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**EUROGROUP
FOR ANIMALS**

A EUROPE THAT CARES FOR ANIMALS

OUR VISION

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A Europe where the well-being of all animals is assured, and where they experience a good life

OUR MISSION

As the pan-European animal advocacy organisation, the primary focus of Eurogroup for Animals is to improve the well-being of as many animals as possible and defend animals' interests. We do this by achieving better legislation, standards, enforcement and societal attitudes, through a united community of animal protection organisations and via lawful means.

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As the only pan-European animal advocacy organisation, we represent our members and more generally the interests of animals at EU level. Our representativeness and expertise make us a trusted partner in EU stakeholder and expert groups.

Representing civil society at EU level regarding the well-being of animals

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Campaigning to drive change in favour of animals across Europe

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Through our pan-European campaigns, we use the power of public mobilisation to connect citizens with EU decision makers and create new European animal advocacy opportunities.

Our mission has been translated into triple roles that are intertwined, mutually reinforce each other and reflect our advocacy approach.

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Fostering cohesion, exchanging experiences and disseminating knowledge

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We act as facilitator, bringing together people, knowledge and expertise and develop our members' capacities in pursuance of our common vision.



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WHO WE ARE

We are the Brussels-based European advocacy organisation, driven by members across Europe and beyond. Our vision is to build a Europe – and ultimately a world – where the well-being of all animals is assured, and where they can experience a good life.

With integrated lobbying at national and EU level, we aim to permanently anchor animal welfare as a central tenet in European policy. We work with our members on common goals, and coordinate EU-wide actions – including campaigns – to activate civil society support and jointly influence EU law.

WE DRIVE POSITIVE CHANGE FOR ANIMALS

We owe many of our members a great deal of thanks for their tireless collaboration in developing our Strategy 2027, which was approved in the 2018 Annual General Meeting. Their input was crucial in translating our long-term objectives into a solid new ten-year plan to drive change for animals in our programme areas: animals in science, cats and dogs, equines, farm animals and fish, and wildlife.





WELCOME



BRITTA RIIS

President of Eurogroup for Animals
and CEO of Dyrenes Beskyttelse, Denmark

“ If we want to make a difference for animals, it is crucial to join forces and drive positive changes at the national as well as at the EU level. Uniting for success is the way to deliver concrete results, and I am proud that Eurogroup for Animals is not only the meeting place and orchestrated voice at EU level for members, but also that members play such an active and enthusiastic part in the organisation’s governance and agenda.

Our new strategy, which was approved at 2018’s Annual General Meeting, could never have been achieved without our members’ input and advice. Thanks to the collaborative effort and the tireless work of our members, we succeeded in developing an impressive roadmap that aims to put animal protection high on the EU’s priority list in the coming years.

An important part of our plan continues to be delivering on our promise to connect, coordinate and leverage all our members’ work, and my ambition for the organisation is to become a more effective campaigning and advocacy force. I hope that all members feel that they are always put at the core of our activities.

I would like to welcome our new members that joined in the last twelve months, and thank all of you, old and new, for being a part of this movement. Only by bringing members together can Eurogroup for Animals ensure that all our voices are heard at a European level.”

“ 2018 has been a turbulent year in Brussels, with the forthcoming elections and Spitzenkandidaten process spicing up the already tense political environment. Since it’s never easy to make progress on issues that are not high on the political agenda, it’s amazing to see how our work nevertheless continues to draw attention and support.

2018 was the year we handed over 1 million signatures from our EndPigPain campaign to the European Commissioner. On the back of this, Belgium introduced a dedicated sub-group on alternatives to piglet castration under the EU Platform on Animal Welfare – successes that will both help to reverse the stalemate on ending cruel and unnecessary mutilations to pigs.

We also saw an unprecedented result for broiler chickens, with a resolution calling on the Commission and Member States to give broilers more space, light and enrichment, and introduce robust and slower-growing breeds.

The EU Platform on Animal Welfare’ began to develop the first-ever EU guide to good practices in horse welfare, with others on donkeys, cats and dogs and fish to follow.

As more voices call for lower protection for large carnivores to allow for more hunting, we delivered a strong report on the coexistence of humans and large carnivores, and will stay vigilant in promoting humane alternatives.



REINEKE HAMELEERS

Director,
Eurogroup for Animals

In 2018 we also put fish on the EU’s agenda, launching our welfare in aquaculture report and presenting the first-ever survey on public perceptions on fish welfare, which showed that citizens and consumers want better protection levels.

The launch of the European Citizens Initiative to End the Cage Age was supported by 150 animal protection groups and MEPs. Together with the initiator CIWF, we will fight to convince the EC that this cruel type of farming should end.

There is so much more I could mention, and I hope you’ll enjoy reading about our other successes in this annual report.”





ANCHORING ANIMAL WELFARE IN THE EU'S AGENDA

We work hard to build constructive relationships with the European Commission, Parliament and Council, directly influencing the policies that will improve animal welfare across the EU and deliver our strategic goals.

This year has seen extensive advocacy work with MEPs through the Intergroup on the Welfare and Conservation of Animals and close ties strengthened with national governments across the EU, while we continued to participate in the more than 40 expert consultative bodies we belong to in European and international institutions.



CREATING A SUPPORTIVE POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT

WORKING WITH THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

The Intergroup on the Welfare and Conservation of Animals, for whom we run the Secretariat, convened 12 times in Strasbourg during 2018, with an average attendance of 19 MEPs per session, a high number compared to other Intergroups. As a cross-party collaborative forum, the Intergroup is an effective driver in initiating and promoting animal welfare-related activities in the European Parliament which frequently lead to improvements in the EU legislation. The Intergroup also pushes for better enforcement and dissemination of knowledge and best practice.

It has been behind most animal-welfare related initiatives and actions in the Parliament, and 2018 was not different. With the concerted support of the Intergroup, we had a great deal of impact with several reports and resolutions that will contribute

to improvements for the welfare and conservation of animals. The group also threw its weight behind our 2018 campaigns, co-organised an exhibition and several events, and went on a study trip to Poland to learn more about industrial broiler farming and its impact on the population and the environment. These actions and their impact are described in the sections of this Annual Report that cover our programme areas (pages 16-33).

In 2018, the Intergroup had a total membership of 114 MEPs from all political groups and most Member States, with Sirpa Pietikäinen (EPP, Finland) holding the Presidency since 2016. The monthly one-hour Intergroup sessions are streamed online, increasing access to a wider public.



“Throughout the 35 years of existence of the Intergroup on the Welfare and Conservation of Animals, its British delegation has always been the largest in numbers and has acted as a driving force to promote animal welfare and species conservation. Their contribution is a legacy that goes beyond fond memories, and is an example to follow in the years to come.”

Andreas Erler, Senior Political Adviser

WORKING WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION



Some of our most influential work takes place in consultative bodies, expert groups and Civil Society Dialogue groups – many of them led by Directorate Generals of the European Commission, including DG Sante, DG Agri, DG Envi, DG Enterprise, DG Education and DG Mare – which aim to bring in specialist advice from outside experts as a basis for sound policymaking.

