



**INTERGROUP  
ON THE WELFARE  
& CONSERVATION  
OF ANIMALS**

## **Animals in disasters: the need for protection and coordination across Europe**

**Working Group on Companion Animals**

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12.15 – 12.25

### **Welcome**

**Petras Auštrevičius MEP**, Chairman of the Working Group on Companion Animals

12.25 – 12.35

### **The Union Civil Protection Mechanism: Animals and Disasters**

**Mr Alessandro Carrota**, Policy Officer at DG ECHO, European Commission

12.35 – 12.45

### **Necessary actions for animals to ensure the EU's better preparedness for the next disaster**

**Mr Jackson Tzu-ie Zee, PhD, DVM, MS**, Director of Global Affairs & Disaster Resilience Programmes for VIER PFOTEN International (FOUR PAWS)

12.45 – 12.55

### **Essential role of animals for increased psychological & economic resilience in disasters**

**Ms Kateryna Kyrsta**, Ukraine rescue project manager at IFAW

12.55 – 13.10

### **Q&A**

13.10 – 13.15

### **Closing remarks by the Chairman**

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