



# Welcome to the 57<sup>th</sup> a.v.e.c. General Assembly

## Introduction speech from Federico Felix



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# Areas of work of a.v.e.c.

- Animal health
- Animal welfare
- Food safety
- Quality of the products
- Competitiveness of the poultry sector
- Environment
- Trade

# Core principles

- European “Farm to fork approach”
- Animals+ Humans= One health
- “Prevention is better than cure”
- EU Smart regulation

# Animal Health

- “Smarter rules for safer food” package
  - Animal Health Law
- Antimicrobial Resistance:
  - EPRUMA best practices
  - Prudent and responsible use of antibiotics

# Food Safety

- Revision of meat inspection and Hygiene package: comprehensive food chain information system as opportunity for benchmarking
- Control of Salmonella and Campylobacter: biosecurity and control across all the chain and identification of hygiene indicator

# Food Safety

- Mechanically Separated Meat (MSM): call for innovation and new technologies
- Official controls

# Environment

- Review of the Best Available Techniques Reference document (BREF) for Slaughterhouses and Food, Drink and Milk:  
→ must be economically and technically viable for the industry
- Livestock Environmental Performance Assessment (LEAP):  
→ development of a common tool to reduce environmental impact

# Quality of the products

- Already good achievements in satisfaction of the expectations of our consumers (ex: freshness of poultry meat)
- Origin labelling rules:
  - on fresh meat: implemented in April 2015
  - on meat used as an ingredient = next challenge to inform consumers on imports from 3<sup>rd</sup> countries

# Trade with 3rd Countries

- Hot topics: Russian embargo / South Africa anti-dumping duties
- Multilateral talks in WTO on hold
- Replaced by bilateral free-trade negotiations: TTIP with the United States, Mercosur, Thailand, Ukraine, Japan, India,...

# Trade with 3rd Countries

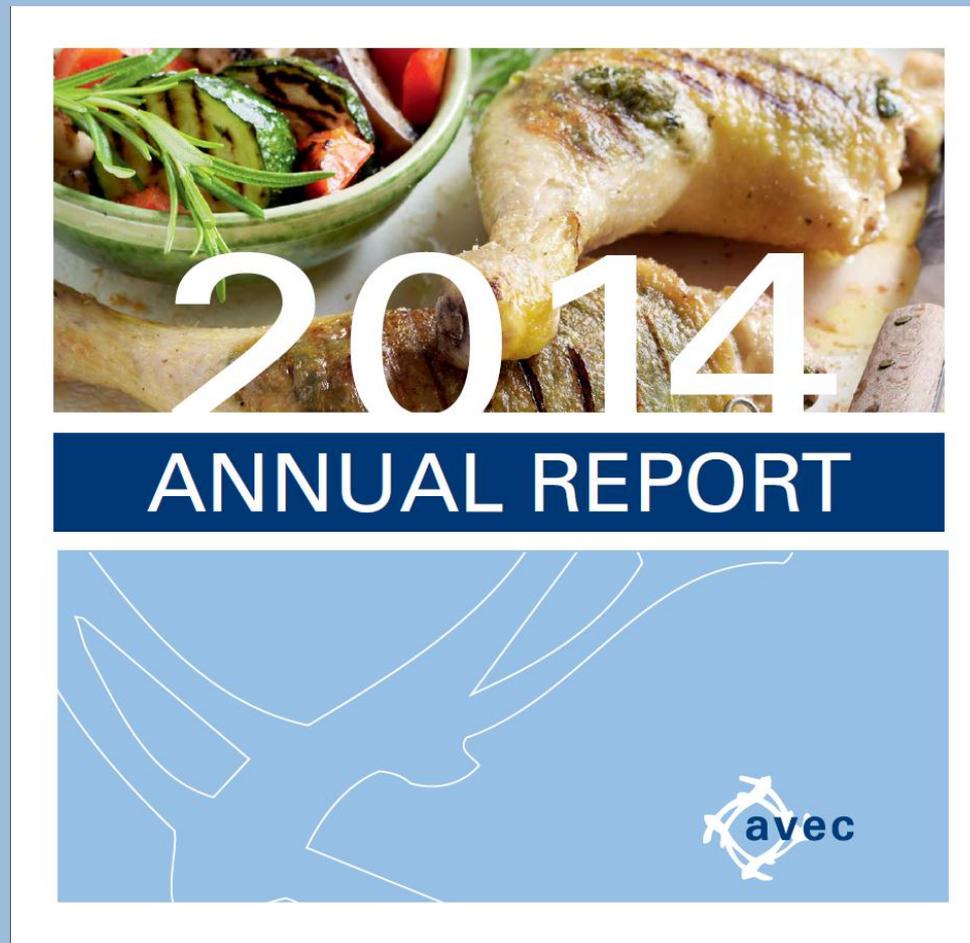
- Aspect to be taken into consideration in the free-trade negotiations:
  - classification of poultry as sensitive product,
  - single pocket approach,
  - safeguard/review clause to be included,
  - recognition of the EU 28 as a single market,
  - compliance with EU standards,
  - no substances allowed for the decontamination of the carcasses

# General Assembly 2014 theme:

“Keeping poultry business  
profitable with European  
Standards?”



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# Animal Welfare

- Welfare in transport:
  - European poultry transport guide
- Welfare at slaughter:
  - Equivalence in the stunning methods for Third Countries
  - Implementation of regulation 1099/2009

# Animal Welfare

- Stunning parameters:

The policy of animal welfare guided by outcome or animal based indicators is aimless if there is no flexibility in the required system based parameters.