



**Workshop**  
**“Animal Welfare in Europe: achievements and future prospects”**  
**Strasbourg, 23-24 November 2006**

**AGENDA**

24/11/2006

**Thursday, 23 November 2006**

14:30 **Registration of participants** (Room 1)

15:00 **Opening of the Workshop** (Room 1)

- Welcoming remarks by Mr Guy DE VEL, Director General, Directorate General of Legal Affairs, Council of Europe
- Welcoming remarks by Mr Andrea GAVINELLI, Head of Sector Animal Welfare, DG Health and Consumer Protection, European Commission
- Welcoming remarks by Dr. Nicola BELEV, President of the Regional Commission for Europe, OIE

15: 30 – 17:30 **Introductory Session:** Role of international organisations in developing and promoting animal welfare standards.

- keynote speaker COE: Mr David PRITCHARD, Chair of the Council of Europe standing Committee of the European Convention for the Protection of Animals kept for Farming Purposes (T-AP)
- keynote speaker EU: Mr Andrea GAVINELLI, Head of Sector Animal Welfare, DG Health and Consumer Protection
- keynote speaker OIE: Dr Sarah KAHN, OIE’s Director of the International Trade Department

Presentation of a draft joint CoE/EU/OIE Declaration

Discussions including response from stakeholders

Moderator: Mr Gianni PALMIERI, Head of the Public and Private Law Department, CoE

17:30 – 18:00 **Presentation of activities of the Directorate General of the European Commission Enlargement/Technical Assistance Information Exchange Unit**, Ms Olga ZORKO, Administrator, DG ELARG/TAIEX

18:00 – 18:15 **Nomination of Working Group co-ordinators**

19:30 **Reception at the Hotel de Ville**

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### **Friday, 24 November 2006**

09:00 – 11:00 **Working Groups Session: *Towards a common understanding of Animal Welfare***

- Group 1 (Room 2)
- Group 2 (Room 1)
- Group 3 (Room 3)
- Group 4 (Room 15)
- Group 5 (Room 17)

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 12:30 **Plenary Session** (Room 1)

Discussion moderated by Mr Alejandro THIERMANN, OIE

- Presentations by co-ordinators of groups
- Major issues and outcomes of the discussions in the working groups

12:30 – 13:00 Press point (Room 1)

12:30 – 14:30 Lunch break

14:30 - 16:30 **Plenary session** (Room 1)

Discussion co-moderated by Ms Pirkko Skutnabb, EU Presidency and Mr Andrea Gavinelli, European Commission

- Ways for better co-ordination of international activities on Animal Welfare
- Discussion and finalisation of the joint CoE/EU/OIE Declaration
- Discussion on the follow-up

16:30 – 16:45 Coffee break

16:45 – 17:30 **Conclusions of the Workshop** (Room 1)

Discussion moderated by Ms Pirkko Skutnabb, EU Presidency

- Adoption of a joint CoE/EU/OIE Declaration
- Closing remarks by Mr Roberto LAMPONI, Director of Legal Co-operation, Directorate General of Legal Affairs, Council of Europe
- Closing remarks by Mr Andrea GAVINELLI, Head of Sector Animal Welfare, DG Health and Consumer Protection, European Commission
- Closing remarks by Ms Sarah KAHN, OIE's Director of the International Trade Department
- Decision on the follow-up.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR THE AGENDA**

### **Important note**

Please note that active discussion between participants is considered the most beneficial aspect of this workshop. Participants are, therefore, strongly encouraged to come prepared to:

- discuss and share specific national experiences,
- identify needs and areas of possible improvement,
- consider ways of better co-ordination of international activities on Animal Welfare,
- assist in development and agreement of a joint CoE/EU/OIE Declaration prior to the conclusions of the meeting.

### **Opening**

The workshop will be opened by the representatives of the CoE, EU and OIE.

### **Introductory Session**

In the introductory session, the representatives of CoE, EU and OIE will present state of affairs and future perspectives in developing and promoting animal welfare. These contributions will include reflections on ethical, scientific, cultural and socio-economic principles used by each partner, the methods and means of standard setting, use of a democratic process and search of transparency, the handling of the conflict between science, technical advice and practical implementation.

In order to facilitate discussions within time constraints, each keynote speaker will have up to 15 minutes to present, but all are encouraged to provide more detailed written remarks which can be provided to all participants, to allow questions and comments from the floor. Power Point presentations are welcome.

