

CHAIR'S WELCOME



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Dear All,

On 25 May, our meeting will be dedicated to a workshop on Animal Welfare during transport, in collaboration with the Policy Department for Structural and Cohesion policies.

The workshop will see the participation of four experts: two independent experts and two from research institutes. The experts will present their reports, which are focussing on specific welfare needs for certain categories of animals, as well as on sea transport and good practices found in third countries.

On 31 May, our Committee meeting will hold its 6th public hearing on "*Transport of certain species (poultry, rabbits) inadequately covered by Regulation 1/2005 and remaining vulnerable categories of animals (gestating, end-of-production animals)*" with presentations from 5 experts: **Ms Julia Havenstein, Representative of the NGO Animals' Angels** on transport of end-of career animals or gestating animals; **Drs. Kitty de Vries Representative of Caring Vets, Netherlands**, on transport of end-of career animals or gestating animals; **Ms Birthe Steenberg, Secretary General of AVEC** (EU Poultry organisation-Industry) on transport of poultry; **Ms Brigitte Gothière, director of the NGO L214**, on transport of rabbits and poultry; **Mr Yann Nédélec, Director of the Confédération Française de l'Aviculture** (EU farmers' organisation) on transport of rabbits.

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PREVIOUS EVENT

Exchange of views with the Commission on "Dual system to ensure compliance" (19 April)

On 19 April, ANIT Members had the opportunity of an exchange of views with the Commission Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE) to discuss about "dual system to ensure compliance" with two speakers:

- **Mr Peter Bokor** (Head of Unit G3, Official Controls), who gave a presentation on "Member States' official controls of operators' compliance with EU animal transport legislation";

- **Ms Ana Ramirez Vela** (Head of Unit F2, Health and Food Audits and Analysis, Animal), presenting on "Commission audits of Member States compliance with EU animal transport legislation (and EU rules on official controls)";

- **Ms Rossella Delfino** (Head of Unit A2, Legal affairs) who supported the other two colleagues and gave her insight on questions related to infringement procedures.

Exchange of views with the Commission on "Current and future EU requirements" (22 April)

This time, ANIT Members participated in an exchange of views with:

- **Mr Eric Thevenard** (Head of Unit G4, Food hygiene and fraud) on "Matters related to EU (public health) legislation on slaughter";

- **Mr Andrea Gavinelli** (Head of Unit G5, Animal welfare and antimicrobial resistance) on "Matters related to Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005".

WORKSHOP



“Animal Welfare during transport” organised by the Policy Department for Structural and Cohesion policies (25 May)

The workshop will see the participation of four experts and will be divided in two parts with questions-answers from ANIT Members.

The first two presentations will be on:

- **“Particular welfare needs in animal transport: unweaned animals and pregnant females”**, by **Mr Antonio Velarde** (Institut of Agrifood Research and Technologies - IRTA, Spain) who will be accompanied by **Ms Sonia Marti** and **Ms Teixeira Dayane**;
- **“Particular welfare needs in animal transport: aquatic animals”**, by **Mr Doug Waley** (independent expert);

While the second presentations will focus on:

- **“Welfare on sea vessels and criteria for approval of vessel authorisation”**, by **Ms Maria Boda-Saña** (independent expert) and **Ms Katarzyna Kulikowska**;
- **“The practices of animal welfare during transport in the third countries”** by **Prof Michael Marahrens** (Friedrich-Loeffler Institut - FLI, Germany).

PUBLIC HEARING



Transport of certain species (poultry, rabbits) inadequately covered by Regulation 1/2005 and remaining vulnerable categories of animals (gestating, end-of-production animals) (31 May)

With the intervention of five experts: **Ms Julia Havenstein** (Representative of the NGO Animals' Angels) on transport of end-of career animals and gestating animals; **Drs. Kitty de Vries**,

(Representative of Caring Vets, Netherlands) on transport of end-of career animals and gestating animals; **Ms Birthe Steenberg** (Secretary General of AVEC - EU Poultry organisation-Industry) on transport of poultry; **Ms Brigitte Gothière** (Director of the NGO L214), on transport of rabbits and poultry; **Mr Yann Nédélec** (Director, Confédération Française de l'Aviculture, EU farmers' organisation) on transport of rabbits.

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