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From 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> of November 2012 the training course on *“Animal welfare concerning the farming of laying hens and broiler chickens kept for meat production”*, funded by the European Union, will be organised.

The event will be held by Istituto G. Caporale of Teramo (Italy), supported by Aretè Srl, in Desenzano del Garda Brescia (Italy) under the Service Contract n° 2010 9614 EAHC/2010/BTSF/06 of the Executive Agency for Health and Consumers (<http://ec.europa.eu/eahc>). This training course is part of the EU Initiative *“Better Training for Safer Food”*

This training workshop closes a two-year programme of training activities focused on animal welfare during transport, at farms, at the time of killing at slaughterhouses and in killing for disease control.

The aim is to provide participants with the necessary skills in order to:

- a) interpret relevant EU legislation;
- b) apply scientific basis for proper housing, management and handling (animal behaviour and anatomy);
- c) assess the existing farming systems in relation to compliance with the current EU legislation;
- d) monitor animal welfare outcomes throughout practical experience on the farm;
- e) carry out efficient inspections at farm level, including practical guidance on how to verify compliance of the farming systems with the EU legislation (i.e. how to measure the useable area in enriched cages as provided in Council Directive 1999/74);
- f) set up and monitor a data collection system for broiler at slaughterhouses;
- g) inspect welfare of poultry in farms, according to bio-security rules.

During the event, representatives of the DG SANCO, FVO and OIE will present the EU legal framework for the protection of laying hens and broiler chickens, as well as international perspectives.

Delegates from Denmark, Sweden and the Netherlands will share experiences and perspectives of their own National Competent Authorities for the implementation of the EU Legislation.

The tutors' team is composed of 10 experts, coming from France, Germany, Italy, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

The training course will put emphasis on the practical approach: interaction among participants and tutors will be stimulated during panel discussions, group activities and in field exercise at farms.



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