



# EU expectations regarding animal welfare of farmed animals

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# Current EU legislation on animal welfare

Directive 98/58/EC on **animals kept for farming purposes**

Directive 1999/74/EC on **laying hens**

Directive 2007/43/EC on **broilers**

Directive 2008/119 on **calves**

Directive 2008/120 on **pigs**

Regulation (EC) No 1/2005 on **animal transport**

Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009 on **slaughter and killing**

# Future EU legislation on animal welfare

- **New Regulation on welfare of dogs and cats and their traceability** – in trialogue phase of negotiation
- **New Regulation on the protection of animals during transport** – under negotiation with co-legislators
- **On-farm animal welfare for certain animals:** modernisation of EU legislation.
- **Consultation is open from 19 September 2025 to 12 December 2025**



# EU international activities on animal welfare

## Bilateral activities

with third countries

## Multilateral activities

cooperation with  
WOAH, FAO  
and other

## Training & technical assistance

BTSF, TAIEX  
and other

## Enlargement

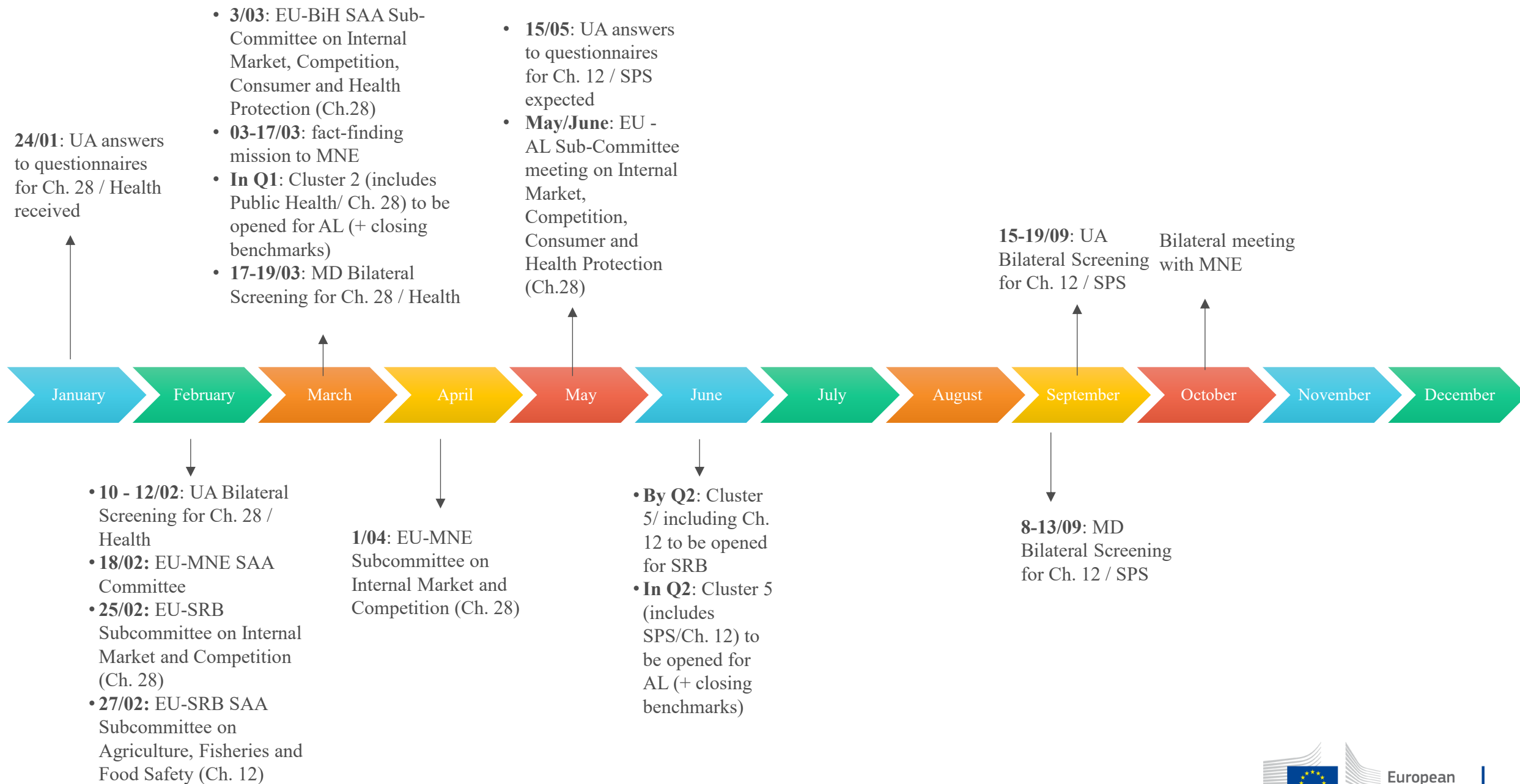
***“Animal welfare international activities are a long-term investment, based on three subsequent steps: awareness raising, capacity building and funding.”***

# Enlargement of the EU – state of play

- Today we have 10 candidate countries:
- **Western Balkan Countries:**
  - **Montenegro, Albania, North Macedonia, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina** (pending) and **Kosovo** (delay due to formal recognition of the country by five MS)
- **Ukraine and Moldova**
  - Commission examination started in 2024
  - Screening of Chapter 12 held in September this year
  - Screening report will be presented to the MS
- **Georgia** – negotiations remain on hold
- **Türkiye** – accession negotiations suspended since 2018

# Enlargement of the EU – Chapter 12

- Chapter 12 Food safety, Veterinary and Phytosanitary Policy (in total there are 6 clusters with overall 33 chapters)
- The SPS measures comprise approximately 50% of the EU acquis (e.g. more than 3.500 acts)
- Any failure to raise standards in areas such as food safety including animal welfare could have direct consequences for the single market and pose health, environmental, economic, and reputational risks to the EU.



# Enlargement - the way forward

- After the bilateral screening meeting on Chapter 12, the Commission prepares a screening report for each chapter. In the report, the Commission may:
  - Recommend the opening of negotiations for that chapter.
  - Or set opening benchmarks (conditions Ukraine must meet before formal negotiations on that chapter can begin).
- The Screening report is presented to the Council who must unanimously agree to open a specific chapter.
- When a chapter is opened Ukraine and the Commission negotiate the terms of alignment with EU rules including the timelines, transitional periods, or specific commitments.
- Each chapter will be provisionally closed when the EU is satisfied that Ukraine meets the required standards.



# EU Platform on Animal Welfare



- **EU Platform on Animal Welfare**

- 2 meetings per year with 75 stakeholders attending as members
- Sub-groups and voluntary initiatives per specific subjects
- All Platform meetings are webstreamed and recorded:
- [https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/animal-welfare/eu-platform-animal-welfare/platform-meetings\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/animal-welfare/eu-platform-animal-welfare/platform-meetings_en)

# EU Expert Group on Animal Welfare

- **Established in 2024** to assist the DG SANTE in the preparation of legislative proposals and policy initiatives in the field of animal welfare.
- **Participants from Member States and EEA/EFTA countries.**
- **It is also a forum for exchanges on matters related to the enforcement and application of the EU animal welfare legislation.**

# Trainings and technical assistance

- **Better Training for Safer Food - BTSF Academy**
  - Dedicated trainings on animal welfare with European and World coverage
- **Technical Assistance and Information Exchange (TAIEX)**
  - EU instrument for capacity building worldwide
- **Sustained Training and Technical Assistance Missions (STM)**
  - Tailor made approach for specific topics and with concrete objective



**Thank you  
for your attention!**