



# Alternatives to the Dehorning of Cattle

## International Stakeholder Conference

Bologna (Italy), 28<sup>th</sup> October 2009

Hilton Garden Inn Hotel

Via Fantini, 1 (40068 San Lazzaro di Savena, Bologna)

### Objective:

- To present findings from ALCASDE.
- To discuss with stakeholders common short and long-term solutions / recommendations.
- To deliver proceedings of the stakeholder conference.

### Participants:

- Project team members
- Stakeholder platform members
- Other EU and macro-region (national) association representatives of:
  - Veterinary
  - Producers (conventional, organic, local etc)
  - Breeders
  - DG SANCO
  - NGO's
  - Meat industry

## Programme

- 11:00-11:05 Welcome (Maria Angels Oliver)
- 11:05-11:20 Alternative to dehorning: a DG SANCO initiative (Jostein Dragset)
- 11:20-11:30 Presentation of the project and SP2 (objectives, activities etc) (Luc Mirabito)
- 11:30-11:50 Description of the survey of current dehorning practices (Giulio Cozzi)
- 11:50-12:10 Attitudes of farmers towards dehorning (Florence Kling-Eveillard)
- 12:10-12:30 Keeping horned cattle: benefits and drawbacks (Ute Knierim)
- 12:30-12:50 Selection and keeping of polled cattle (Jack Windig)
- 12:50-13:10 Demonstration of the e-learning (Cledwyn Thomas)
- 13:10-14:00 Lunch
- 14:00-15:15 The stakeholder approach: Expectation and proposal to improve animal welfare in relation with dehorning
- 14:00 Veterinaries (Nick Blayney, Federation of Veterinarians of Europe)
  - 14:15 Producers (Xavier David, UNCEIA)
  - 14:30 Breeders (Xavier David, UNCEIA)
  - 14:45 Meat Industry (Flemming Thune-Stephensen, UECBV)
  - 15:00 NGO's (Peter Stevenson, CIWF)
- 15:15-15:30 Coffee Break
- 15:30-16:00 Further development to alternatives to dehorning (Susanne Waiblinger)
- 16:00-17:30 General discussion (Luc Mirabito)
- 17:30-18:00 Final conclusions (Luc Mirabito)