



'How to' Guide for CoP Participants

The EURCAW *Ruminants & Equines* Community of Practice (CoP) is a platform to support the exchange of knowledge amongst Competent Authorities and Official Inspectors in EU member states regarding the implementation of animal welfare legislation relating to ruminants and equines. It is password protected, and only Policy Workers (also known as Policy Officers) and Official Inspectors, employed by Competent Authorities, will be permitted to register. For the purposes of the CoP, Policy Workers are defined as providing support to senior officials at Competent Authorities regarding the enforcement of the European and national legislation on the welfare of ruminants and equines. They may perform a variety of tasks including developing courses of action to satisfy government and EU priorities, implementing projects, organising public consultations, and liaising with external stakeholders.

During the pilot phase, the CoP will be available to Policy Workers only. This document outlines how to register for the CoP, participate in the discussions, and optimise your experiences during the discussions.

The CoP discussions will be held every 4-8 weeks and will be open for approximately 2 weeks each for specific topics. Members of the CoP also have the opportunity to create their own topic. Each discussion topic will normally be moderated by a member of EURCAW *Ruminants & Equines*. At the end of the CoP discussion, the forum will be closed, but still visible for users to refer to.

The CoP forums should be a respectful, inclusive, and informative online space. In signing up and participating in the CoP discussions, you are agreeing to EURCAW *Ruminants & Equines* [Code of Conduct](#), which functions on the basis of EU ethical principles and rules, namely equality, diversity and inclusion. EURCAW *Ruminants & Equines* team members will be moderating these forums; however, if you notice any breaches to this code, please notify EURCAW *Ruminants & Equines* (info@eurcaw-ruminants-equines.eu).

Getting Started

To find the CoP forum, go to the Menu > Services > Community of Practice. This will bring you to the home screen for the Community of Practice.



Community of Practice

Welcome to the Community of Practice (CoP). The pilot phase has been completed and the CoP for Policy workers is ready to launch.

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1. **Policy workers** in the Competent Authorities
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The CoP will have topics scheduled for discussion – with a focus on those within the EURCAW *Ruminants & Equines* work programme. There is also an opportunity for Policy Workers and Official Inspectors to initiate a topic and influence future work programmes. We may also ask for their feedback on current EURCAW activities.

We are currently accepting registrations from Policy Worker in all EU Member States. The CoP for Official Inspectors will commence later in 2025.

Login

Register as Policy Workers

Register as Official Inspector






By selecting "Register as Policy Workers" or "Register as Official Inspector" you will be directed to the appropriate registration form. Once you fill in your information and register, the EURCAW Ruminants & Equines team will be notified. Please **use your official work email** for registration. For Official Inspectors, please include the name and email of the Competent Authority that is nominating you for the CoP.

Registration for Policy Workers

Username *

First Name *


Last Name *

Competent Authority * 

Country *

E-mail Address *
Use your work email address

Password *

I'm not a robot 

Register


*Please note that your
username cannot be
changed


Registration for Official Inspectors

Username *

First Name *

Last Name *


Nomination 

Competent Authority 

Country

E-mail Address *
Use your work email address

Password *

I'm not a robot 

Register

*Name and email

Your **registration will be reviewed for approval** by a member of the EURCAW Ruminants & Equines team before you can access the forum. You will receive a confirmation email upon approval.

Registration Acknowledged



EURCAW Ruminants
European Union Reference Centre
for Animal Welfare & Equines

EURCAW Ruminants & Equines

Thank you for signing up!
Your account has to be manually reviewed.

Please allow us some time to process your request and review your information.

Thank you!
The EURCAW Ruminants & Equines Team

Registration Accepted



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European Union Reference Centre
for Animal Welfare & Equines

EURCAW Ruminants & Equines

Thank you for signing up!
Your account is now approved.

Participate in our Community of Practice

Account Information

Your account e-mail: **Test1@ucd.ie**
Your account username: **NAME**
Set your password: <https://www.eurcaw-ruminants-equines.eu/password-reset/>

Thank you!
The EURCAW Ruminants & Equines Team



After Registration is Accepted

Once your registration has been approved, you can return to the CoP web page and login. You will only see and be able to access the forum for which you have been approved for.

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Once in the forum, you will see a list of discussion topics that you can open and respond to. More topics will be added to the forum as the CoP continues.

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Forum: Policy Workers

Q Search the Forum...

Viewing 4 topics - 1 through 4 (of 4 total)

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Topic	Voices	Posts	Last Post
Welcome to the Community of Practice 2025! <small>Started by: Alison Hanlon</small>	1	2	5 hours, 25 minutes ago <small>Alison Hanlon</small>

After you enter the current topic of discussion, you will see the question asked by the moderator and any responses from other participants. Here you can add your own perspective to the conversation. At the bottom left of the page, you can subscribe to the post. This means that you will be emailed when someone replies to your comment. You can also reply directly to other participants by selecting REPLY in the green heading of the post. If you want to edit your post, select EDIT in the green bar above your response. Edits can only be made within the same session of the original post.



Viewing 0 reply threads

Alison
Harrison
Keymaster

REPLY | #2472

November 5,
2024 at 9:18
am


Post count: 1

Does your Member State provide either statutory requirements or guidance for the stockperson to animal ratio in the ruminant and/or equine sectors?

