

FVE/TAIEX conference on animal welfare and EU legislation

In collaboration with TAIEX, FVE will host a conference on animal welfare in Belgrade on 1-2 September 2006. The conference will focus the areas of animal welfare where the EU has legal competence, such as the rearing, transport and slaughter of farm animals and the regulation of the use of animals in research. An overview of the Council of Europe conventions on animal welfare will also be given. The conference will start with a general session on animal welfare: definition, perception (and the evolution of perception) of EU citizens/consumers and the teaching of animal welfare in veterinary undergraduate education. The organisers have invited speakers from the European Commission, the Council of Europe, the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and Eurogroup for Animal Welfare.

The conference is principally aimed at participants from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Kosovo, Romania, Serbia, Montenegro and Turkey. Around 80 participants are expected to attend.

The conference is intended for those working in or with competent authorities and policy makers as well as board members of Veterinary Chambers, Orders and Associations. In addition, the meeting is open to other interested parties, such as educators and veterinary practitioners from Serbia or neighbouring countries.

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