

# EU CAP Network Workshop on Animal Welfare and Innovation



Field visit: Pig farm „Hohls Becklingen GbR“  
<https://www.hohls-becklingen.de/>



## Põhipunktid:

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# Poolavatud tüüpi nuumsigade pidamine



# Töötoa käigus tõstatatud teemadel

- Puurivabad tootmissüsteemid
- Loomade heaolu näitajad ja seiremeetodid praktiliseks kasutada talus
- Ühiskondlikele nõudmistele vastamine: Loomade heaolu märgistamine ja sertifitseerimine

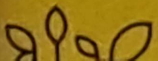


## Cage-free production systems

- › Animal welfare scientists agree that confining animals in cages seriously harms their welfare.
- › After the European Citizens' Initiative 'End the Cage Age' the EC committed to table by the end of 2023 a legislative proposal to phase out the use of cage systems for laying hens, sows, calves, rabbits, quail, ducks and geese
- › Some EU Member States already introduced national legislation to ban certain forms of caged farming (banned for laying hens in AT and LU and committed to from 2025 DE Germany, 2027 in CZ and 2030 in SK; banned for sows in SE and committed to in DE for sows stalls in 2030 and for restricting time spent in farrowing crates to a maximum of 5 days from 2035)

### Farmers' concerns

- › Investing in new cage-free housing systems
- › Building permits to widen livestock buildings to reduce animal density while maintaining the same production capacity in rural areas subject to planning restrictions





## Higher welfare standards

- › 94% of people in Europe believe protecting the welfare of farm animals is important, and 82% believe farm animals should be better protected (Special Eurobarometer 442, 2016).

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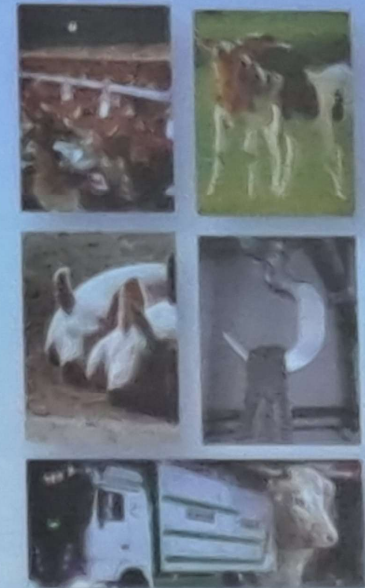
- › **CHALLENGE:** Further complication of the rules imposed on farms. Additional production cost
- › **OPPORTUNITY:** Consider animal welfare even as a basic condition to improve farm efficiency and to differentiate livestock production to meet societal and market demand for animal friendly food

### Question for discussion

- › *To what extent do higher animal welfare standards affect farm productivity and profitability, farmers' job satisfaction, and societal acceptance of livestock farming?*

# EU Platform on Animal Welfare

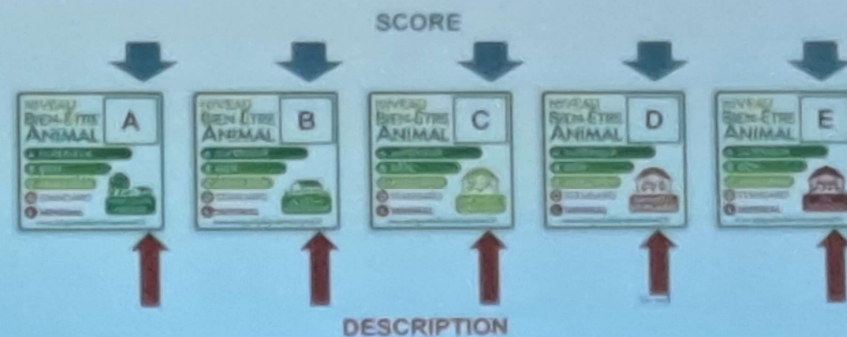
- 6 sub-groups working since early 2022: transport, pigs, calves & dairy cows, poultry, animal welfare labelling, welfare at the time of killing
- All Platform meetings are webstreamed and recorded:  
[https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/animal-welfare/eu-platform-animal-welfare/platform-meetings\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/animal-welfare/eu-platform-animal-welfare/platform-meetings_en)



