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AI ADVOCACY
FOR ANIMALS IN THE EU

Total Members
(October 2026)

110

Total EU Countries
(May 2025)

26

Other Countries:
Australia
Kosovo
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Montenegro
Norway
Serbia
Switzerland
Turkey
United Kingdom
Iceland
Ukraine



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VISION

A Europe that values and respects animals as sentient beings.

Animal Sentience -> Artificial Intelligence

MISSION

As the pan-European animal protection organisation, the primary focus of Eurogroup for Animals is to work in the interest of animals towards a society in which they are valued and respected as sentient beings. Thanks to a united network, we protect animals by achieving better legislation, highest standards, enforcement and by driving societal change.

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OUR WORK AREAS

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COMPANION ANIMALS



TRANSPORT



EQUINES



WILDLIFE



ANIMALS IN SCIENCE



FOOD SYSTEMS



FARM ANIMALS



A EUROPE THAT VALUES AND RESPECTS ANIMALS AS SENTIENT BEINGS

Main files on the table right now

More files are relevant to our work (e.g. Biotech Act II, Food and Feed Safety Omnibus, European Research Area Act) but here are a few critical ones

Animal Transport Regulation Revision

SCOPE Protection of animals during transport

STATUS Negotiations in Council Working Party & European Parliament Committees

EU Farm Animal Welfare Legislative Revision

SCOPE On-farm welfare; laying hens, meat chickens and pigs at the moment

STATUS Commission preparing targeted legislative proposals (Q4 2026 and Q2 2027)

CAP, CMO and Public Procurement

SCOPE Mainstreaming AW through agricultural policy, market organisation and public procurement

STATUS Negotiations

Fur farming

SCOPE End of fur farming and placing of fur products on the market

STATUS Waiting for Commission's final communication on next steps

EU Positive List

SCOPE EU-wide framework identifying which species are suitable to be kept and traded as companion animals

STATUS Waiting for Commission to publish feasibility study

Cats and Dogs Regulation

SCOPE First-ever dedicated EU legislative framework governing welfare and traceability of dogs and cats

STATUS Adopted, in implementation 2028

Roadmap to Phase Out Animal Testing

SCOPE A roadmap to phase out animal testing for chemical safety

STATUS Adopted June 2026, implementation underway

Vision for Fisheries and Aquaculture 2040

SCOPE Sustainable and resilient fisheries and aquaculture sector

STATUS Announced an EU framework on Animal Welfare

Our AI advocacy work



Together with our members

- Set the foundations (positioning, goals, approach)

Leverage our structure

- Each programme can work with the effects of AI on their topic,

Leverage the network

- Advocacy and industry engagement in all EU members states.

Revision of the farm animal legislation

The whole story, 2020 to today

May 2020

Farm to Fork Strategy the Commission commits to revise animal welfare legislation and align it with the latest science

2021

End the Cage Age, over 1.4M citizens back the ECI; the Commission commits to propose phasing out cages for the species it covers

July 2022

Fitness check concluded, rules up to 25 years old found no longer fit for purpose

Dec 2023

First proposals tabled, transport, and separately dogs & cats, but not on-farm welfare, slaughter or labelling

2025

Modernisation relaunched, a call for evidence, then a full public consultation, on on-farm welfare rules

July 2026

EU Livestock Strategy sets out concrete next steps for the outstanding files

Dec 2026/Q2 2027

First on-farm proposal expected, for laying hens, broilers and pigs

INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT

- Industry interest groups in Brussels
- Industry interest groups in the Members States
- Campaigns & investigations



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The Brussels Effect

- The EU sets rules rather than simply following ones set by other countries or trading blocs
- A perfect illustration: global companies adapt their products worldwide to EU standards, rather than maintaining separate versions for separate markets
- The EU doesn't just have the capacity to set its own standards, the sheer size of its single market means doing so can shift standards well beyond its own borders



WHY IT MATTERS

EU law regulates everywhere !