Eurogroup for Animals' programme staff were members of 35 of such bodies during 2018, covering areas such as milk, organic farming, the environment, wildlife and climate change, the protection of animals used for scientific purposes, and EU Trade Agreements.

The most overarching of these groups is DG Sante's EU Platform on Animal Welfare, created to provide a new multi-stakeholder approach to working for animal welfare across all species and issues. It has 75 members: Member States' representatives, civil society, independent experts and of course animal advocacy organisations such as Eurogroup for Animals. In 2018 the Platform's sub-groups to work on specific issues doubled to four.

35 Years of the Animal Welfare Intergroup

12 Intergroup meetings in Strasbourg in 2018

19 MEPs on average attend each Intergroup meeting

114 MEPs are members of the Intergroup

Members of **35** expert consultative bodies of the European Commission

“Eurogroup for Animals is a place for invaluable information about the various animal issues in Europe and globally. It binds together the expertise of NGOs, scientists and various colleagues, creates great networks and initiatives that have significant impact on politics, and with this synergy makes us all more competent and capable on animal protection issues.”

Finnish MEP Sirpa Pietikainen, President of the European Parliament Intergroup on the Welfare and Conservation of Animals

WORKING WITH MEMBER STATES

2018 demonstrated the impact Eurogroup for Animals can achieve when working with Member States. We secured two more own-initiative sub-groups in the EU Platform on Animal Welfare, one on the castration of pigs, and one on the welfare of fish. These join those created in 2018 on the welfare of pets in trade and on the health and welfare of equines, both of which held their first meetings during 2018.

The second half of 2018 saw the Presidency of the Council of the European Union pass to Austria. In collaboration with our Austrian Member Organisation, Vier Pfoten, Eurogroup for Animals organised two events with the Presidency. The first focussed on the illegal online trade of dogs, and explored how new EU-level rules could link together requirements for the registration of all breeding and sales establishments to requirements around online traceability. The second showcased the Austrian ban on cages for laying hens, and looked at how this was beneficial not only for the animals themselves, but also for farmers. The conferences provided Eurogroup for Animals with a strong basis for future initiatives.

PREPARING FOR THE NEXT EU POLITICAL TERM

Almost every major national political party is a member of an EU-level party. The 'lead-candidates' of these European parties will be nominated to become the next President of the European Commission, should their party come first in the elections. This means that the Commission's own priorities are formed from the political priorities of the winning EU party.

During 2018 Eurogroup for Animals reached out to the main political families who are most likely to see their candidate become President of the Commission, securing clear commitments to improving animal welfare from the centre-left Party of European Socialists, and the European Green Party. This gives animal welfare an increased likelihood of being a priority for the next European Commission.

PREPARING FOR BREXIT

Brexit has the power to make or break animal welfare in the UK, and will also have a huge impact on animals in the EU27. The closer Britain is to the EU post-withdrawal, the better for animals.

As such, Eurogroup for Animals' Brexit & Animals Taskforce began focussing on what the the future UK-EU relationship should look like for animals, post-British secession. This enabled Eurogroup for Animals to insert new wording into the European Parliament's Resolution on the future relationship in 2018, which stated that any new relationship would have to continue to adhere to the standards laid down by international obligations and the Union's legislation for animal welfare. The text also specified that access to the EU market will be



📷 Eurogroup for Animals meeting Commissioner Vella.

conditional on strict compliance with EU animal welfare rules as a minimum.

Supplementing this, in the summer of 2018, the European Commission accepted Eurogroup for Animals' idea to create a 'common veterinary area' through a standalone agreement. Such an agreement could maintain trade flows between the EU and the UK and minimise technical obstacles by reducing or removing non-tariff trade barriers.



“It is crucial for Member States to hear from civil society and get information on European issues. In this regard, European for Animals is a reliable, constructive, credible and valued stakeholder at European level, and this opinion is – as far as I know – shared by my attaché colleagues.”

Veterinary Attaché,
Federal Republic of Germany



2 new own initiative Sub-groups of the Animal Welfare Platform

2 commitments to act for animals obtained in European political group manifestos

Co-hosted **2** official events with the Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU

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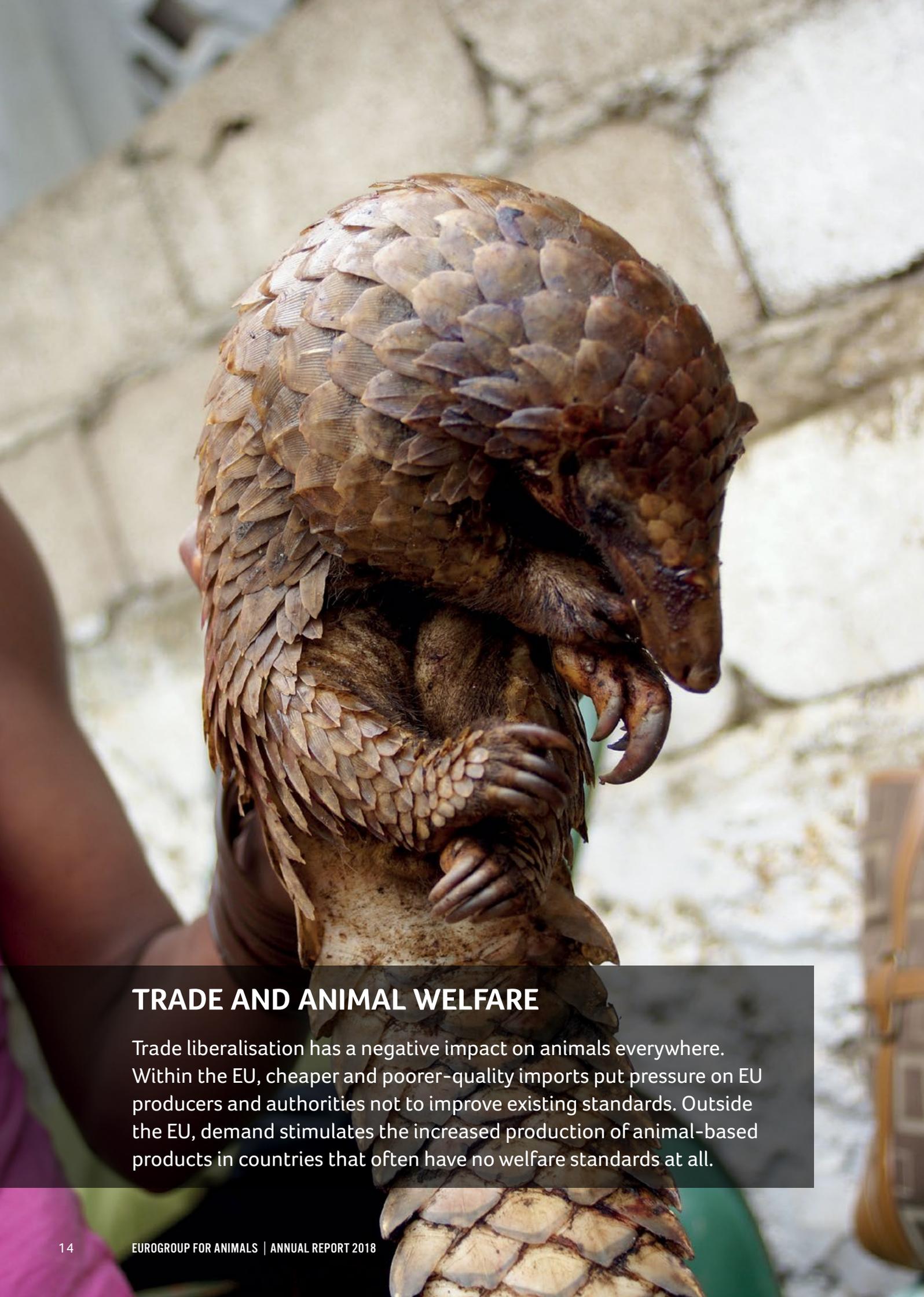
The European Elections, a new European Parliament and Commission bring both change and opportunity. If we are going to make sure this change is positive for animals, we need to influence it from the start.

