

## CHAIR'S WELCOME

Dear All,

On **25 October**, our Committee meeting will discuss a state of play in on-going negotiations between groups on possible compromises for the ANIT report and recommendations. As you

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know Members tabled 977 amendments and co-rapporteurs together with representatives of other political groups (shadow rapporteurs) try to strike compromises before the ANIT committee vote in December. The co-rapporteurs [Daniel Buda](#) (EPP) and [Isabel Carvalhais](#) (S&D) will provide to ANIT committee a feedback from meetings with shadow rapporteurs that have taken place so far.

This debate will be followed by an **exchange of views** between Members and the representatives from the **European Food Safety Agency (EFSA) Mr Nikolaus Križ**, Head of Animal and Plant Health Unit and **Mr Ernesto Liebana Criado**, Head of Biological Hazards and Contaminants Unit. The focus will be on the work developed so far on the scientific opinions concerning Animal Welfare during transport and the transmission of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) during animal transport.

On **26 October**, we will have our **final public hearing** entitled **"Recommendations for the future"**, with 5 experts invited: **Dr Jed Goodfellow**, Lecturer and PhD in Animal Law at Macquarie University (Australia); **Mr Giuliano Marchesin**, Director of OI INTERCARNEITALIA (Italy); **Mr Miguel Angel Higuera**, Chair of COPA-COGECA's Animal Health and Welfare Working Party (Spain); **Ms Anne Garreta and Ms Marie-Noëlle Orain**, Rapporteurs on Animal Welfare at the French Economic, Social and Environmental

Council (France). The aim of this hearing is to share examples of best practices in transport operations, scientific developments and technical innovations to improve animal welfare in transports. Various experts and representatives from civil society, academy, and the industry sector will be invited to share their insights and recommendations for improvements in animal transport.

Click [here](#) to see the final program of the event and the working documents.

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## PREVIOUS EVENT

**Public hearing on “Alternatives to long-distance live animal transport and farmers' experience of the shift to alternatives”** ([see documents here](#))

Three experts participated: **Mr Constantin Mihaila**, managing director of ROSAVIS PROD (Romania); **Ms Eveline Willems**, Chair of the Working Group on Animal Welfare during transport of breeding swine of the European Farm Animal Breeders (EFFAB) and **Mr Claudiu Cazacu**, author of the study: “Romanian livestock industry (a comparison study on the impact of replacement of live exports of bovine and ovine with refrigerated/frozen meat”); their presentations were followed by an exchange of views with Members.

**Consideration of Amendments:** ([see documents here](#))

Members participated in an exchange of view, with the co-rapporteurs [Daniel Buda](#) (EPP) and [Isabel Carvalhais](#) (S&D) on the 1233 amendments tabled on the **Draft report** on the investigation of alleged contraventions and maladministration in the application of Union law in relation to the protection of animals during transport within and outside the Union and on the **Draft recommendations to the Council and the Commission**, following the investigation of alleged contraventions and maladministration in the application of Union law in relation to the protection of animals during transport within and outside the Union.

## PUBLIC HEARING

**Public hearing on the “Recommendations for the future”** ([see documents here](#))

With the intervention of five experts:

- **Dr Jed Goodfellow**, Lecturer and PhD in Animal Law at Macquarie University (Australia);
- **Mr Giuliano Marchesin**, Director of OI INTERCARNEITALIA (Italy);
- **Mr Miguel Angel Higuera**, Chair of COPA-COGECA's Animal Health and Welfare Working Party (Spain);
- **Ms Anne Garreta and Ms Marie-Noëlle Orain**, Rapporteurs on Animal Welfare at the French Economic, Social and Environmental Council (France).

## EXCHANGE OF VIEWS

**State of play on on-going negotiations:** ([documents available here](#))

With the co-rapporteurs [Daniel Buda](#) (EPP) and [Isabel Carvalhais](#) (S&D).

**Shadows rapporteurs:** [Billy Kelleher](#) (Renew), [Rosanna Conte](#) (ID), [Thomas Waitz](#) (Verts/ALE), [Peter Lundgren](#) (ECR), [Anja Hazekamp](#) (The Left).

**Timetable:**

Vote in Committee: 2 December 2021

Plenary: 17 January 2022 (tbc)

## Exchange of views with the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) on ongoing work

The Committee on Protection of Animals during Transport will hold a debate with **Mr Nikolaus Križ**, Head of Animal Health and Welfare Unit, and **Mr Ernesto Liebana Criado**, Head of Biological Hazards and Contaminants Unit. The discussion is expected to focus on EFSA's on ongoing work.

More information about [EFSA](#).

### NEWS FROM POLICY DEPARTMENT AND THINK TANK

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- [In-depth analysis on "Patterns of livestock transport in the EU and to third countries"](#).

- [Animal welfare on the farm – ex-post evaluation of the EU legislation: Prospects for animal welfare labelling at EU level – European Implementation Assessment](#)
- [Protection of animals during transport: Sanctions for infringements](#)
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