How honey is made in: Brazil

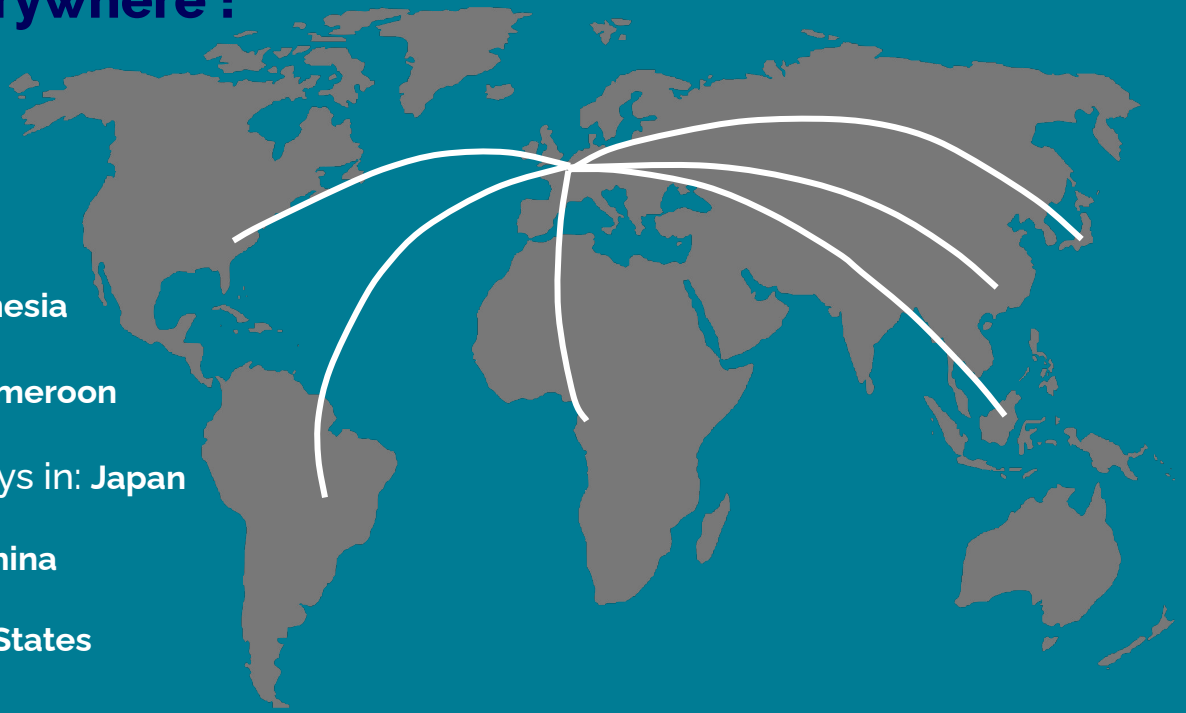
How timber is harvested in: **Indonesia**

Which pesticides are used in: **Cameroon**

Which plastics can be used in toys in: **Japan**

The dairy facilities are used in: **China**

The data privacy rules in: **United States**





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Additional slides

The EU decision-making process

Article 294 TFEU - the ordinary legislative procedure: the default adoption process to make secondary legislation

PART I

Commission Proposal

After the fitness check, impact assessment, public consultation, ISC and the College of Commissioners

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PART II

EP & Council readings

Amendments, discussions and vote on their own positions

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PART III

Trilogues

Negotiations between the Council, the EP and the Commission to reach an agreement

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PART IV

Adoption

Transposition, entry into force, enforcement, review, feeding back into the next fitness check

PART I: From evidence to proposal

1

Fitness check

The Commission evaluates whether existing rules still work, drawing on evidence, studies and stakeholder input.

2

Impact assessment

Options weighed for economic, social and environmental impact, incl. public consultation. Sent to the Regulatory Scrutiny Board for assessment.

3

Legal drafting

The RSB reviews the quality of the impact assessment. Commission lawyers and policy officers turn the preferred option into legal text.

4

Adoption

Draft goes to interservice consultation; the College of Commissioners formally adopts it, sending it to Parliament and Council.