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In view of the above meeting, delegations will find in Annex the Presidency flash.

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PRESIDENCY FLASH

Working Party on Animals and Veterinary Questions (Animal Welfare and Husbandry) 4 - 5 June, 2025

When	Where	Format
4–5 June 10:00	JL 50.1	1+2+1

Dear colleagues,

we are pleased to invite you to the final meeting of the Working Party on Animals and Veterinary Questions (Animal Welfare and Husbandry), under the Polish Presidency, that will take place on 4th and 5th June 2025 in Brussels.

The aim of the meeting is to continue the examination of the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council *on the protection of animals during transport and related operations*, based on a number of working documents prepared by the Presidency.

Chapter II of the Proposal and Annex Va

The Presidency will present the revised Presidency suggestions for Chapter II and Annex Va, amended on the basis of verbal and written contributions of delegations.

The latest Presidency text suggestions are accessible via Delegates Portal under document **ST 6626/1/25 REV 1** (for Chapter II) and document **ST 6627/1/25 REV 1** (for Annex Va).

Over the course of the meeting delegations are welcome to express their opinions and remarks concerning the presented documents.

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Article 22 of Chapter V

The Presidency will present drafting suggestions for Article 22 of Chapter V prepared with the view to accommodate the new approach to the interlink between the use of assembly centres (described in Article 22 of the proposal) and the requirements for a journey (outlined in Chapter VI).
The new text on Article 22 is published in the Delegates Portal under document **ST 7307/25**, along with Presidency text suggestions for Chapter VI of the Proposal.

Over the course of the meeting delegations are welcome to express their opinions and remarks concerning Article 22 of Chapter V.

Chapter VI of the Proposal and Chapter V of its Annex I

The Presidency will present drafting suggestions for Chapter VI of the Proposal along with drafting suggestions for the corresponding Chapter V of Annex I, prepared on the basis of comments expressed during previous meetings of the Working Party and the written contributions of delegations.
The Presidency text suggestions are accessible via Delegates Portal under documents **ST 9298/25** (for Chapter VI) and **ST 6627/2/25 REV 2** (for Chapter V of Annex I).

Over the course of the meeting delegations are welcome to express their opinions and remarks concerning the presented documents.

Presentation by delegations of ES, FR, HU and IE on national measures concerning animal transport

During the previous meetings of the Working Party on Animal and Veterinary Questions (Animal Welfare & Husbandry) some delegations were referring to national legislation concerning particular aspects of animal transport.

In order to facilitate sharing experiences and expertise in this important area, the Presidency wishes to dedicate a part of the upcoming Working Party on 4-5 June 2025 to give the floor to the experts from Spain, France, Hungary and Ireland, who signalled their interest in presenting briefly their experience with regulatory frameworks, technological advancements or operational strategies.

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The Presidency hopes that such an exercise will provide valuable insights to our collective efforts toward improving animal transport practices in the EU, enrich the further discussions and contribute to a deeper understanding of the diverse approaches and solutions in Member States.

In the end of the meeting, the upcoming Danish Presidency will present their plans for the proceedings of the Working Party during second semester of 2025. We wish all the best to our subsequent trio member, and we are happy to achieve together further progress.

Next steps

The Presidency sincerely thanks all the delegations for the excellent working atmosphere and constructive positions presented in the course of the Polish Presidency.

The Presidency will present a progress report of the examination of the proposal for a Regulation on the protection of animals during transport and related operations by the Working Party on Animals and Veterinary Questions (Animal Welfare and Husbandry) at the AGRIFISH Council on 23rd-24th June 2025.

Any other business

Delegations that would like to raise any further issues are kindly invited to inform the General Secretariat of the Council (LIFE.3@consilium.europa.eu) as well as the Presidency ([redacted], [redacted]) in advance of the meeting.

The support by the General Secretariat of the Council is greatly appreciated.

We are looking forward to see you again in Brussels.

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P.S. Scroll the page to learn more about our unique breed of a horse ☺

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“Konik polski”- a primitive horse resembling the extinct tarpan

The Polish Konik *(*pl: *konik polski*), is a breed of a small horse. The Polish word “*konik”* is the diminutive of *“koń”,* the Polish word for *horse*.

There are semi-feral populations in some regions. The breed bears a very strong resemblance to the extinct wild tarpan horse, but it is not genetically the same.

The Konik is short in height, ranging about 130–140 cm. The breed has a strong and stocky build, small head with a straight profile, a neck set low out of the chest and a thick mane. The coat is usually mouse dun or striped dun.

Current use
Nowadays, “konik polski “ is mainly used:

- as riding horses, especially in horse trips,
- in hippotherapy – due to their gentle nature and small build,
- in light sleds,
- in breeding, as a genetic reserve,
- in landscape care through grazing.

Where to find them in Poland?
In Poland, “konik polski” currently live on nature reserves at Popielno, Roztocze National Park and Stobnica Research Station of the University of Life Sciences in Poznań. They are also bred in controlled conditions at state studs at Popielno and Sieraków.



phot.: National Digital Archive. In this picture: Ludwik Remiszewski, District Veterinary Officer in Biłgoraj and prof. Tadeusz Vetulani, agriculturalist and biologist who launched restoration and breeding programmes. Thanks to his efforts, in 1936 the horse with typical features of a tarpan began to be bred in reserve conditions in the Białowieża Forest.