With this in mind, in 2019 we started the year our VoteForAnimals2019 campaign asking every European Parliamentary candidate to sign a pledge in support of animal-friendly initiatives during the next legislative term. As such, Parliamentarians are offered an opportunity to respond to citizens' expectations for more European actions for animals.



“It is great to see the continued impact that Eurogroup for Animals is having by working with Member States. At a time that the European Commission has chosen to step back from working on animal welfare, it is more important than ever that EU countries take the lead. In doing so, we are working hand in glove with our members in the capitals.”

Joe Moran, Political Adviser



TRADE AND ANIMAL WELFARE

Trade liberalisation has a negative impact on animals everywhere. Within the EU, cheaper and poorer-quality imports put pressure on EU producers and authorities not to improve existing standards. Outside the EU, demand stimulates the increased production of animal-based products in countries that often have no welfare standards at all.

With the EU currently negotiating at least 15 trade agreements, we are lobbying institutions and Member States to lessen the negative impact of trade liberalisation, as well as pushing them to seize opportunities to promote animal welfare outside the EU.

In 2018, we obtained two groundbreaking achievements for animal welfare in trade policy. Firstly, the EU concluded the first-ever trade agreement with a standalone 'animal welfare and antimicrobial resistance' chapter, including a recognition of animal sentience.

Secondly, the EU's proposals to Australia and New Zealand on animal welfare contained a recognition by the Parties of the link between improved animal welfare and sustainable food production systems.

Along with several members, we also co-organised a workshop at the World Trade Organisation's Public Forum which presented the connections between improved animal welfare, UN Sustainable Development Goals and trade policy.

TRADE EXPERTISE FOR MEMBERS

Since October 2018, the 'Trade and Animal Welfare' project has entered a new phase and is now funded by five member organisations (Deutscher Tierschutzbund, RSPCA, Four Paws, Dierenbescherming and Djurens Rätt). We provide these organisations and other interested members with a tailor-made course on trade and animal welfare which covers the technical aspects of international and EU trade policy, as well as the links between these policies and animal protection.

BETTER WORDED TRADE DEALS

We are monitoring ongoing trade negotiations with Mercosur, Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia and Chile, as well as future talks with the UK, notably

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We will continue lobbying for trade agreements that better protect animals in the negotiations with the UK, Chile, Indonesia, Australia, and New Zealand, while using all the implementation mechanisms available to ensure the EU makes full use of the provisions available in agreements with Ukraine, Canada, Japan and Singapore to promote higher animal welfare standards in these countries.

We will also continue to reinforce our arguments connecting animal welfare with the achievement of UN Sustainable Development Goals.

by developing proposals on upward dynamic regulatory alignment as part of a future EU-UK Common Veterinary Area. We are also monitoring the implementation of the EU's trade agreements with Ukraine to ensure the country keeps its commitment to align its animal welfare regulations with those of the EU and with Canada, particularly in respect to animal transport. This work also relates to our chicken programme (Ukraine) and fish programme (Indonesia, Chile, New Zealand).

1 workshop at the World Trade Organisation's Public Forum organised

1 opinion piece published in an academic journal

17 participated in Civil Society Dialogue Meetings

6 meetings of our Expert Group on Trade Agreements



“The EU has concluded an increasing number of trade agreements in recent years. This comes hand-in-hand with a certain amount of risk, but also offers a range of possibilities to put animal welfare higher on the agenda of third countries.”

Stephanie Ghislain, Trade and Animal Welfare Project Leader

ACHIEVING IMPACT FOR ANIMALS

ANIMALS IN SCIENCE

Non-animal approaches in education
The laboratory animals Directive
Member States hampered by EU legislation

CATS & DOGS

The beginning of the end for the illegal trade in dogs & cats
Urging the EU to lead on the humane management of strays
Campaign: EU, Care For our Companions

EQUINES

Protecting equine welfare
Pregnant mare hormones
Donkey hide gelatin trade

FARM ANIMALS

Better lives for broilers
Campaign: End the Cage Age
Helping laying hens spread their wings
Campaign: End Pig Pain
Moving away from live animal transport
Animal welfare crisis at the EU borders
Fish welfare firmly on the political agenda
Fighting for a CAP that no longer fails animals
Food policy – a new area for Eurogroup

WILDLIFE

Managing wildlife humanely
Wild animals in circuses
Zoo animals
Wildlife trade
Campaign: Think Positive
Fur farming





ANIMALS IN SCIENCE

Huge numbers of laboratory animals are still being used, despite concerns about the scientific value and relevance to humans of many animal experiments. Support to replace the use of animals in science is growing fast, but human-relevant alternatives are struggling to thrive, and there is still no significant change in the number of scientific procedures being carried out on animals.

NON-ANIMAL APPROACHES IN EDUCATION

In 2018 we established our perspectives to move towards animal-free educational models. These models are implemented worldwide, but more than 200,000 animals per year are still used in the EU for the primary purpose of education and training. Our Animals in Science Working Group will continue to build on collaborations that can inform, inspire, and support educators to phase out the use of animals for education and training purposes.

THE LABORATORY ANIMALS DIRECTIVE

Our working group also gathered its expertise to advise the Commission on updates to selected annexes of the laboratory animals Directive. These annexes set minimum standards for maintaining and even killing animals of different species, and the updates we proposed are needed to keep them up to date with the latest scientific and ethical developments.

We presented a proposal for a Thematic Review in neurosciences that can lead to a concrete strategy to phase out the use of animals in this area. Neuroscience is one area of research where the level of suffering inflicted on animals is higher, and one of many where the translation of animal experiments into societal benefits has been failing for decades. We are working to get further support for this and other reviews that could be carried out by the Commission under the laboratory animals Directive to have a concrete impact towards the significant reduction of animals used for scientific purposes.

