

Workshop 7 – transport of pigs and animal welfare.

Scientists presented ongoing research concerning animal welfare during transport of sows and pigs for slaughter and investigations at control post used for long transports of animals in EU. In perspective to that there was presentation on the amount of animal transports and the challenges in the regard to fitness for transport, meat quality and harmonization of rules with in EU and a presentation on the main findings on roadside checks due to fitness for transport.

The following discussion highlighted the need for legislation based on research. On the basis of research on group size, behavior during transport, watering, fitness for transport etc. the current legislation could be adjusted on a scientific manner. The legislation needs to be adjusted on several matters such as precise definitions, space allowance, transport times, access to the animals, control post etc.