

Press Conference - Invitation

“Live Animal Transport in 2007: Still a source of animal suffering and disease”

**Wednesday 26 September
10:00-12:00**

**Résidence Palace
International Press Centre
Brussels**
Maelbeek conference room
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Metro: Schuman



Although new EU rules (Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005) to protect animals during transport should apply since January 2007, all our evidence is that there has been no improvement for millions of farm animals transported in the EU.

Eurogroup for Animals, together with Compassion In World Farming and Animals' Angels, have been campaigning against the cruel treatment of animals during transport for many years and have been monitoring what is happening on the roads. They now join forces to show policy makers and the public the hidden suffering of live transport. With a new and disturbing video “Forbidden Journeys”, they will illustrate how the legislation is neither respected nor sufficient to protect animals.

This video ([see a trailer on our web site](#)) shows a reality unknown to many and yet common on Europe's roads and slaughterhouses, especially at loading and unloading: injured animals lifted by cranes or pushed by caterpillars, frequent beating of exhausted animals and indifference to pain... Images which speak for themselves.

Contrary to the rhetoric on transparency and consumer information, the shocking reality is largely hidden from EU citizens, who still do not really know the truth about what they have in their plate.

Representatives from the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe will highlight the urgent need to limit live animal transport, in order to stop not only the suffering of animals but also the risks of spreading animal diseases. The groups will call on the EU to consider limiting live animal transports when debating the European Animal Health Strategy in the EU's Agriculture Council on 26 and 27 September.

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