MEMBER STATES HAMPERED BY EU LEGISLATION

During the year, a few Member States took ambitious action to ban the use of certain species of animals in research, as well as the use of animals in specific research areas where their use has been proven ineffectual. These efforts, however, are being hampered by the EU legislation, which limits Member States in unilaterally implementing higher standards, provisions or protections. Together with our members we worked towards aligned strategies to maximise impact, despite the legal limitations.

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We will continue our efforts to improve the implementation of the laboratory animals Directive, particularly around project evaluation committees and procedures, and boost the funding of non-animal approaches in Europe.

We will organise an event in Brussels for Members of the European Parliament, key European Commission officials and members of the Council to showcase the limited uptake of alternatives to the use of animals and the opportunities of animal free innovations.

We will continue to gather support for a proposal for a Thematic Review to be carried out by an independent and credible panel.

We will foster collaborations with the Commission to establish concrete actions that can boost the impact of its work on non-animal approaches in research and education.

Board member of **2** international organisations for the promotion of alternatives to animals in science

4 member of European expert groups

3 international conferences



“In 2018 an undercover investigation by Animal Defenders International really encapsulated the problem. The footage does not show any breach of the law; it is simply the routine of the animals in the facilities. We accept and even naturalise this in the name of science and healthcare without really assessing the need for it.”

Luísa Bastos, Animals in Science Programme Leader

CATS & DOGS

There are an estimated 60 million dogs and 64 million cats in Europe, yet exact numbers are not known because of incomplete identification and registration systems, which in turn facilitates the growing illegal trade. Together with the European institutions and Member States, we are working to put an end to the illegal pet trade in order to protect animals as well as consumers.

THE BEGINNING OF THE END FOR THE ILLEGAL TRADE IN DOGS & CATS

For over 15 years, millions of dogs have been moved and sold across the EU under the auspices of the pet passport scheme. In recent years we have seen a growing illegal trade in cats, also due to the increase of non-regulated online sales. The current system, routinely abused on an industrial scale purely for commercial gain, has propped up horrific breeding practices and has led to millions of sick, abused, poorly socialised and abandoned animals.

In October 2018, we completed the first phase of our campaign “EU, Care for Our Companions” gathering over 10,000 Instagram selfies and stories of animal lovers from across Europe with their companions.

In November 2018, together with the Austrian Presidency of the Council of the EU and Four Paws International, we organised a conference on the illegal online puppy trade. High-level speakers included the European Commissioner responsible for animal welfare, Vytenis Andriukaitis, the Director-General of The European Consumer Organisation (BEUC), the Austrian Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO), and the British Deputy CVO, all of whom discussed the multi-faceted threat of the online pet trade.

URGING THE EU TO LEAD ON THE HUMANE MANAGEMENT OF STRAYS

The EU has the power and influence needed to put an end to the abuse of stray dogs and feral cats. To support our members’ field projects improving the lives of millions of strays across Europe, Eurogroup

for Animals is urging the EU institutions to take the lead and is advocating for the implementation of humane stray population management. In 2018 we supported the screening of two documentaries on stray dogs in the European Parliament, which drew attention to the issue and started a dialogue with the parties involved.

10,000+ selfies of animal lovers with their companions collected during our campaign “EU, Care for Our Companions”

120+ participants at the ‘Illegal Online Puppy Trade’ conference

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Following our efforts within the EU Platform on Animal Welfare, the Dutch government initiated the formation of an own-initiative sub-group focussing on the pet trade. We are co-hosting the secretariat of this group together with the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe and with our members, and aim to ensure that Member States push the EC to take action.

This year we will continue to work on effective cross-border traceability of individual animals and further explore solutions to tackle the online selling of pets by unscrupulous breeders and sellers. We will pursue the dialogue we have started with key stakeholders in the area of consumer protection to ensure relevant legislation is applied to the online selling and purchasing of pets.

Our results of the 2018 campaign “EU, Care for Our Companions” will support our call to the EU institutions to implement guidelines aimed at better protecting our pets.



“ We need to realise how crucial the mandatory identification and registration of cats and dogs is. It’s not only a tool to trace an individual animal and better ensure its welfare; it also blocks illegal traders, reduces consumer risk, improves public health across the EU and targets one of the most evident cases for cross-border action. With persistence I am sure we will get the mandatory I&R pets so desperately need.”

Iwona Mertin, Programme Leader Companion Animals

1 Take a selfie

2 Pick the hashtag

3 Post it on Instagram

#EUCare4MyDog
#EUCare4MyCat
#EUCare4MyHorse
#EUCare4MyDonkey

**SHOW
THE EUROPEAN
COMMISSION
THAT YOU CARE!**



**EU, CARE FOR
OUR COMPANIONS**

We launched Eurogroup for Animals' presence on Instagram in 2018 with the new campaign "EU, Care For Our Companions", calling for EU guidelines to better protect pets.

Citizens were asked to make their voice heard and support the campaign by taking a selfie with their pet or equine and by posting it on Instagram with the relevant hashtag. Eurogroup for Animals' team and members were among the first to leap into action, posting selfies with their own cats, dogs, horses and donkeys.

After the campaign we will transform the Instagram profile into our corporate account and carry on using the platform for our more visual news and campaigns.





EQUINES

Depending on where and how they are used, equines may be defined as farm, companion or even feral animals. As a result, there are a number of serious equine welfare challenges, including irresponsible ownership and breeding, poor recognition of welfare, lack of traceability, inhumane farming, and slaughter for veterinary, medicinal and beauty products.

PROTECTING EQUINE WELFARE

Following a call to the European Commission from Denmark, Belgium, Sweden, the Netherlands and Germany, an own-initiative subgroup on equine welfare of the EU Platform on Animal Welfare was established.

In 2018, seven Member States – France, the Czech Republic, Sweden, Germany, the Netherlands, Italy and Denmark – under the chairmanship of the Danish Veterinary and Food Administration and together with Eurogroup for Animals, The Donkey Sanctuary and World Horse Welfare, worked on a set of guidelines on the keeping, care and use of horses, donkeys and hybrids.

The guidelines being developed by this voluntary initiative provide the opportunity to build on the recommendations of the landmark resolution of the European Parliament on responsible ownership and care of equidae (2016/2078(INI)), which was overwhelmingly supported and adopted by a large majority of MEPs.

PREGNANT MARE HORMONES

Members of the Equine Working Group are tirelessly raising awareness about the animal welfare implications of eCG/PMSG – a hormone extracted from pregnant mares in South America using inhumane methods which is used in industrial agriculture to increase the fertility of farm animals, particularly sows.

We supported national campaigns led by our members targeting eCG/PMSG imports into the EU and flagged the issue to the European Commission in the context of MERCOSUR trade negotiations.



DONKEY HIDE GELATIN TRADE

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations estimates there are 42,761,905 donkeys in the world, about a third of which live in Africa. Of these, 75% are in the sub-Saharan region, and are under severe pressure due to unsustainable demand from China for donkey hide gelatin. The massive slaughter seriously affects agricultural production and the livelihoods of the local people, moving the global community further from achieving sustainable development goals.

