

# The Necessity of animal welfare collaboration in the WB region

## The EU MS officials' point of view

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# Status praesens

- Tradition of (in)formal cooperation
  - RSPCA
  - OIE, TAIEX, BTSF
  - Regular contacts (phone, e-mail)
  - Visits
  - Guests at WBVN meetings
  - ...

# Possibility of formalizing and expanding existing activities

- Circumstances change (enlargement of the EU)
- RSPCA and WBVN created a strong group of experts and other stakeholders
  - Academia
  - NGOs
  - Governmental services
  - Industry
  - Veterinary practitioners

Everything is ready!

What do we do?  
How do we do it?

# Government service Point of view

- National legislation:
  - Pet animals,
  - Stray animals issues
- EU legislation
  - Slaughter and killing for disease control
  - Farm animals
  - Experimental animals (!)

# Activities of „the body“

- Exchanging information, experience and best practice
- Sharing „transition experiences“
- Sharing knowledge and training of officials (enforcement staff)
- Providing scientific support to gov't and stakeholders
- Cooperation in planning and harmonisation of AW strategies on regional level
- Public outreach and cooperation with NGOs
- Cooperation with international and national AW bodies

Thanks for your attention.