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RE: COM livestock workstream 2nd meeting on 23 Oct_preparation of our input -> pls send input by end of this week

Dear UECBV AISBL,

[Recipient on the "MIS", "LTS", "ITS" & "SWG" emailing lists]

We have received the agenda and questions to prepare for the 2nd meeting of the COM livestock workstream (= preparation of meat and livestock strategy), to take place on 23 October.

They target 1) **conditions for competitiveness** of the sector, including trade, and 2) how to **make the sector fit for the future within planetary boundaries**. The detailed questions are in the agenda and added below.

We need to prepare answers for these 9 questions and would already ask you for your input by end of the week.

The **agenda**: https://uecbv.eu/UECBV/documents/20251023JointGREXCDGAnimalProdandEnv_Agendastakeholders32041.pdf?t=1759922646

As **background** please find here with our summary of the 1st meeting of the COM livestock workstream of 27 May this year : [31222](#) and the last Board meetings. In case of questions, please feel free to ask me.

Questions:

Session 1: Creating the conditions for a competitive livestock sector

Q1: Which practices and innovations can best drive operational efficiency and reduce production costs for livestock farmers, thereby strengthening their economic sustainability?

Q2: What strategies can enhance the value and the competitiveness of EU livestock products, both within the Single Market and for export? How can the value of high EU standards be better communicated and valorised?

Q3: How could we reinforce border controls to verify the compliance with EU standards of imported products? What are the most effective mechanisms to ensure the enforcement of reciprocity?

Q4: How could the EU push more strongly in international fora for global alignment on production standards?

Q5: What practical steps can be taken to implement effective reciprocity in trade relations, in conformity with WTO rules?

Session 2: A future-proof livestock farming functioning within planetary boundaries

Q1: Which practices and opportunities exist to drive innovation in livestock farming that could reduce environmental and climate impacts, especially in areas with high livestock concentrations? Are there successful examples that can be shared across livestock systems and territories?

Q2: Beyond public support, which necessary conditions (markets, tools, mechanisms, others) can help steer emission reduction in the livestock sector (related to enteric fermentation, manure, land use for feed, etc.)?

Q3: What aspects should be taken into account in a methodology to measure on-farm emissions in a holistic way (i.e. both emissions and carbon removals)?

Q4: Which measures could better recognize and support livestock farming's efforts to reduce environmental impact (e.g. as regards biodiversity, water resilience, sustainable nutrient management, climate valuable grasslands) and contribute to GHG emission reduction, climate adaptation and carbon removal? What obstacles hamper the market from rewarding those efforts and how can such rewarding be facilitated?

With kind regards,

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