In November 2018 we brought this issue to the attention of MEPs in an Intergroup debate of the issues related to the donkey skin trade. Chaired by Jacqueline Foster, MEP, with experts from international welfare charities The Donkey Sanctuary, World Horse Welfare and The Brooke, the event was attended by fourteen MEPs, as well as other organisations.



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The equine subgroup established within the EU Platform on Animal Welfare will finalise the first EU guidance documents for the responsible ownership of horses, donkeys and their hybrids, with the endorsement of seven Member States.

We will address irresponsible breeding, poor traceability and abusive handling, just some of the threats facing horses, donkeys and their hybrids in Europe and beyond, as well as acknowledging the close ties between equine welfare and sustainable development goals. The more effectively a farmer, family or community looks after their horse, mule or donkey, the more productive they will be. We will focus on raising awareness on this important but often overlooked issue.

We also want to ensure good conditions for donkey farming for any purpose, and to see an end to the import of hormones cruelly produced from pregnant mares.

4 million the annual demand from China for donkey skins

14 MEPs attended the Intergroup debate on the donkey skin trade



“Equines fulfil a number of roles and these may change during the lifecycle of an individual. With such variety of tasks, they are incredibly versatile animals that require attention on many fronts.”

Iwona Mertin, Programme Leader Companion Animals

FARM ANIMALS

In spite of the current political climate, characterised by a complete unwillingness to propose or improve animal welfare legislation, in 2018 Eurogroup for Animals enjoyed a wave of political support thanks to the support of the European Parliament and public opinion. This included a parliamentary resolution to improve broiler chicken rearing practices, an implementation report on live animal transport, and over 1 million signatures asking for an end to painful pig mutilations.



BETTER LIVES FOR BROILERS

More than 90% of broiler chickens in the European Union currently belong to fast growing breeds that are reared under intensive conditions, with no natural light, no fresh air and no enrichments. High stocking densities, fine particulate dust and ammonia from litter further contribute to making the animals prone to disease, so that antimicrobials are necessary to keep them reasonably healthy during their 6-week-long lives.

In 2018, thanks to funding from the Open Philanthropy Project, Eurogroup for Animals started to lobby intensively for the more than 7 billion broiler chickens reared and killed in the EU every year. We didn't have to wait long for the first significant result: in October 2018, the European Parliament almost unanimously adopted a resolution urging the European Commission to improve the welfare of broiler chickens as a prerequisite to reducing the sector's dependency on antibiotics – an increasing threat to human health.

With parliamentarians acknowledging that industrial poultry production leads to a rise in antimicrobial resistance, this milestone resolution crucially links animal welfare and public health, stressing that animal welfare is a preventive measure in itself, as animal health and welfare go hand-in-hand. For the coming years, the European Commission is urged by the Parliament to draw up a roadmap to support and actively promote better broiler farming practices.

Meanwhile, on the food business front, several major companies – among them giants like Nestlé and Unilever – have signed the European Chicken Commitment (www.chickenwatch.org). Many more are lining up, and we are confident that the convergence of market forces and political pressure will deliver significant improvements in the lives of billions of animals. Our role in the coming years will be to ensure that all these changes will be fixated into legislation to raise the bar for EU broilers.

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We will organise an event in the European Parliament to highlight the lack of protection of broiler parent stock (the “fathers and mothers” of broiler chickens) and associated animal welfare problems.

We will also ask for an EFSA opinion on the welfare of slower-growing broiler parent stock.

We will present the first-ever EU survey on public perceptions on broiler chicken welfare, which will gather the opinions of more than 7,000 people in the UK, France, Germany, Spain, Italy and Poland – the EU's top chicken meat producing countries – and Belgium.

We will continue to lobby for mandatory method of production labelling for chicken meat.

THE BROILER RESOLUTION AT A GLANCE

- Supported by 409 MEPs
- Requests robust and validated animal-based indicators to monitor broiler welfare on farm
- Calls on the Commission to promote the uptake of alternative rearing systems using higher welfare or traditional broiler breeds
- Calls for mandatory ‘method of production’ labelling for poultry meat
- Requests a roadmap by the Commission to support higher welfare poultry meat production



“In 2018 we've seen several investigations such as L214's that uncover the terrible conditions broilers are predominantly suffering in the EU. We will strive to ensure that the parliamentary resolution pays off for these animals.”

Elena Nalon; Senior Veterinary Adviser

HELPING LAYING HENS SPREAD THEIR WINGS

The general public is increasingly opposed to the keeping of farmed animals in cages, and since the introduction of egg marking according to method of production in the EU, the demand for eggs from alternative systems has been steadily on the increase. Food businesses are leading the way in promoting a cage-free egg supply chain, and many major global players will go cage-free by 2025 or earlier, meaning that producers need to be accompanied in the transition towards alternative production systems that respond to societal concerns and truly respect animal welfare.

In 2018 Eurogroup for Animals produced a guidance document to ensure a smooth transition while also optimising hen welfare in cage-free systems. The document was presented during a high-level political and stakeholder event in December, and some of our member organisations are using it as a national lobbying instrument.



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We will lobby for the European Commission to draw up official guidelines on higher welfare cage-free production systems for laying hens, including the welfare of parent stock and pullets.

We will work towards a common 'barn ask' with minimum requirements for higher welfare barn production systems.

We will provide financial support to national cage-free campaigns by a number of our members.



END THE
CAGE AGE

CAMPAIGN:
GETTING READY
FOR THE END OF
THE CAGE AGE

In September 2018 Eurogroup for Animals partnered with Compassion in World Farming in launching one of the most symbolic European Citizens' Initiatives (ECI) for our movement so far: End the Cage Age.

With 150 European organisations involved, it was the first time that such a number joined forces to improve the conditions of farm animals. With the 979,758 certified signature mark reached by May 2019, we are confident that 1 million will be gathered by September 2019 to persuade the European Commission to propose legislation.

The consequences of a success of this initiative could be massive, potentially leading to the gradual elimination of all forms of cages from animal farming. In practice, this will mean that young calves, laying hens, breeding sows, quails, rabbits, ducks, and geese would all finally be free to stretch their limbs or wings.

979,758 signatures
reached by May 2019

150 organisations involved



“The European Parliament's Implementation Report on the Transport Regulation was an important step. Now, together with our Member Organisations, we will strive to build on this until we reach the conditions to phase out live transport.”

Francesca Porta, Farm Animals Programme Officer

MOVING AWAY FROM LIVE ANIMAL TRANSPORT

Transported alive for up to several days or weeks, often without receiving food, water and veterinary care, animals continue to experience the worst suffering. Over 200 reports have denounced the terrible conditions of animals transported alive, and over a million European citizens have asked European institutions twice to change this, most recently as a result of 2 years' intensive campaigning by animal advocates through Eurogroup for Animals' #StopTheTrucks campaign.

In 2018 the Intergroup on the Welfare and Conservation of Animals called for an Official Parliamentary Inquiry to investigate alleged contraventions and maladministration in live transport both within and outside the EU. This met with rejection from European Parliament party presidents, who instead favoured an 'implementation report' over a parliamentary inquiry, against the will of 223 MEPs.

