

ANIMAL WELFARE FORUM

UKRAINE 2026

MARKING WORLD DAY FOR FARMED ANIMALS

*From commitments
to actions*

PROGRAMME

29 SEPTEMBER • 2 OCTOBER 2026

OVERVIEW

Animal welfare is an integral part of responsible and sustainable livestock production. Ensuring animal welfare is important not only from an ethical perspective, but also for protecting animal health, improving product quality and safety, supporting international trade, and strengthening the competitiveness of Ukrainian producers. For Ukraine, implementing modern requirements in this area is also an important part of the European integration process and of fulfilling its commitments to align national legislation and practices with European Union standards.

Adopting legislation is only the first step. Its effective implementation requires proper preparation of the competent authority and business operators, staff training, effective official control mechanisms, dissemination of practical knowledge, and a responsible approach to animals at all stages — during keeping, transport and slaughter. It is particularly important that the requirements are clear, practically feasible and consistently applied by all parties involved.

FORUM OBJECTIVE

To support Ukraine's transition from legislative harmonisation to the effective implementation of EU rules on the welfare of farmed animals by reviewing progress under the [Roadmap for Ensuring the Implementation of EU Animal Welfare Legislation in Ukraine for 2025–2027](#) (Animal Welfare Roadmap), exchanging practical experience and approaches, facilitating multi-stakeholder dialogue, and identifying

The “ANIMAL WELFARE — UKRAINE 2026: FROM COMMITMENTS TO ACTIONS” FORUM (the Forum) is the third annual event marking World Day for Farmed Animals, continuing the series launched in 2024:

- [Online Conference “Working Together to Ensure the Welfare for Farmed Animals in Ukraine”, 2–3 October 2024](#)
- [Online Forum “Sustainable Livestock and Animal Welfare – Ukraine 2025”, 2 October 2025](#)

It continues the joint dialogue among public authorities, business operators, private sector and professional associations, scientific and educational institutions, non-governmental organisations, representatives of the European Union and EU Member States, and international technical assistance projects.

outstanding needs and opportunities for coordinated support from international partners.

The Forum is intended to serve as a platform for open professional dialogue, dissemination of effective practical solutions, and identification of common next steps required for the consistent implementation of animal welfare requirements in Ukraine.

FORMAT AND SHORT PROGRAMME

The Forum will take place over two days in a hybrid format. In-person participation will be limited and available by individual invitation only;

online participation will be open to registered participants. Simultaneous Ukrainian–English and English–Ukrainian interpretation will be provided on both days.

DAY 1

29 September 2026

EXPERIENCE EXCHANGE

🕒 11:00–16:00

DAY 2

2 October 2026

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FROM COMMITMENTS TO ACTIONS

🕒 11:00–16:00

FORMAT:

Online participation requires prior registration. The connection link will be sent to all participants who complete the [registration form](#)



DAY 1

EXPERIENCE EXCHANGE

29 SEPTEMBER 2026

The day is dedicated to an exchange of French and Ukrainian experience in implementing animal welfare requirements — from public policy, personnel training and official controls to practical solutions applied by business operators.

🕒 10:30–11:00	Online connection	Facilitator: Jocelyn MEROT International Technical Advisor / Ukraine European Integration, Advisor in the Field of Agriculture and Food (SPS standards), Expertise France
🕒 11:00–11:20	OPENING AND WELCOME REMARKS	
	Denys BASHLYK Deputy Minister of Economy and Environment of Ukraine (Ministry of Economy)	Marie-Christine LE GAL Deputy General Director and CVO at the French Directorate General for Food (DGAL), French Ministry of Agriculture, Agri-food and Food Sovereignty
	Serhii TKACHUK Head of the State Service of Ukraine on Food Safety and Consumer Protection (SSUFSCP)	Sébastien SURUN First Counsellor of the French Ambassador to Ukraine
	Volodymyr KUSTUROV Deputy Head of SSUFSCP and Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO) of Ukraine	
🕒 11:20–11:30	PRESENTATION OF THE OBJECTIVES AND STRUCTURE OF DAY 1 OF THE FORUM	Jocelyn MEROT International Technical Advisor / Ukraine European Integration, Advisor in the Field of Agriculture and Food (SPS standards), Expertise France
🕒 11:30–11:50	FRENCH ANIMAL WELFARE POLICY AND OVERVIEW OF THE FRENCH OFFICIAL VETERINARY SERVICES ORGANISATION, FOCUS ON ANIMAL WELFARE	Florence DEPERSIN National Expert on Farm Animal Welfare at the DGAL, French Ministry of Agriculture, Agri-food and Food Sovereignty
🕒 11:50–12:10	OFFICIAL TRAINING SYSTEM FOR BUSINESS OPERATOR PERSONNEL	Natacha SORIN Private Veterinarian and Consultant in e-training



