



**CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGISLATIVE ASPECTS  
OF ANIMAL WELFARE IN EUROPE:  
The Animal Welfare Action Plan  
as a Political and Legislative Challenge**

1 February 2007, Hotel Crowne Plaza, Brussels

*8:30 a.m. – Coffee and Registration*

8:50 a.m.	<b>Opening</b>	<b>Berend Peters</b> VIER PFOTEN (Board)
9:00 – 9:15 a.m.	<b>Animal Welfare in Europe</b>  <b>Welcome</b>	<b>Despina Spanou</b> Member of Cabinet of Commissioner Kyprianou Health, EU Commission, DG SANCO, Brussels

*Animal Welfare in Constitutions in Europe*

9:15 – 10:00 a.m.	<b>Sustainability and Constitutional Changes</b> <i>Keynote Speech</i>	<b>Jo Leinen, MEP</b> Chairman of the Constitutional Committee EU Parliament, Brussels
10:00 – 10:45 a.m.	<b>Ethical Animal Welfare and Bioethics in European Culture</b>	<b>Dr. theol. Heike Baranzke</b> Lecturer, Theological Ethics Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms- Universität, Bonn
10:45 – 11:15 a.m.	<b>Animal Welfare in Constitutions</b>	<b>Dr. Gieri Bolliger</b> Attorney at Law, Author Zurich

*Coffee Break*

*Animal Welfare in Legislation and Court Decisions*

11:30 – 12:15 p.m.	<b>Animal Welfare in Legislation and Court Decisions in Germany, Austria and France</b>	<b>Hans-Georg Kluge</b> Attorney at Law, Author Former State Secretary Berlin
12:15 – 1:00 p.m.	<b>Animal Welfare in Legislation and Court Decisions in Great Britain, Scandinavia and Southern Europe</b>	<b>David Bowles</b> Head of External Affairs Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA) London

*Lunch Break*



*Focus on the Accession States Bulgaria and Romania*

2:00 – 2:30 p.m.	<b>Pre-Accession Strategy and Measures for the Introduction of EU Animal Welfare Standards in Candidate Countries</b>	<b>Dr. Hinrich Meyer-Gerbaulet</b> Bulgaria Team, DG ENLARGE EU Commission Brussels
2:30 – 3:00 p.m.	<b>The New Animal Welfare Law and Court Decisions in Bulgaria</b>	<b>Dr. Maya Neidenowa</b> Attorney at Law Sofia, Hamburg
3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	<b>Animal Welfare Law and Court Decisions in Romania</b>	<b>Dr. Despina Fruth Oprisan</b> Attorney at Law Bucharest

*Coffee Break*

*The Animal Welfare Action Plan*

3:45 – 4:15 p.m.	<b>The Animal Welfare Action Plan (AWAP) – First Experiences after One Year</b>	<b>Dr. Andrea Gavinelli</b> Deputy Head of Animal Welfare and Feed EU Commission, DG SANCO Brussels
4:15 – 5:00 p.m.	<b>The Community Action Plan on the Protection and Welfare of Animals and Its Impact on Germany</b>	<b>MinDir Bernhard Kühnle,</b> Director-General for Food Safety and Veterinary Affairs German Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection (BMELV) Berlin, Bonn

Leading through the programme:

**Dr. Marlene Wartenberg** (VIER PFOTEN – Head of European Policy Office)

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*Reception VIER PFOTEN*