

### CHAIR'S WELCOME



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Dear All,

On 19 April and 22 April, ANIT members will have the opportunity of having an in-depth exchange of views with the Commission services of DG SANTE.

During the meeting scheduled on 19 April, the discussions will focus on the “dual system to ensure compliance”, with the participation of the Head of Unit on Official Controls, the Head of Unit of the Health and Food Audits and Analysis Unit (former Food and Veterinary Office in Grange, IE) focussing on Animals as well as the Head of Unit for legal affairs.

On 22 April, ANIT members will meet with the Head of Unit for Animal Welfare and Antimicrobial resistance and the Head of Unit for Food hygiene and fraud, giving their insight on the current and future EU requirements.

The next event is scheduled for 25 May with a workshop on Animal Welfare during transport.

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### PREVIOUS EVENT

#### Public Hearing on Responsibilities of transport operators and other private stakeholders (incl. best practices)



On Wednesday 17 March, ANIT Committee held its fifth hearing with the participation of 5 experts: **Mr Romain Bardy**, CEO of Bardy Bresse (France); **Dr. Cristina Bungardean**, Head of Service in the

General Directorate for Official Controls, National Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Authority (ANSVSA Romania) who will intervene on behalf of the Port Authority of Midia; **Dr Tea Dronjić**, Veterinarian & Project Manager from the Animal Welfare Foundation (AWF Germany); **Ms Caroline Rowley**, Director of Ethical Farming Ireland (Ireland) and **Michael Gore**, Managing Director of the National Belgian Federation of slaughterhouses (FEBEV Belgium).

This public hearing focused on enforcement of Regulation 01/2005 from the perspective of private stakeholders such as transport operators and other actors. It provided insights on the challenges faced by the stakeholders as well as common cases of non-compliance with Regulation 01/2005. It was also an opportunity to showcase best practices in the sector of transport of live animals. 5 experts had been invited and the presentations were followed by an exchange of views with Members.

### EXCHANGE OF VIEWS

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

On 19 April, ANIT Members will have 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”.

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Speakers will be:

- Mr Peter Bokor (Head of Unit G3, Official Controls), who will give 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 will support the other two colleagues and will give her insight, in case of questions related to infringement procedures arise

### **Exchange of views with the Commission on “Current and future EU requirements” (22 April)**

Second appointment for the ANIT members with the Commission services of DG SANTE on 22 April. This time, ANIT Members will participate 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”

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