

O/REF: UECBV-SH-18106

**RE: COM livestock workstream & strategy _preparation and input for next meeting_ animal health and innovation
-> pls send your input by Wedn 3 Dec**

Dear UECBV AISBL,

[Recipient on the "UECBV EU Members", "MIS", "LTS", "ITS", "Vet WG" & "SWG" emailing lists]

The next meeting preparing the COM strategy for livestock is scheduled for 11 Dec, with a morning session on animal health/disease prevention and an afternoon session on innovation.

We kindly invite you to send your input, as responses to the below questions by 3 Dec.

Session 1: Enhancing prevention and preparedness against animal diseases

Q1: What innovation and digital tools can enhance early disease detection, making surveillance more efficient, and enable further data sharing among the various actors concerned (farmers, vets, traders, authorities)?

Q2: How can on-farm biosecurity and disease prevention practices be further supported and strengthened, while remaining practical, cost-effective, and adaptable to different production systems and farm sizes?

Q3: What forms of public support (financial compensation, insurance products, training or infrastructure investments) are the most effective and acceptable to stakeholders for managing animal disease outbreaks? Which risk management and crisis response instruments could be improved or developed?

Q4: What forms of targeted support and preparedness initiatives should be prioritized for livestock farmers in regions particularly vulnerable to disease outbreaks?

Session 2: Leveraging research and innovation for a more sustainable livestock sector

Q1: How can the CAP better support the adoption of new technologies and sustainable practices by livestock farmers to enhance sustainability and competitiveness?

Q2: What are the most promising research and innovation avenues that can contribute to improving overall livestock farm productivity, including disease management, breeding practices, nutrition optimization, and welfare improvement?

Q3: What role can interdisciplinary research play in developing more sustainable livestock systems that are resilient to environmental/climate challenges, economic pressures, and health issues across the value chain, while integrating principles of circularity and the bioeconomy?

Q4: How can collaboration between academia, industry, and livestock farmers be fostered to accelerate holistic innovation and uptake on the ground, ensuring solutions are practical, accessible and affordable for livestock farmers while addressing diverse sustainability challenges?

The coalition letter will be circulated separately.

Many thanks,

With kind regards – and wishing you a good week-end,

Hélène

From: Hélène Simonin

Sent: 10 November 2025 16:06

Subject: COM livestock workstream & strategy _draft coalition letter on strategic approach -> pls send input by Wedn 12 Nov

Dear members,

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

The COM work programme 2026 clearly shows the 'COM livestock strategy' as a deliverable for Q2. It is meant to be the final point of the 'COM livestock workstream'. We had 3 workstream meetings so far; the next one is scheduled on 10 Dec.

Ahead of the last meeting of 23 Oct, Copa-Cogeca reached out to us and all other representatives of the chain, to propose a joint strategic approach that is different from the current plan for the COM. We already gave general support of these ideas in the meeting, and would now seek to sign a common letter to reinforce our demands and proposal:

- The strategy should not be too general if we want to give farmers and the chain long-term certainty. This cannot be achieved in only 4 workstream meetings. It should also not be a quick 'tick-the-box' exercise to finalise a livestock and meat strategy for the EU in 6 months, without in-depth work and reflection and feed-back from the experts of the ground.
- We propose to jointly draft a list of topics, distinguishing between those already covered by the ongoing simplification omnibus and those to be tackled in the future. Copa-Cogeca made 2 rounds of questionnaires to farmers over summer to get insight about the reel challenges and needs, and they are going beyond the current scope of the workstream meetings.
- More time is needed to map key topics, so we suggest continuing the technical work under the Workstream after the Strategy is published (e.g. through subgroups or technical groups) and ensuring that each delivers concrete actions and solutions.

Please kindly find the draft letter attached.

Two points have already been suggested for addition from our membership:

- Access to affordable essential amino acids, like lysine and valine (perhaps under the paragraph regarding feed solution)
- Access to key third markets, incl. China, and an SPS-agreement with the UK (perhaps under the promotion paragraph).

Please send us

- your **concrete comments** (in track changes) and
- your possible **support** for the letter and the points above
- **to both Zeev** (herewith in cc) and me
- **by Wedn, 12 Nov 16:00**

Many thanks.

With best regards,

Hélène

From: UECBV - hsimonin <hsimonin@uecbv.eu>

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To: Hélène Simonin <HSimonin@uecbv.eu>

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

O/REF: UECBV-HSR-17989

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

Dear Ms. Hélène Simonin,

[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,

Hélène

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