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Reply To: Stockperson to animal ratio

Visual Text

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← Add response here

Tags:

Stockpersonship

Notify me of follow-up replies via email

Submit → Submit to post response



Here is an example of a post directly under the original question, and a post under another participants response:

Topic: Stockperson to animal ratio

[Favourite](#) | [Unsubscribe](#)

Add your voice to this topic. [Click to reply at the bottom of this page.](#)

Tagged: [Stockpersonship](#)

Viewing 1 reply thread

<p>Alison Hanlon Keymaster</p> <p>November 5, 2024 at 9:18 am</p> <p>Post count: 1</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">REPLY #2472</p> <p>Does your Member State provide either statutory requirements or guidance for the stockperson to animal ratio in the ruminant and or equine sectors?</p>
<p>Gillian Power Participant</p> <p>November 12, 2024 at 10:27 am</p> <p>Post count: 4</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">REPLY #2568</p> <p>Test 1,2,3,4</p> <p>This reply was modified 33 minutes ago by Gillian Power.</p>
<p>Gillian Power Participant</p> <p>November 12, 2024 at 10:28 am</p> <p>Post count: 4</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">REPLY #2570</p> <p>Hi Gillian...</p>

Viewing 1 reply thread

Participants can also add their own discussion topics in each forum underneath the listed discussion topics. If you create a discussion topic, please be advised that a member of the EURCAW *Ruminants & Equines* team **will not** be responsible for the monitoring of the discussion. Discussion topics should revolve around welfare issues for ruminants and equines in EU Member States. If a topic is deemed inappropriate for the CoP, the EURCAW *Ruminants & Equines* Management Team will remove it.

Create New Topic in "Policy Workers"

Topic Title (Maximum Length: 80):

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Topic Tags:

Notify me of follow-up replies via email

[Submit](#)

Participants are also able to **directly message** other participants. Access to the platform is through the main discussion page.



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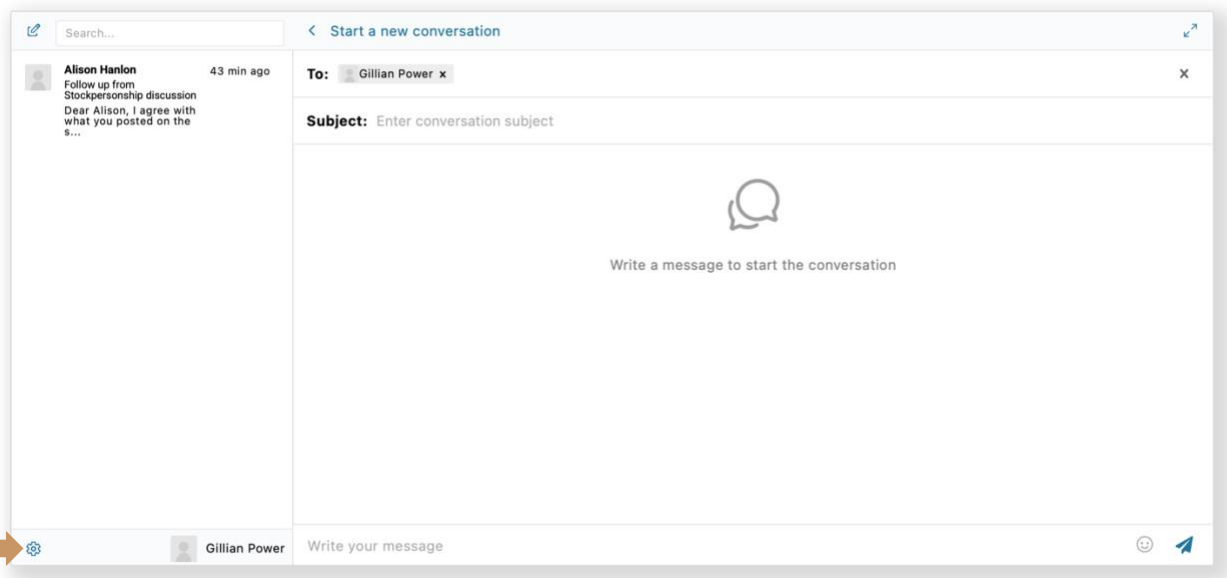
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This messaging system enables participants to directly contact another member of the CoP. Recipients will automatically receive an email with a message notification. This can be changed in settings on the bottom left of the screen. All messages must follow our Code of conduct. Should participants receive messages that go against our Code of conduct, please follow the reporting guidelines outlined in the Code of conduct.



Settings

To edit your profile or to **log out** of the CoP, please locate the menu at the top of your page and simply click "edit my profile" or "logout".

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If you no longer want to be involved in the CoP, please email info@eurcaw-ruminants-equines.eu with your username, name and email. Once your account has been deleted, you will receive an email confirming the deletion.



EURCAW Ruminants & Equines

Your account has been deleted.
All your personal details and any uploads have
been permanently removed.

If your account has been deleted by accident please [contact us](#).

Thank you!
The EURCAW Ruminants & Equines Team

If you have further questions or concerns with using the CoP forum, please contact info@eurcaw-ruminants-equines.eu or watch the [Navigation Video](#). If you have any suggestions in improving the interface or of the operation of the CoP, please let us know via email. We look forward to working with you with this collaborative platform.