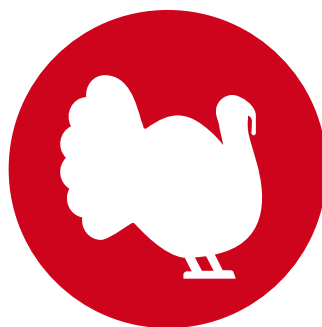




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1 Introduction

As defined in the EURCAW-Poultry-SFA work programme: "In agreement with DG SANTE the European Union Reference Centres for Animal Welfare will visit veterinary inspectors in the different Member States in their own countries to be able to better support their work as inspectors in the field of husbandry, transport and slaughter. The idea is to meet the inspectors in their own countries to address their main issues in their own language."

Within the consortium it was agreed to deliver the second EURCAW-Poultry-SFA Roadshow in Spain. The event took place in Madrid on May 27th, 2026, and was organized by the Spanish members of EURCAW-Poultry-SFA, IRTA, and the Spanish Central Competent Authority (CCA). The CCA expressed its interest in the topic: Turkey welfare from farm to fork.

2 Participants

Twenty participants (official veterinarians and competent authority representatives) from the main turkey producing regions of Spain, plus **seven** observers from the CCA attended the event.



Figure 1: Group photo with the participants and organizers.

3 Agenda

9:30 – 9:45 Welcome

9:45 – 10:00 Introduction about turkey's legal framework

10:00 – 10:30 Ethology and welfare of turkeys

Coffee break

11:00 – 11:45 Introduction and update of EURCAW-Poultry-SFA activities related to turkeys: on farm

11:45 – 12:30 Introduction and update of EURCAW-Poultry-SFA activities related to turkeys: on slaughter

12:30- 13:00 Main aspects of the turkeys EFSA report

Lunch

15:00 – 17:00 Discussion of case-studies from inspectors

4 Summary of the meeting

As a request from the CCA, the first half of the Roadshow was organized to update and present information relevant to the topic "Turkey welfare from farm to fork".

After welcoming and presenting all participants, the organizers gave an introduction and update on EURCAW-Poultry-SFA, and the CCA briefly presented the legislative framework for turkeys at farm, transport and slaughter. Then a short lecture about ethology and welfare of turkeys was presented. After the coffee break, the organizers had the opportunity to promote the EURCAW-Poultry-SFA's work and explain in detail the activities related to turkeys on farm and at slaughter. Finally, the main aspects of the turkeys EFSA report were presented.

The second half of the Roadshow was centred on the case-studies presented by the participants. They had the opportunity to share questions, experiences or good practices, in an interactive manner. The organizers moderated the session and shared scientific information whenever possible. There was great interaction during this session, with topics like: how to properly calculate the stocking density or the capacity of the farm; transport; how to check the compliance of the stunning equipment with the legislation, how to assess the effectiveness of the stunning and how to resolve incidences, etc.

5 Roadshow satisfaction survey

An online satisfaction survey (in Spanish) was provided to the participants, which was responded by 15. Feedback was very positive, as you can see in the details below.

Overall assessment of the Roadshow	9.4
Assessment of the speakers' presentation skills	
Antonio Velarde	8.6
Aranzazu Varvaró	9.3
Aida Xercavins	9.6
Relevance of the topics covered	9.4
The content meet your expectations	9.4
Rate the duration of the roadshow	8.9
Adequacy and functionality of the venue	9.3
Rate the usefulness of the roadshow	9.5
Would you recommend this event to a colleague?	Yes
Did you experience any issues related to the roadshow schedule?	No
Would you attend another roadshow in the future?	Yes

Do you have any suggestions on how the EURCAW-Poultry-SFA could better support you in your work?

- Coordination of acquired knowledge

Which elements of the Roadshow did you find most interesting?

- All of it (2)
- On farm management and ethology
- Case-studies
- Mobile slaughterhouse

Do you have any suggestions about what should be added to future Roadshows like this?

- Welfare of rabbits on farm and at slaughter
- Doing it in two days
- Split the audience and have a specific part about farm and a specific part about slaughter

If you have any other comments or suggestions, please let us know:

- Need for regulation to grant maximum capacity to turkey farms, as in laying hens and broilers

6 Conclusion

The feedback from the participants was very positive and there was an overall consensus that these events should be delivered more often on a routine basis. The most appreciated aspect appeared to be the opportunity given to exchange experiences between field inspectors, CCA and EURCAW experts.

About EURCAW-Poultry-SFA

EURCAW-Poultry-SFA is one of the four European Union Reference Centres for Animal Welfare. It focuses on poultry and other small farmed animals welfare and legislation, and covers the entire life cycle from hatch/birth to the end of life. EURCAW-Poultry-SFA's main objective is to scientifically and technically support the European Commission and Member States for implementation of welfare legislation. This includes:

- Directive 98/58/EC concerning the protection of animals kept on farms;
- Regulations 1/2005/EC and 1099/2009/EC concerning their protection during transport and slaughter;
- Directive 1999/74/EC laying down minimum standards for the protection of laying hens;
- Directive 2007/43/EC laying down minimum rules for the protection of chickens kept for meat production.

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- Coordinated Assistance
Providing support, networking and Questions to EURCAW;
- Welfare indicators, Assessment & Good Practices
Identifying animal welfare indicators, including animal based, management based and resource-based indicators, that can be used to verify compliance with the EU legislation;
- Scientific and technical studies
Preparing Scientific Reviews of knowledge on welfare topics, identify research needs and perform scientific and technical studies to fill the gaps of knowledge;
- Training
Reviewing existing training activities and developing new training materials, webinars and knowledge pills for official inspectors and competent authorities;
- Communication and Dissemination
Increasing awareness of our outputs via the website, and newsletter.

Website and contact

EURCAW-Poultry-SFA's website offers relevant and actual information to support enforcement of poultry and other small farmed animals' welfare legislation.

We offer a 'Questions to EURCAW' service for official inspectors, policy workers, and other personnel providing advice or support for official controls of poultry and other small farmed animals welfare in the EU. For more information go to the Q2E webform available online [here](https://survey.anses.fr/SurveyServer/s/DSL/Questionnaire) or <https://survey.anses.fr/SurveyServer/s/DSL/Questionnaire>. All Q2E answers are available [online](#).