Nevertheless, we welcomed the report in the hope that it would still constitute a milestone for the protection of animals transported alive in Europe by firmly demonstrating the need for a revision of the Council Regulation (EC) 1/2005.

223 MEPs supported an Official Parliamentary Inquiry on live transport

ANIMAL WELFARE CRISIS AT THE EU BORDERS

Despite the European Commission calling on EU Member States not to export animals during high heat, in summer 2018 live animals were still being transported from the EU to Third Countries. A particularly significant case was the 57 cattle trapped on a Croatian truck at the EU's external border for ten days. Due to sanitary reasons, the animals were not accepted by the Turkish authority and remained in legal limbo for days, trapped in a truck with in temperatures up to 37°C without water and food.

On behalf of all its members, Eurogroup for Animals called on the EU Commission for immediate action to alleviate the suffering of these animals. Specifically, we asked Commissioner Andriukaitis to urge EU Member States and the competent authorities to stop authorising livestock consignments to the Bulgarian external border during the summer period.

We also published an interview with Jo-Anne McArthur, a photographer and activist who recorded the plight of cattle being transported during the hot summer of 2018. The international media – including *Libération* and *The Guardian* – also put the spotlight on this example of the folly of live exports and the utter failure of EU law designed to protect animals during transport.

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With the European Parliament's vote on the Implementation Report on live animal transport happening in early 2019, we will continue to push for the European Commission to initiate a shift towards the trade of meat and carcasses only.

We will also keep pressure on Member States and the Commission to make sure that animals are not transported during high temperatures or to countries where the EU Transport Regulation's provisions are not respected.



MEP Jytte Guteland and Eurogroup for Animals Director Reineke Hameleers present the petition to Commissioner Andriukaitis.



CAMPAIGN: MORE THAN A MILLION VOICES RAISED FOR PIGS

In 2018 we amply reached our goal of 1 million signatures for EndPigPain, our flagship campaign asking EU and national decision makers to fully enforce the Pig Directive and put an end to all piglet mutilations. The petition was received by Commissioner Andriukaitis at the November plenary of the EU Platform on Animal Welfare.

In the wake of the campaign, we will keep pig welfare high on the political agenda of the next Commission by participating in all the *fora* already created by the current Commission to make progress on this difficult dossier. Besides painful mutilations, another major area of concern is the use of CO₂ for the stunning of pigs. To address this problem we created an ad hoc technical group that will propose a common position and a strategy to drive change.

1+ million signatures to EndPigPain

asking the European Commission and Member States to phase out all pig mutilations

1 official pig welfare sub-group within the EU Platform on Animal Welfare

1 own initiative sub-group on alternatives to piglet castration led by Belgium within the EU Platform on Animal Welfare

1st EU Reference Centre for Animal Welfare dedicated to pigs

FISH WELFARE FIRMLY ON THE POLITICAL AGENDA

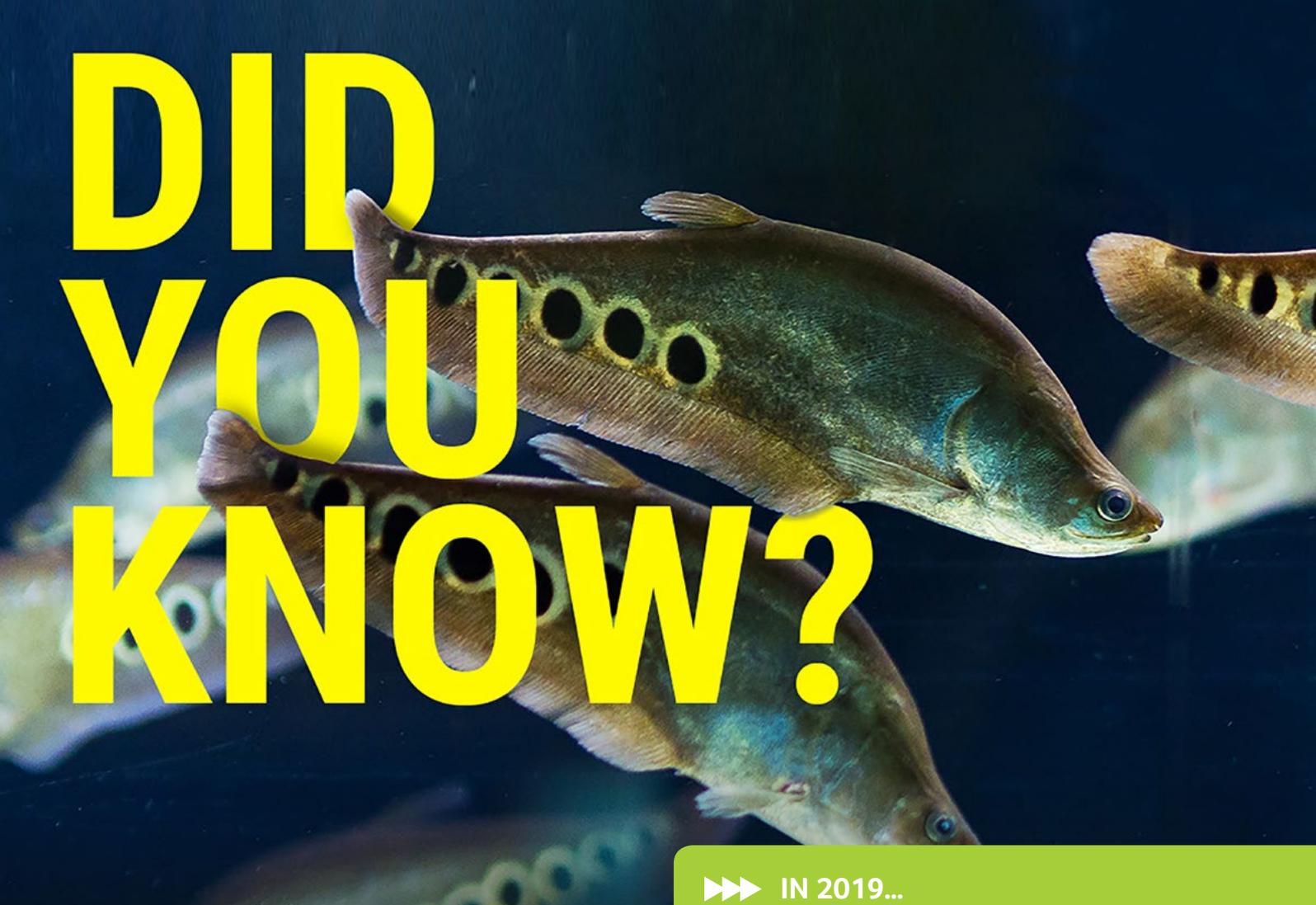
Fish may live beneath the waters, but they are no longer out-of-sight or -mind in the EU, with Eurogroup for Animals giving fish welfare a prominent place in the policy arena.

