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SUSTAINABLE LIVESTOCK AND ANIMAL WELFARE

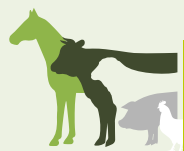
Ukraine 2025

dedicated to the World Day
for Farmed Animals



October 2, 2025
09:00 – 17:00 CET





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SUMMARY

The Sustainable Livestock and Animal Welfare Forum – Ukraine 2025 will explore how Ukraine's livestock sector is navigating transformation under multiple challenges, including the ongoing war and the EU accession process. The event aims to raise awareness of the urgent need to finalize the alignment of the national legislation with EU animal welfare standards and to ensure effective implementation of rules for the keeping, transport, and killing of farmed animals. A functioning official control system is essential not only for Ukraine's European integration but also for the development of international trade and the promotion of responsible, ethical livestock production.

While Ukraine is widely known for its crop production, the livestock sector also plays an important role in both national and global food security. According to the State Statistics Service of Ukraine, as of January 1, 2025, the country had 2 million head of cattle, 4.5 million pigs, 843,000 sheep and goats, and over 187 million poultry. These animals are kept on more than 77,000 farms and in 13.9 million households, engaging approximately 16 million people in agricultural production. Over 80,000 students are enrolled in agricultural universities and colleges, forming the foundation of the sector's future capacity.

Producers implement crisis-adapted management and better welfare practices. The government is working to harmonize policies with EU standards, and universities are updating curricula to reflect new demands. But are these efforts enough to reach the objectives? What strategies are needed to ensure lasting progress? How can all stakeholders work together more effectively to accelerate this transformation?

Representatives from the Ministry of Economy Environment and Agriculture of Ukraine, the State Service of Ukraine on Food Safety and Consumer Protection, producer associations, businesses, academia, international technical assistance projects, and consumer organizations will come together to discuss these pressing questions.

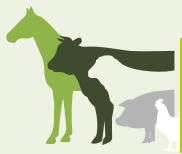
The Forum will showcase practical examples, share lessons learned, and highlight the importance of coordinated action between policymakers, producers and scientists to build a sustainable livestock sector – even in times of crisis.

FORUM SCHEDULE



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EET	CET		
10:00–10:30	09:00–09:30	Welcome and opening. Towards Sustainable Livestock Farming	
10:30–12:00	09:30–11:00	SESSION I. Animal Welfare Policy: Aligning with the EU	
12:30–14:00	11:30–13:00	SESSION II. From Farm to Compliance: Implementing Animal Welfare Rules	
15:00–16:00	14:00–15:00	SESSION III. Educating for Change: Building a Welfare-Ready Sector	
16:30–17:30	15:30–16:30	SESSION IV. Expert Panel: Advancing Animal Welfare in Ukraine – Joining Forces for Sustainable Livestock	
17:30–18:00	16:30–17:00	Closing remarks	



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WELCOME AND OPENING. TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE LIVESTOCK FARMING

🕒 **09:00 – 09:30** **Taras Vysotskyi**
Deputy Minister of Economy, Environment and Agriculture of Ukraine

Volodymyr Kusturov
Deputy Head of the SSUFSCP

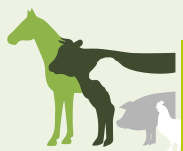
Volodymyr Otchenashko
Professor, Head of the Scientific and Research Department
of the National University of Life and Environmental Sciences of Ukraine
(hereinafter – NUBiP of Ukraine)

Manon Schuppers
Co-CEO SAFOSO AG and International Expert of
Swiss-Ukrainian Programme “Higher Value Added Trade from the Organic and
Dairy Sector in Ukraine” (hereinafter – QFTP)

Veronika Ivanova
Project Manager
National Erasmus+ Office in Ukraine

Heinrich Schuele
Professor at the Nuertingen-Geislingen University, Germany,
Project Lead of the EU ERASMUS+ Project “Sustainable Livestock and Animal
Welfare” (hereinafter – SULawe)





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SESSION I.

ANIMAL WELFARE POLICY: ALIGNING WITH THE EU

🕒 09:30 – 10:30

Stanislav Ralchev

Policy Officer
Unit Animal Welfare of
European Commission,
DG SANTE

EU expectations regarding animal
welfare of farmed animals

Ramunas Zhalys

Senior Specialist of
Animal Welfare Division of
Food and Veterinary Policy Department,
State Food and Veterinary Service of
Lithuania

Lithuania: experience and challenges
during implementation of animal
welfare rules

Vitalii Kryuchkov

Head of the Animal Health and Welfare
Division, Sanitary and Phytosanitary
Measures Directorate, Department of
State Policy on Sanitary and Phytosanitary
Measures and Food Safety, Ministry of
Economy

Status of harmonization of the national
legislation regarding welfare of farmed
animals to EU requirements

Oleksii Klymenok

Head of the Animal Health and Welfare
Unit of the Directorate of Animal Health
and Welfare, Organization of Anti-Epizootic
Measures of the Department of Food Safety
and Veterinary Medicine, SSUFSCP

Current status of the implementation
of the official control system on farmed
animals' welfare in Ukraine

🕒 10:30 – 11:00

Moderated discussion with audience

Session's
moderator:

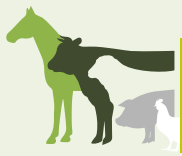
Julia Hüttl

International expert of the Dairy Sector Component, QFTP

🕒 11:00 – 11:30

Break





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SESSION II.

