

Newsletter EURCAW-Poultry-SFA



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EURCAW-Poultry-SFA Q2E

EURCAW-Poultry-SFA has answered five queries in 2023. All Q2E answers are available [online](#).

- 🔍 [Q2E-Poultry-SFA-2023-006](#)
Stocking densities in red partridge
- 🔍 [Q2E-Poultry-SFA-2023-007 \(ongoing\)](#)
Catching of turkeys in a loose house
- 🔍 [Q2E-Poultry-SFA-2023-009 \(ongoing\)](#)
Ad libitum access to water for broiler breeders
- 🔍 [Q2E-Poultry-SFA-2023-010 \(ongoing\)](#)
Indicators of consciousness after electrical stunning in rabbits
- 🔍 [Q2E-Poultry-SFA-2023-011 \(ongoing\)](#)
Pullets rearing in the first weeks in aviary



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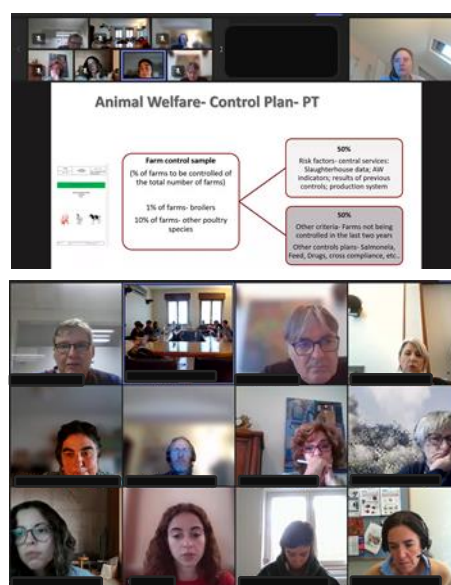
→ The Q2E webform is available online [here](https://survey.anses.fr/SurveyServer/s/DSL/QuerywebformIQ3/questionnaire.htm) or <https://survey.anses.fr/SurveyServer/s/DSL/QuerywebformIQ3/questionnaire.htm>

→ You can download [here](#) the webform in PDF to prepare your Q2E submission,

Fourth meeting with Competent Authorities

The **fourth EU-network meeting** between representatives of EU MS Competent Authorities (CAs) and the EURCAW-Poultry-SFA, took place virtually on **October 24-25, 2023** on 2*0,5 days. In total **59 participants**, from **22 EU MSs** participated, including **39 delegates from CAs**, 13 from EURCAW-Poultry-SFA, and 7 observers: two DG SANTE unit G5 representatives, three EFSA representatives and two EFTA representatives. This meeting was the occasion to present the Centre's work performed since the last meeting in 2022. Furthermore, it permitted participants to discuss potential future priority areas of work, identify possible collaboration at the national level, and identify the main needs and expectations of CAs.

The presentations are available [here](#).
The report will be available [here](#) soon.



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2023 Highlights



Second EURCAW-Poultry-SFA Workshop

The **second EURCAW-Poultry-SFA workshop** took place online on **October 24th, 2023** and was focused on **'Fitness for transport assessment for end-of-lay hens'**. participants were connected.



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Are you aware of a good practice?

One of our activities in EURCAW-Poultry-SFA is to continuously search for examples of good practices that promote poultry and rabbit welfare, either on farm or at the slaughterhouse. Currently, we are particularly interested in how to avoid damage due to injurious pecking in laying hens with intact beaks. Examples of good practices already described and found on our website are [mobile houses](#), the [design and management of outdoor ranges](#), [environmental enrichment](#) and [captive bolts for back-up stunning](#).

If you have suggestions for farms, slaughterhouses, specific equipment, practices, inspection procedures, etc. that demonstrate or result in improved animal welfare, please do not hesitate to contact us: info@eurcaw-poultry-sfa.eu.

EURCAW-Poultry-SFA members attended the Welfare Quality Network Symposium

The Welfare Quality Network Seminar 2023 was held in Barcelona on the 8th November 2023. See the agenda [here](#). There were two talks relevant from EURCAW-Poultry-SFA:

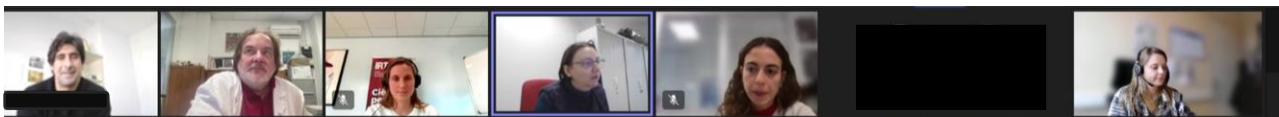
- "Animal based indicators used for the assessment of gas stunning in broilers." by Alejandra Contreras.
- "Relevant indicators for the assessment of unconsciousness in electrical stunned rabbits." by Virginie Michel.

Fourth EURCAW-Poultry-SFA Webinar

The **fourth EURCAW-Poultry-SFA webinar: 'Assessment of welfare in rabbits on-farm using the most relevant indicators'** took place online on **November 14, 2023** on 1h45. **The webinar page is available [here](#)**. 81 participants were connected.

→ The **next EURCAW-Poultry-SFA webinar** will take place on **June 4th, 2024** for 2 hours. This webinar will be on **'assessment of welfare in turkeys on farm using the most relevant animal-based indicators'**. **SAVE the DATE!**

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Third Reflection Board meeting

The **third Reflection Board meeting** between representatives of the Reflection Board (RB) organizations (from the EU Platform on Animal Welfare) and the EURCAW-Poultry-SFA, was held remotely via Teams on **December, 12th 2023 afternoon**. In total **14 participants**, **six** of them from seven EU platform entities forming the **RB**, seven from the EURCAW-Poultry-SFA were connected. One representative from DG SANTE attended as an observer. This meeting was the occasion to present the Centre's activities since the last meeting, discuss future possible work topics for next years and identify possible future collaboration and interests. The presentations is available [here](#).

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