand, Costa Rica, Sri Lanka)
- **BTSF Sustained training missions** (Thailand, Chile, Malawi, Lesotho)
- **European Neighbourhood policies and TAIEX events worldwide**





EU Platform on animal welfare

- Position Paper from NL, DE, SE and DK on Establishment of an EU Platform on Animal Welfare**
- Commission Stakeholders' Meeting on Animal Welfare, 23/02/2016**
- Commission Meeting with Member States on Animal Welfare, 24/02/2016**
- Discussions at the Agricultural and Fisheries Council**
- Ongoing Commission's preparatory work**



Thank you for your attention!

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