FROM FARM TO COMPLIANCE: IMPLEMENTING ANIMAL WELFARE RULES

🕒 11:30 – 12:30

Dmytro Solomakha

Director of the JSC «Peremoha»

Experiences, challenges and best practice in implementing animal welfare rules at dairy farms in Ukraine

Vadym Karatniuk

Leading zootechnician at the branch
«Poultry complex», Vinnytsia Poultry Farm
LLC

Experiences, challenges and best practice in implementing animal welfare rules at poultry farms in Ukraine

Kostyantyn Makhno

Innovation Manager at AVA Group

Experiences, challenges and best practice in implementing animal welfare rules at pig farms in Ukraine

🕒 12:30 – 13:00

Moderated discussion with audience

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moderator:

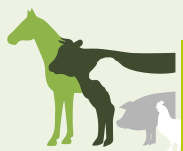
Viktoria Lets

Senior Consultant of the Dairy Sector Component, QFTP

🕒 13:00 – 14:00

Lunch break





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SESSION III.

EDUCATING FOR CHANGE: BUILDING A WELFARE-READY SECTOR

🕒 14:00 – 15:00

Nadiia Magrelo

Associate Professor of Department of
Hygiene, Sanitation and General Veterinary
Prevention,
Stepan Gzhytskyi National University of
Veterinary Medicine and Biotechnologies
Lviv

Sustainable Livestock and Animal
Welfare (SULAWE): 3-year review.
Project results - innovations and
achievements

Olena Smirnova

International Affairs Expert,
Poltava State Agrarian University
(hereinafter – PSAU)

Nataliya Hrishchenko

Associate Professor of Department of
Technologies in Poultry, Pig and Sheep
Breeding of Faculty of Animal Husbandry
and Aquatic Bioresources,
NUBiP of Ukraine

Alexander Wirsig

Professor for Policy and Markets of the
Agri-Food Sector, Nuertingen-Geislingen
University, Germany

Animal welfare labelling

T. Bas Rodenburg

Professor for Animal Welfare,
Faculty of Veterinary Medicine,
Utrecht University, Netherland

Assessing and improving farm animal
welfare: laying hens as a case study

Session's
moderator:

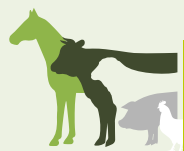
Anatolii Shostia

Vice-Rector for Academic and Research Affairs
PSAU

🕒 15:00 – 15:30

Lunch break





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SESSION IV.

EXPERT PANEL: ADVANCING ANIMAL WELFARE IN UKRAINE – JOINING FORCES FOR SUSTAINABLE LIVESTOCK

This session brings together representatives from various sectors – business, public institutions, policy, science and education – to discuss the challenges and opportunities of advancing the animal welfare agenda in Ukraine within the context of EU integration. Through a moderated dialogue, representatives from pig, poultry and cattle producers, policy makers, and academia will share practical experiences, recent developments, and educational innovations that promote sustainability, resilience, and improved animal welfare.

🕒 15:30 – 16:10

Moderated discussion with experts

Vitalii Kryuchkov

Head of the Animal Health and Welfare Division, Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures Directorate, Department of State Policy on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures and Food Safety, Ministry of Economy

Oleksii Klymenok

Head of the Animal Health and Welfare Unit of the Directorate of Animal Health and Welfare, Organization of Anti-Epizootic Measures of the Department of Food Safety and Veterinary Medicine, SSUFSCP

Oksana Yurchenko

President of the Association of Ukrainian Pig Breeders

Hanna Lavreniuk

General Director of the Association of Milk Producers

Sergiy Karpenko

Director of the Union of Poultry Breeders of Ukraine

Oksana Tonkha

Professor, Vice-Rector for Scientific Work and Innovation, NULES of Ukraine

Volodymyr Otchenashko

Professor, Head of the Scientific and Research Department, NULES of Ukraine

Valentyna Vozna

Project Coordinator for Ukraine, NGO “Eurogroup for animals”

🕒 16:10 – 16:30

Discussion with audience

Session’s
moderator:

Andriy Getya

Professor of the Department of Genetics, Breeding and Animal Biotechnology, NUBiP of Ukraine

🕒 16:30 – 17:00

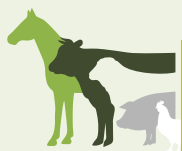
Closing remarks

Manon Schuppers

Co-CEO SAFOSO AG and International Expert, QFTP

Heinrich Schuele

Professor at the Nuertingen-Geislingen University, Germany,
Project Lead of the EU ERASMUS+ Project SULawe



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