Our packed event in the European Parliament, 'Seizing the Day for Fish Welfare', included the launch of our welfare in aquaculture report and calls from stakeholders, industry figures, and Member States on the European Commission to propose legislation. The event also provided a showcase for the findings of the first- ever EU-wide public survey on fish welfare, commissioned by Eurogroup for Animals and Compassion in World Farming, which is further evidence of the high awareness and expectations of European citizens with regard to conditions for farmed fish.

Together with Member State representatives we facilitated Greece taking the lead in establishing a fish-specific own-initiative subgroup within the EU Animal Welfare Platform, where several Member States – with the support of experts – are now developing best practice fish welfare guidelines.

Our advocacy work saw the European Parliament's Fisheries Committee collectively challenge the Commission's inaction by tabling a question for debate. Our support allowed MEPs to achieve increased attention on fish welfare and propose specific improvements in the Parliament's Resolution on the future of European aquaculture development.

DID YOU KNOW?



During 2018, ten member organisations used grants from Eurogroup for Animals to run a range of advocacy activities in schools, exhibitions and events across Europe, involving videos, social media campaigns (above), billboards, podcasts, media articles and political lobbying.

70+ people attended our 'Seizing the Day for Fish Welfare' event, including MEPs and animals advocacy, Commission and industry reps

6 national governments are members of the own-initiative fish welfare subgroup of the EU Animals Welfare Platform

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We will be intensively supporting the development of the best practice guidelines within the EU Animal Welfare Platform, which will be our first real impact for fish when they're used by the Member States collaborating in their development.

The EU's Common Fisheries Policy is expected to fail to meet its headline sustainability targets, and we will be ready to put fish welfare within that wild capture fisheries discussion.

EU trade relations mechanisms will increasingly be used to pursue higher welfare standards.

We will pursue increased corporate engagement, political advocacy, and popular awareness with another programme of grants to member organisations.



“2018 saw our members Compassion in World Farming, L214, Essere Animali and OneKind produce the first wave of aquaculture investigations in Europe. These provided a fantastic basis for the movement's advocacy and awareness-raising work on fish.”

Douglas Waley, Fish Welfare Programme Leader

FIGHTING FOR A CAP THAT NO LONGER FAILS ANIMALS

2018 was the year that kicked off discussions on the reform of the EU's Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), with the Commission's proposal for three new regulations published in June. Although positive for animal welfare compared to previous CAP legislations, the Commission's proposal still neglects the potential of several already existing policy instruments to significantly improve farm animal welfare. Moreover, the CAP maintains the current broken intensive farming system that urgently needs to transform into a truly sustainable food policy.

The discussions about the Commission's proposal in the European Parliament provided an opportunity for us to share our views with MEPs, and we were successful in building support in the Parliament to the extent that *all* our priority measures ended up being tabled in the two Parliament committees that have shared competence on CAP regulations – the Committee on Agriculture and Committee on the Environment.

In preparation for the negotiations between the Commission, the Parliament and the Council, Eurogroup for Animals also met with the most influential Member States' permanent representations to start building a coalition of countries committed to improving farm animal welfare measures in the CAP.



“We will continue our efforts to make the EU's agricultural policy more humane, and I also look forward to finding creative ways to support the development of alternatives to animal products. Plant-based and cell-based agriculture will be instrumental to relieve our footprint on farm animals to an extent that has never been seen before.”

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Alice Di Concetto, Farm Animals Programme Officer



FOOD POLICY – A NEW AREA FOR EUROGROUP FOR ANIMALS

We inaugurated a new area of activity during 2018, food policy, which is relevant to our work on farm animals for two reasons.

Firstly, farm animals are regulated as food products under EU law and policy, with food policy driving the number of animals produced and the ways in which they are treated throughout the production chain.

Secondly, fast-paced innovation in food technology is bringing us ever closer to a future of food and farming where animal agriculture is no longer a given, as plant-based and cell-based alternatives to animal products are rapidly developing.



Food policy not only provides the regulatory and policy environment in which farm animal welfare as a policy objective exists, but also the framework for the development of viable and credible alternatives to conventionally-produced animal commodities.

12 cell-based agriculture companies contemplating selling their products on the EU market

1.5% of the yearly budget for the CAP's Pillar II (Rural Development Plans) is spent on animal welfare

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Eurogroup for Animals will closely monitor the legislative process in the Parliament and continue to provide expertise in preparation of the adoption of the Committee on Agriculture and Committee on the Environment's CAP reports, scheduled for early 2019.

Until a decision is made on the EU's budget – on which the CAP's budget depends – Eurogroup for Animals will continue to use this time as an opportunity to strengthen its relationship with known allies and explore other potential supporters.

Eurogroup for Animals' new activities in the area of food policy will include new foods, labeling, agricultural policy and public procurement, reserved denominations for agricultural products, and the array of funding supporting animal agriculture.



WILDLIFE

Human-wildlife conflicts are common in highly populated Europe, where they are generally addressed by trapping, hunting or poisoning. Wild animals are also being illegally traded, inappropriately kept as exotic pets, or cruelly used in performances. We continue to work for a more ethical and humane management of wildlife, better conditions for wild animals in captivity, and to end the use of wild animals in entertainment.

MANAGING CONFLICT WITH WILDLIFE HUMANELY

Eurogroup for Animals contributed to a report for the European Parliament Committee on Petitions on best practices for achieving coexistence between people and large carnivores. We presented the report during a well-attended event hosted by the Intergroup on the Welfare and Conservation of Animals and organised in collaboration with the Wolf Action Group.

We also actively contributed to the European Commission's work on new guidance for the strict protection of endangered species.

Our dedicated member group continued to exchange best practices during 2018 on non-lethal methods to manage wildlife across Europe.

ZOO ANIMALS

The Commission published the results of its evaluation of the EU Zoos Directive, a crucial piece of legislation for the management of wild animals in captivity, in 2018. Together with our member organisations, we actively participated in the consultation process during the Commission's evaluation, and we were pleased to see that their main conclusions reflect our calls. The Commission has acknowledged that the Directive needs to be better implemented, and that the helpful EU Good Practices document published in 2015 needs to be translated into all Member States' languages.



CAMPAIGN: THINK POSITIVE

From monkeys and parakeets to iguanas and snakes, exotic pets are a worrying and fast-growing fashion in Europe – but most exotic species respond poorly to captivity. One of the best ways to legislatively protect the welfare of exotic pets is through a Positive List of allowed species, as in Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg.

In 2018 'Think Positive', our joint campaign with AAP Animal Advocacy and Protection, succeeded in securing the adoption of Positive Lists for mammal and non-mammal pets in Luxembourg, and we continued to campaign in Finland, Croatia, Lithuania, Cyprus, Sweden, Spain and Latvia. We also met EU Commissioner Karmenu Vella to discuss the possibility of an EU-wide Positive List.



“ We have the privilege to share our living environment with wolves, bears and other large carnivores, and we have to recognise that humans pose a greater threat to these animals than the other way around.”

