



Diary week

- 12-13 March FVE Board meeting;
- 14 March EC advisory group meeting on animal health;
- 13-16 March EP Plenary meeting with votes on welfare of rabbits and horses;
- 14-15 March FVE&UEVP Animal Welfare Working group meeting.



OIE photo competition

The Photo Competition 2017 is currently open.

OIE invite you to be a part of this event if you are a photographer, and to disseminate it through your network thanks to the tools, which you can download by clicking [here](#)



EU Antibiotic surveillance system: moving from sales to species use data

On Friday 3 March, the annual European Surveillance of Veterinary Antimicrobial Consumption (ESVAC) meeting took place at the European Medicines Agency Headquarters in London. Rens van Dobbenburgh, FVE Vice-President and chair of the medicines working

group, attended the meeting and gave a presentation. The main discussion point was to move from sales data per country to species use data per country. Different EU countries are at different levels of reaching this. All agreed this is the way to move forward.

On 26 April, the European Union is organizing a workshop in Brussels on consumption of veterinary antimicrobials. Deadline for registration is 10 April. All FVE members interested are invited to register for this workshop (more [info](#)).

Read also the [minutes](#) from the Committee for Medicinal Products for Veterinary Use (CVMP) Meeting of 14-16 February 2017



Food safety & quality working group

Yesterday the renewed working group had their first meeting via telephone. The new group, chaired by M. Ferri (IT and chair) is made by T. Chambon (FR), M. Kubica (PO), C. Rossi-Broy (DE), S. O'Laoide (IE), M. Kalamaki (GR) and D. Infante-Lavergne (FR).

The group went through the Terms of Reference and discussed a roadmap to pursue for the next 3/5 months. The main goal is to effectively lobby the EU Commission in the drafting of tertiary legislation related to the Official Controls performed at slaughterhouse and border inspection posts.

A Frequently Asked Questions document (FAQs) and list of all the tertiary acts and suggestions related to the role of the official vets and lay officers will soon be drafted.

A meeting with the Head of Unit for food hygiene in the Commission is also on schedule by end of March. For more info write to francesco@fve.org



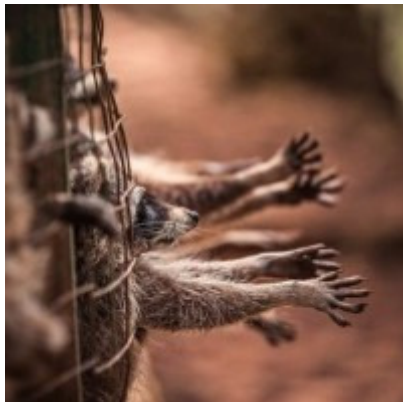
Survey on animal health certificates

DG SANTE of the EU Commission gave the mandate to a consultancy to carry out an assessment on the delegation of powers concerning the obligation of operators to ensure that animals are accompanied by an animal health certificate (Art. 144 of Reg. 2016/429). The whole study aims to support the Commission in the decision-making process for the delegated acts to be adopted as regards derogations to the animal health certification of certain live animals for the movements between Member States (MSs). The study focusing on the economic impact, asked FVE view on what are the opportunities and threats if NO animal health certificate is needed for animals for slaughter.

Therefore, we kindly ask you to fill in the survey providing data, information and solid arguments. A FVE answer will be then sent to the consultancy.

Deadline: 20 March 2017

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Positive list to regulate the sale and keeping of exotic animals as pets

On the 27th of February, a conference was held in the European Parliament about the introduction of the positive list (a list of allowed pet species) in Member States.



Investigations on live export from EU to third countries

A press conference for CVOs and journalists was hosted by Animals International & Eurogroup for Animals and held last Monday. The event was chaired by Jeppe KOFOD (Member of the European Parliament). Ben WEYTS (Flemish Minister for animal welfare) underlined that the current EU legislation on transport of animals

The conference was hosted by the Intergroup on the Welfare & Conservation of Animals, the Maltese Presidency of the Council of the EU, Eurogroup for Animals and Animal Advocacy and Protection. With the introducing of a positive list, there is more chance to reduce the issues of invasiveness, the environment and human and animal health risks, caused by exotic pets.

See detailed report [here](#).

1/2005 is far from sufficient. Several member states have gathered together to put pressure onto the European Commission to revise this Regulation 1/2005.

For the past five years, multiple animal welfare organisations documented severe infringements of the European Regulation 1/2005 within the European Union and in transport to third countries.

See detailed report [here](#).



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