## Subgroup on Animal welfare labelling

Example of possible policy option: mixed approach

- EU label with key AW criteria
- Key criteria across species
- Governance, traceability & controls



# H2020 / HEU projects on animal welfare (mainly)

H2020  
(SC2 & others)



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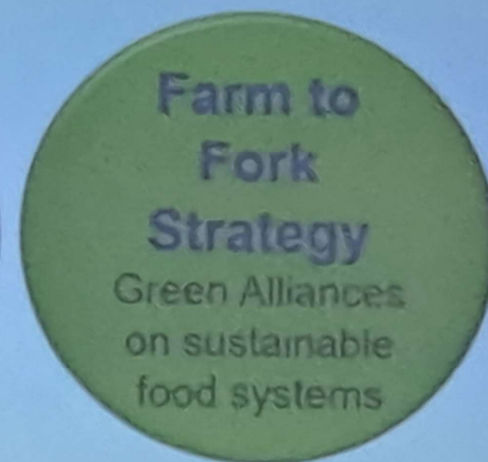
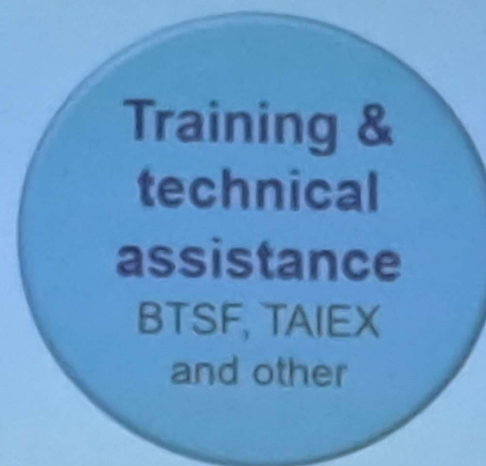
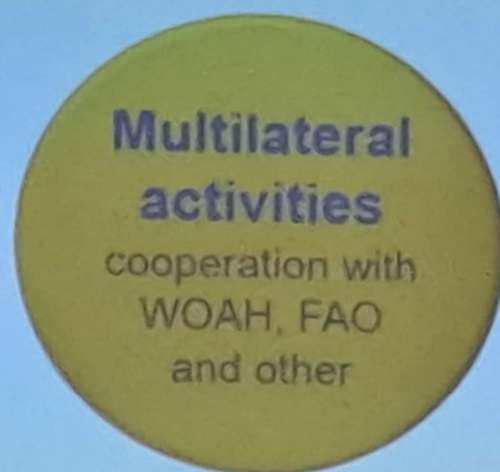
- **TechCare** (2020-2024; €6M) Integrating innovative technologies along the value chain to improve small ruminant welfare management <https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/862050>
- **PPILOW** (2019-2024; €10M) Poultry and Pig Low-input and Organic production systems' Welfare <https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/816172>
- **Clearfarm** (2019-2023; €6M) Co-designed Welfare Monitoring Platform for Pig and Dairy Cattle <https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/862919>
- **BovINE** (2020-2022; €2M) BovINE Beef Innovation Network Europe <https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/862590>
- **Hennovation** (2015-2017; €2,1M) (2020-2022; €2M) Practice-led innovation supported by science and market-driven actors in the laying hen and other livestock sectors <https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/652638>
- **LIFT** (COST action; 2022-2026) Lifting farm animal lives – laying the foundations for positive animal welfare. <https://www.cost.eu/actions/CA21124/>
- **IPEMA** (COST action; 2016-2020) Innovative approaches in pork production with entire males. <http://www.ca-ipema.eu/>



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- **aWISH** (2022-2026; €8M) Animal Welfare Indicators at the SlaughterHouse. Automated monitoring at the slaughterhouse of complementary animal-based indicators for monitoring welfare on farm, during (un)loading, transport and slaughter. Piloting and development in broiler and fattening pig production chains. <https://www.awish-project.eu/>

# International activities on animal welfare



***“Animal welfare international activities are a long-term investment, based on three subsequent steps: awareness raising, capacity building and funding.”***

Commission's report on the impact of animal welfare international activities on competitiveness:  
[https://ec.europa.eu/food/sites/food/files/animals/docs/aw\\_international\\_publication-report\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/food/sites/food/files/animals/docs/aw_international_publication-report_en.pdf)

