

## **Strengths and weaknesses of animal welfare initiatives in the EU: expectations of consumers and citizens**

Within the framework of the EconWelfare project over 80 regulatory and non regulatory animal welfare initiatives have been collected in eight European countries. An analysis has been made of the concrete contents of the most relevant regulatory animal welfare schemes in order to benchmark them against the minimum EU requirements contained in the EC directives on animal welfare. The present seminar has the objective to gather the view of multiple retailers, animal protection organisations and consumers organisations on the type of initiatives concerning animal welfare which should be emphasized most in order to obtain a significant increase of animal welfare in the EU.



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### **PROGRAMME**

- 12.30 : Arrival and registration of participants with buffet
- 13.00 : Opening of the seminar
- 13.00 – 13.15 : Presentation of the EconWelfare project,  
Hans Spoolder WUR Livestock Research, Lelystad
- 13.15 – 13.30: Results of literature research,  
Kees de Roest, Research Centre for Animal Production  
Reggio Emilia, Italy
- 13.30 – 13.50: Types of animal welfare initiatives in Europe  
Otto Schmid, FiBL, Frick, Switzerland
- 13.50 – 14.15 : Distinguishing aspects of animal welfare schemes  
Paolo Ferrari Research Centre for Animal Production  
Reggio Emilia, Italy
- 14.15 – 16.00 : Discussion in two working groups (retailers and NGOs)
- 16.00 – 16.15 : Coffee break
- 16.15 – 16.30 : Presentation of results of the two working groups
- 16.30 – 17.15 : Plenary discussion
- 17.15 : Closure of the seminar