



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY
Directorate G – Crisis management in food, animals and plants
Director

Brussels,
SANTÉ G2/ (2020)2709329

Subject: Stakeholder Advisory Board for the activities of the EU Reference Centre focusing on the welfare of pigs - EURCAW-Pigs

Dear Madam, dear Sir,

The Commission designated a first European Union reference centre for animal welfare in October 2018. The activities of this reference centre aim at improving the enforcement of EU legislation on welfare of pigs, including during transport and at the time of killing¹.

I would appreciate it, if you would nominate one person and a substitute from your organisation to participate in the Stakeholder Advisory Board for this reference centre.

The Stakeholder Advisory Board will be set up in accordance with the reference centre's work programme to provide advice regarding its functioning and future activities. The aim is to receive practical and strategic advice on animal welfare indicators, on coordinated assistance and on training courses, to gather information and to receive feedback on the current (2019-2020) and on the next work programmes (2021-2022).

In 2020, the reference centre will conduct two one-day meetings with the Stakeholder Advisory Board. Due to the Covid-19-situation, at least the first meeting will be organised as a video conference. The second will take place in Brussels, if possible. The language of the meetings and of the documents produced will be English. In the case of a physical meeting, the reference centre will reimburse travel and accommodation expenses of the invited members for the participation in the meeting.

¹ More information on this reference centre is available on its website:
<https://www.eurcaw.eu/en/eurcaw-pigs.htm>

Members of the EU Platform on Animal Welfare
As listed in the attachment

Please send details of the experts nominated by your organisation for the Stakeholder Advisory Board to the reference centre **by 20 May 2020**. Upon confirmation, the experts will receive more information on the application procedure and logistic details. The contact points of the reference centre are [redacted], [redacted] [redacted]@wur.nl), and [redacted]@wur.nl).

The expertise and participation of your organisation in the Advisory Board is important to us.

Yours faithfully,

Bernard Van Goethem