## Dutch Society for the Protection of Animals

- Founded in 1864
- Largest animal welfare organization in the Netherlands
- 130.000 members of the public
- 350 employees
- 30.000 volunteers
- Helping animals in need
  - 30 animal shelters
  - inspection service
- Informing the public
- Dialogue and cooperation with industry
- Lobby to politics



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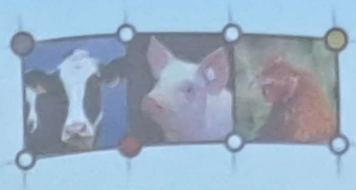
The Webseite [www.fokus-tierwohl.de](http://www.fokus-tierwohl.de)

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Netzwerk Fokus Tierwohl:  
Praxiswissen für eine  
tierwohlgerechte und  
nachhaltige Nutztierhaltung



Um Tierhaltung in Deutschland nachhaltig zu stärken und sie dabei zu unterstützen, Tier- und Umweltschutz, Qualität bei der Produktion sowie

Informationen nach Fachthemen

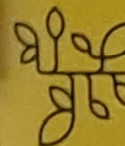
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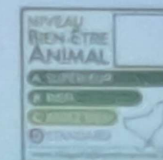
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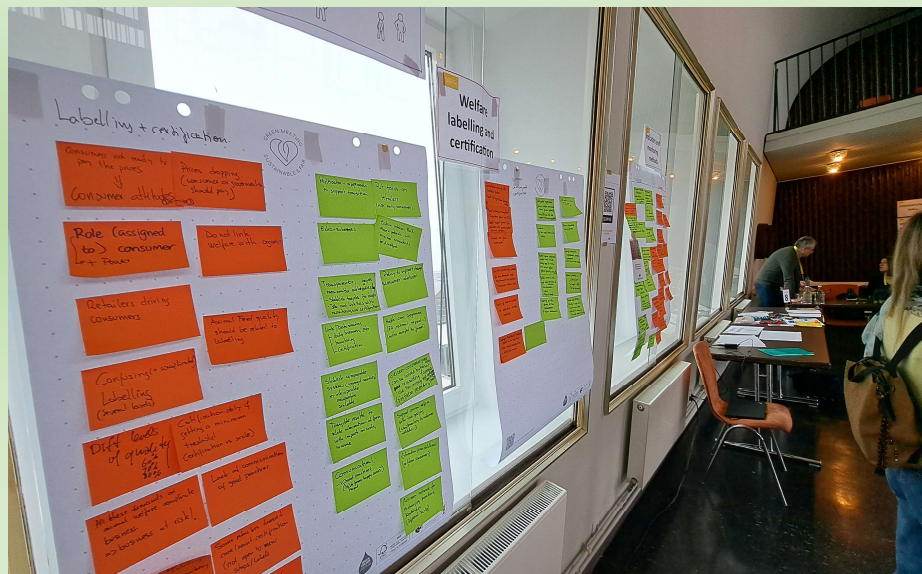
## Animal welfare labelling and certification

- > Consumers are prevented from making informed purchase choices of “animal welfare friendly products” because not properly and clearly informed about the conditions under which animals are kept
- > Several different animal welfare labelling schemes, providing unequal guarantees, confusing consumers and leading to unfair market conditions for businesses operating in different EU Member States (EC, 2021)

### Farmers' and chain actors' concerns (EconWelfare, 2011)

- > Voluntary schemes + labelling
- > Social/economic incentives and fair share for farmers
- > Info/education for consumers
- > Training for chain actors





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RESEARCH NEED FROM PRACTICE	
Title	<b>DIGITAL TRANSITION</b>
Challenge / possible solution <i>(problem/challenge or solution or new method / knowledge found in practice which needs further development or research, 2-3 sentences)</i>	<b>AFFORDABLE TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION OPERATED AT FARM LEVEL. INCLUDING: DRONES, DATA PADS, FEEDING INTO DIGITAL D.BASES</b>
Geographical area <i>(specify where the need has been identified or could potentially exist – region, country, Europe-wide)</i>	<b>EUROPE WIDE</b>
Sector(s) <i>(where the issue is relevant)</i>	<b>ALL LIVESTOCK SECTORS.</b>
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