🕒 12:10–12:30	ROLE OF FRENCH AGRICULTURAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE IN SUPPORTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CURRENT AND FUTURE ANIMAL WELFARE STANDARDS IN FRANCE	Maxime QUENTIN Deputy Director and Scientific Director, French Technical Institute of Poultry, Fish and Rabbit Production (ITAVI)
🕒 12:30–13:00	Q&A SESSION	Facilitator: Jocelyn MEROT International Technical Advisor / Ukraine European Integration, Advisor in the Field of Agriculture and Food (SPS standards), Expertise France
🕒 13:00–14:00	Lunch	
🕒 14:00–14:20	FRENCH POULTRY FARMER PERSPECTIVE: practical experience in implementing poultry welfare requirements, lessons learned and recommendations	
	Magalie LECHAPPE Farm Manager, Orvia Group (video interview)	Sabine BREUL Veterinarian (DVM), Sanitary Manager, Orvia Group
🕒 14:20–15:10	EXPERIENCE OF UKRAINIAN BUSINESS OPERATORS:	
	Broiler welfare in practice: approaches, solutions and results	Yevhenii BOIKO Director of the Poultry Department and Chief Veterinary Officer, PJSC MHP
		Tetiana HROMYK Head of the Quality Control Department, PJSC MHP
	From requirements to daily practice: ensuring the welfare of dairy cattle	Mykola DZIUBAN Head of the Dairy Farming Division, Eridon Group of Companies
🕒 15:10–15:50	Q&A SESSION, DISCUSSION AND EXPERIENCE EXCHANGE	Facilitator: Jocelyn MEROT International Technical Advisor / Ukraine European Integration, Advisor in the Field of Agriculture and Food (SPS standards), Expertise France
🕒 15:50–16:00	CONCLUSIONS OF DAY 1 OF THE FORUM	Jocelyn MEROT International Technical Advisor / Ukraine European Integration, Advisor in the Field of Agriculture and Food (SPS standards), Expertise France
🕒 16:00	CLOSING OF DAY 1 OF THE FORUM	

ANIMAL WELFARE ROADMAP: FROM COMMITMENTS TO ACTIONS

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Day 2 focuses on the results of the implementation of the Animal Welfare Roadmap for 2025–2027. Key stakeholders responsible for implementing the activities will present progress made, ongoing actions, partners' contributions, and next steps. The panel discussion will provide a space to align priorities and opportunities for coordinated support.

🕒 10:30–11:00 **Online connection**

Facilitator:

Viktoria LETS

Senior Consultant, Dairy Sector Component, QFTP

🕒 11:00–11:30 **OPENING AND WELCOME REMARKS**

Taras VYSOTSKYI

Minister of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine

Carolien SPAANS

Agricultural Counsellor, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Ukraine

Serhii TKACHUK

Head of the SSUFSCP

Poul Jakob ERIKSTRUP

Agricultural Counsellor, Embassy of Denmark in Ukraine

Jocelin Cornet

Head of Section – Public Finance, Business Support and Social Policies, EU Delegation to Ukraine

Representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) (TBC)

🕒 11:30–11:35 **PRESENTATION OF THE OBJECTIVES AND
STRUCTURE OF DAY 2**

Manon SCHUPPERS

Co-CEO of SAFOSO AG and International Expert, QFTP



🕒 11:35–13:00

ANIMAL WELFARE ROADMAP: FROM COMMITMENTS TO ACTIONS

Harmonisation of animal welfare legislation with EU requirements: current status, progress achieved and next steps

Oksana NOVOKHATNIA

Head of the Animal Health and Welfare Division, Department of State Policy in the Field of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures and Food Security, Ministry of Economy

Preparing the official control system: procedures, tools, training and practical readiness

Mariia BARBARA

Deputy Head of the Animal Health and Welfare Division, SSUFSCP

Information campaigns and awareness raising: materials developed, audience reach and further communication steps

Mariia BARBARA

Deputy Head of the Animal Health and Welfare Division, SSUFSCP

Preparing business operators and the contribution of private sector and professional associations and other organisations to the implementation of animal welfare requirements

Hanna LAVRENIUK

General Director, Association of Milk Producers

Oleksandr BEREZIUK

Head of the Advisory Team, “Family Dairy Farms” Project

Natalia YAKYMENKO

Deputy Chair, Public Union “Sheep and Goat Breeding of Ukraine”

Oksana YURCHENKO

President, Association of Pig Producers of Ukraine; International Expert on Biosecurity and Animal Welfare, FAO

Serhii KARPENKO

Executive Director, Association “Union of Poultry Breeders of Ukraine”

Natalia DREMBLIUHA

President, Association “Meat of Ukraine”

🕒 13:00–14:00 Lunch



🕒 14:00–15:30

PANEL DISCUSSION

From planning to sustainable implementation: progress, challenges, needs, priorities and opportunities for further coordinated cooperation

Nataliia SHCHYROVA

Acting Director, Department of State Policy in the Field of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures and Food Security, Ministry of Economy

Mariia BARBARA

Deputy Head of the Animal Health and Welfare Division, SSUFSCP

Representative of DG SANTE, European Commission (TBC)

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CONCLUSIONS AND NEXT STEPS

Key messages, agreed actions and closing of the Forum

Nataliia SHCHYROVA

Acting Director, Department of State Policy in the Field of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures and Food Security, Ministry of Economy

Mariia BARBARA

Deputy Head of the Animal Health and Welfare Division, SSUFSCP

🕒 16:00

CLOSING OF THE FORUM



This event is organised under the patronage of the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine and in cooperation with the State Service of Ukraine on Food Safety and Consumer Protection with the support of:

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- Embassy of Denmark in Ukraine;
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).



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