During discussions the statements of participants, in particular stakeholders, on the endorsement of the work of the international organisations are welcomed.

The Moderator of the Introductory Session will present the draft of joint CoE/EU/OIE Declaration. This draft will be circulated in view of its discussion in plenary session on 24 November.

The representative of TAIEX (Unit of Directorate-General Enlargement of the European Commission) will present short-term technical assistance activities conducted by TAIEX in New Member States, acceding countries, candidate countries, and the administrations of the Western Balkans. TAIEX assistance is also provided to those countries included in the EU's European Neighbourhood Policy, as well as Russia.

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### **Working Group Activities**

The aim of the discussions in working groups is to elucidate and share best practices and to determine its implementation in the field. Please refer to the attached list of groups.

The working groups will be called upon to analyse implementation of national and international rules on animal welfare in transport and slaughter, to identify obstacles in implementation of animal welfare rules (ethical, social, scientific and legal barriers) and their solutions, and to identify best practices and advantages of implementation of animal welfare rules.

To that end, delegations are invited to submit information (preferably before the meeting) on the basis of the questionnaire hereafter. The information in the questionnaire will be used to facilitate the group discussions and if appropriate will also be used to form the published summary of the conference. The questionnaire is looking at an overview of animal welfare legislation and implementation rather than requiring specific details except when necessary to explain best practice.

The elected co-ordinators of each group will make a summary of their activities in plenary (5 minutes for each presentation). Observer organisations are free to choose any Working Group.

#### **Working Groups:**

| <b>GROUP I</b>                           | <b>GROUP II</b>                         | <b>GROUP III</b>              | <b>GROUP IV</b>     | <b>GROUP V</b>      |
|--|---|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| ARMENIA                                  | ANDORRA                                 | ALBANIA                       | DENMARK             | AUSTRIA             |
| AZERBAIJAN                               | BELGIUM                                 | BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA        | ESTONIA             | CZECH REPUBLIC      |
| BELARUS                                  | CYPRUS                                  | BULGARIA                      | FINLAND             | GERMANY             |
| GEORGIA                                  | FRANCE                                  | CROATIA                       | ICELAND             | LIECHTENSTEIN       |
| KAZAKHSTAN                               | GREECE                                  | FORMER YUG. REP. OF MACEDONIA | IRELAND             | LUXEMBOURG          |
| KIRGHIZISTAN                             | ISRAEL                                  | HUNGARY                       | LATVIA              | NETHERLANDS         |
| MOLDOVA                                  | ITALY                                   | UNMIK/Kosovo                  | LITHUANIA           | POLAND              |
| RUSSIAN FEDERATION                       | MALTA                                   | MONTENEGRO                    | NORWAY              | SLOVAKIA            |
| TADJIKISTAN                              | MONACO                                  | ROMANIA                       | SWEDEN              | SWITZERLAND         |
| TURKMENISTAN                             | PORTUGAL                                | SERBIA                        | UNITED KINGDOM      |                     |
| UKRAINE                                  | SAN MARINO                              | SLOVENIA                      |                     |                     |
| UZBEKISTAN                               | SPAIN                                   |                               |                     |                     |
|  | TURKEY                                  |                               |                     |                     |
| <b>Translation into Russian provided</b> | <b>Translation into French provided</b> | <b>English only</b>           | <b>English only</b> | <b>English only</b> |

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### **Plenary Session**

On the basis of the outcomes of the discussions in the working groups, the plenary session will provide an opportunity:

- to produce recommendations for mechanisms to implement and monitor best practice;
- to consider ways for better co-ordination of international activities on Animal Welfare;
- to identify changes needed to CoE, EU and OIE laws and standards, and
- to discuss the follow-up of this Workshop.

Moreover, special thought will be given to the draft joint CoE/EU/OIE Declaration and participants will be invited to comment on and develop the document.

### **Conclusions**

Before formally closing the workshop by the representatives of the CoE, EU and OIE, a joint CoE/EU/OIE Declaration will be formally adopted. The participants will be also invited to take a decision on the follow-up.

### **Miscellaneous**

A list of participants and experts with contact information will be provided in the workshop report that will be forwarded to you shortly after the event.

A summary of the questionnaires and the conclusions of the workshop will be published on the CoE, EU and OIE websites and in OIE Scientific and Technical Review.