



Fish Welfare in Aquaculture: the practical approach to husbandry, health and consumers

22 March 2022 • 14:00 - 16:00 • Online event

Agenda

1. Policy Initiatives 30 mins

Fish welfare in the new Strategic Aquaculture Guidelines 10 mins

Lorella de la Cruz (DG-MARE)

EU Platform on Animal Welfare fish welfare guidelines 10 mins

Katerina Marinou (Greece)

Q&A session 10 mins

2. Taster training 45 mins

Interactive fish welfare training

Joao Saraiva (FishEthoGroup)

3. Panel discussion 30 mins

Joao Saraiva

FishEthoGroup

Hans van de Vis

Wageningen University

Javier Ojeda

Federation of European Aquaculture
Producers

Facilitated by Douglas Waley, Eurogroup for
Animals

4. Policy Initiatives (continued)

Fish welfare in the Animal Welfare legislative review 10 mins

Kornilia Zafeiropoulou (DG-SANTE)



Lorella de la Cruz

Lorella de la Cruz Iglesias has a Law degree and a Master on European Union Law by the Spanish Universidad Autónoma de Madrid. She works in the European Commission since July 2001.

Following a 17-year experience on various aspects of EU Trade Policy at the Directorate-General for Trade, she joined the Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE) in April 2018 as Deputy Head of Unit for Blue Economy Sectors, Aquaculture and Maritime Spatial Planning. She is coordinator of the aquaculture and blue biotechnology team in the Unit.

Other than her mother tongue (Spanish), she speaks English, French and Portuguese.



Kornilia Zafeiropoulou

Kornilia Zafeiropoulou is a Policy officer in the field of animal welfare in the European Commission. She is responsible for pig, rabbit and aquatic animal welfare at farm level.

Between 2017 and 2021, she served as an Attaché at the Permanent Representation of Greece to the EU, for Veterinary and Fisheries issues. Prior to 2017, she worked for the Hellenic Ministry of Rural Development and Food for more than fifteen years, in the field of diagnosis of animal pathogens. She is a veterinarian and holds two Master of Science degrees, in Public Health and Quality Assurance.



Denis Simonin

Denis Simonin is a Senior Expert on animal welfare at the European Commission. He is today responsible for animal welfare labelling, the Common Agriculture Policy animal welfare related issues and the protection of animals at the time of killing.

From 2016 to 2021, he was head of the animal welfare sector, responsible for the creation of the EU Animal Welfare Platform and of the first EU reference centres. Before 2016, he prepared the EU animal welfare strategy 2012-2015, drafted the EU legislation on the welfare at slaughter and the legislation on animal transport.

He graduated as doctor in veterinary medicine in France and obtained a master business of administration in Canada.



Katerina Marinou

Katerina Marinou is Head of the animal welfare Division for farm and laboratory animals of the Greek Ministry of Rural Development and Food.

She is the Greek National Contact Point for the implementation of animal welfare legislation in the European Commission since 2015, Member of the EU Platform on Animal Welfare and convenor of its voluntary initiative on fish welfare. She teaches fish welfare in a postgraduate course in the University of Thessaly in Greece.

She is a tutor in BTSF Training Courses for animal welfare legislation dealing with transport and slaughter. She has also been appointed as Lead Tutor for risk assessment of animal welfare at the EU-FORA EFSA Fellowship project.



Joao Saraiva

João Saraiva is a fish ethologist with a special interest in welfare. He leads a research team at the Center of Marine Sciences as well as the FishEthoGroup Association, and lectures Ethology at the University of Algarve in Portugal.

With a research background on fish behaviour, João focuses on science-based solutions to improve the welfare of farmed fishes. He authored dozens of scientific papers and edited a book on fish welfare.

João and the Fish Etho Group provide international consultancy in fish welfare, develop fish welfare standards for certification labels and provide training in fish welfare for academics, producers and policy-makers.



Hans van de Vis

Hans van de Vis is a senior researcher at the Department of Animal Health and Welfare, Wageningen Livestock Research, the Netherlands.

He received his MSc in Biochemistry from Utrecht University, the Netherlands and a PhD in Agricultural Sciences at Wageningen University, the Netherlands.

Hans' fields of specialisation include stress and welfare of cultured and captured fish species. He has participated in several R&D projects and networks and has published numerous scientific papers on fish welfare. Hans was a member of the EFSA working group for the assessment of welfare during farming of European eel and welfare at slaughter of European eel, sea bass and gilthead sea bream. He is also a member of Wageningen Institute of Animal Sciences, Wageningen, the Netherlands.



Javier Ojeda

Javier Ojeda is General Secretary of the Federation of European Aquaculture Producers (FEAP) and Chair of the Aquaculture Advisory Council (AAC), besides holding relations with the European Commission, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee, FAO, IUCN and other relevant international organisations.

He is also General secretary of the Spanish Aquaculture Farmers Association (APROMAR). He is Vice president of the Spanish Technology Platform for Fisheries and Aquaculture (PTEPA), Counsellor at the Spanish Economic and Social Council and Chair in the Spanish Standardisation Bureau on aquaculture. From these positions he pursues the promotion of responsible aquaculture in front of public authorities, policy makers, trade unions, media, NGOs and researchers.

Javier is Biologist (University of Madrid, Spain) with a MSc degree in Oceanography (University of South Carolina, US).



Douglas Waley

Doug Waley has a background in political and development economics studies, and several years in stakeholder engagement roles within large scale research projects in Asia and Africa focussed on sustainability and ethical issues in aquaculture production and export.

For four years Doug has been the Fish Welfare Programme Leader at Eurogroup for Animals, lobbying for better regulations at EU level and for applying non-legislative instruments to raising fish welfare standards. He also has a role in supporting and coordinating communications and lobby work among Eurogroup for Animals' 82 member organisations, and is currently a member of the fish welfare technical working group of the Aquaculture Stewardship Council.
