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Biosecurity information sheets for rural poultry farmers in Europe

In a context where all poultry farms must apply strict biosecurity measures in order to protect themselves from several health threats such as Avian Influenza, ERPA, the European Rural Poultry Association, has produced two biosecurity information sheets for rural poultry farmers in Europe.

These sheets are the result of a work carried out by ERPA in 2017, which first consisted of comparing the biosecurity regulations of several Member states to protect against AI, then defining homogenous biosecurity measures for all the rural poultry farmers in Europe.

Simple to understand, these information sheets remind the basic principles to be respected in a poultry farm: protection of the rearing areas and management of interventions, management of the production units independently from each other, separation of palmipeds/gallinaceans, protocol of use of the changing room, application of waiting periods, and protection of animal feed, water and poultry in case of Avian Influenza in wild birds.

ERPA relies on its members, but also on all the stakeholders in the poultry production sector and European institutions, to make known and use these sheets which are now available in 4 languages: English, French, Spanish and Italian, and can be translated into other languages. Free of right, they are displayed on the website www.erpa-ruralpoultry.eu and available on request at contact@erpa-ruralpoultry.eu.

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ERPA, the European Rural Poultry Association, was set up in May 2007 to defend, support and develop rural poultry production, extensive and family farming methods, including free range poultry farming in the European Union.

Rural poultry is highly diverse in nature: poultry sold with national quality certification, under PGI or PDO, or reared organically; free range poultry; young stock sold alive directly or on markets.

ERPA members are representative organizations of rural poultry producers in Europe and breeders of cross-breeds adapted to these productions (slow growth, free range farming).

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