Ilaria Di Silvestre, Wildlife Programme Leader

WILD ANIMALS IN CIRCUSES

The list of EU countries that prohibit the use of wild animals in circuses lengthened in 2018, and now includes Portugal, Slovakia, Estonia, Sweden and Luxembourg. This brings the number of EU Member States that have adopted a total ban on wild animals in circuses to 18, while 24 countries restrict their use.

In 2018, we started to advocate for an EU-wide ban in meetings with the Commission and Member States' representatives, with the support of MEPs.

WILDLIFE TRADE

We lobbied the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) – via our membership of the Species Survival Network (SSN) – to promote the conservation of endangered species and improve the welfare of traded animals. As co-chair of SSN's Animals in Captivity working group, we participated in the 70th CITES Standing Committee meeting in two working groups on the disposal of confiscated animals and captive breeding of endangered species.

At EU level, we collaborated with other international organisations to urge the EU to promptly adopt a comprehensive ban on the domestic and international ivory trade. A proposal of the European Commission was then presented to the Member States and is presently under discussion.



FUR FARMING

In January 2018 we organised an event and exhibition at the European Parliament in collaboration with the Fur Free Alliance to call on EU Member States to ban fur farming and the marketing of fur products.

We also reactivated our member group on fur animals to join forces in supporting the adoption of national bans on fur farming, as well as to oppose initiatives which provide EU endorsement to the fur industry.



“ We heard the European citizens and their request for better protection of endangered species. We will keep pushing for increased protection and animal welfare of wildlife at the EU level and internationally through CITES.”

Madelaine Leitsberger, Programme Officer



Towards the end of 2018 our member organisation ISPCA launched the #FurFreeIreland campaign with Fur Free Alliance and Respect for Animals, calling for an end to inhumane fur farming and for the closure of remaining fur farms in Ireland.

Finally, we continued our lobbying efforts to include more fur farmed species in the 'List of Invasive Alien Species of Union Concern'. Any species on this list cannot be imported, sold, kept, transported, bred or released, with limited exceptions.

18 EU countries have banned wild animals in circuses

24 EU countries restrict their use

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We will continue to promote coexistence with large carnivores and oppose the growing pressure to decrease the level of protection granted to wolves and bears by the EU legislation.

We also look forward to the beginning of a pilot project on the humane management of invasive alien species to have an active role in the selection of the best practices that will be identified by the Commission.

We will start to actively advocate for an EU Positive List for exotic pets and work to oppose any initiative which may provide EU endorsement to the fur industry. We will continue to highlight the need to ensure the welfare of confiscated animals and financial support for rescue centres.

We will continue to represent our Members' priorities in CITES through active participation in the 18th Conference of the Parties, and we will push for the adoption of EU-wide bans on the ivory trade and the use of wild animals in circuses.

ORGANISATION

OUR MEMBERS

Welcome to our newest members:

Essere Animali (Italy): carries out investigations on Italian farms and slaughterhouses.

Lega Nazionale per la Difesa del Cane (LNDC) (Italy): the daily management of shelters, society-facing awareness campaigns and animal advocacy.

Společnost pro zvířata (Czech Republic): protecting farm animals through education and lobbying.

Menschen für Tierrechte (Germany): advocates to put an end to animal experiments.

Animal Equality (Germany): carries out actions to implement meaningful farm animal welfare standards.

Svenska Djurskyddsföreningen (Sweden): established to improve the welfare of working horses in 1875; now actively working on a range of issues.

Animais de Rua (Portugal): Focused on stray animal population control and protection in Portugal.

Voiceless (Australia): driving reform on institutionalised animal cruelty in Australia.

“Eurogroup for Animals’ Members are a group of passionate, incredibly diverse but unified individuals who successfully grow the animal advocacy movement across the continent. It is wonderful to witness their societal impact to create a Europe that cares for animals.”

Biljana Lalic, Membership and Development officer

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Four Paws
- BELGIUM**
GAIA
- BULGARIA**
Four Paws*
- CROATIA**
Animal Friends Croatia
- CYPRUS**
The Donkey Sanctuary*
- CZECH REPUBLIC**
Compassion in World Farming*
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- DENMARK**
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World Animal Protection*
- ESTONIA**
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**LATVIA**

Christine Chilver's Animal Friends Society

**LITHUANIA**

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Animais de Rua

**ROMANIA**

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Animalfree Research
Tierschutzbund Zürich
Four Paws*
Schweizer Tierschutz STS

**UNITED KINGDOM**

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Animal Equality*
Animal Protection Agency
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Catholic Concern for Animals
Cats Protection
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Greek Animal Welfare Fund (GAWF/AAG)
One Kind
RSPCA
Ulster SPCA
World Animal Protection
World Horse Welfare

OUTSIDE EUROPE**AUSTRALIA**

Voiceless
Animals International

**UNITED STATES**

World Animal Network



HOW WE ARE GOVERNED

As a membership organisation, we are democratically governed by our members, who provide us with a mandate at our annual General Assembly.

The General Assembly is our supreme decision-making and oversight body, establishing our direction and adopting our strategic plan. It is made up of representatives from all of our member organisations, and each member can vote. It has sole power to amend the Articles of Association and elect members to the Board, to which it delegates its authority.

The Board is currently made up of 10 member organisations that have been elected by the AGM, plus the President, Vice-President and Honorary Treasurer. It meets five times a year and delegates operational authority to the Director, who manages the Eurogroup for Animals team.

Eurogroup for Animals' 23-person, multinational 'team' works within a framework provided by the 2027 strategy, five-year sub-strategy and annual work plans.

REWARDING POSITIVE ACTION



A highlight of our annual events is the awards ceremony at which we recognise exceptional contributions to animal welfare in Europe. Each year we present three awards for the best campaign for animals, EU political advocate, and for the best corporate actions for animal welfare.



2018 CAMPAIGN AWARD
to **GAIA (Belgium)** for its 20-year campaign for the mandatory spaying and neutering of cats in Belgium.



2018 EU4ANIMALS AWARD
to **Pascal Durand MEP (Greens/EFA, FR)**, a true advocate for animals, who is very vocal in proactively promoting initiatives aimed at improving the welfare and conservation of animals.



2018 CORPORATE AWARD
to **Kipster (Netherlands)**, an innovative chicken farm which has proven the viability of good animal welfare practices.

OUR BOARD



Britta Riis
President, Dyrenes Beskyttelse (Denmark)



Philip Lymbery
Vice President, Compassion in World Farming (UK/International)



David Bowles
Board member RSPCA (UK)



Michel Vanderbosch
Board member GAIA (Belgium)



Helmut Dugler
Board member, Vier Pfoten, (Austria/International)



Roberto Bennati
Board member LAV (Italy)



Roman Kolar
Board member Deutscher Tierschutzbund (Germany)



Gemma Willemsen
Board member Dierenbescherming (Netherlands)



Benny Andersson
Board member Djurens Rätt (Sweden)



Sami Saynevirta
Board member Animalia (Finland)



Lucien Bildgen
Board member, Lëtzebuurger Déiereschutzliga (Luxemburg)



Elodie Gérôme Delgado
Board member Fondation Brigitte Bardot (France)



Chris Carey
Treasurer (independent)



OUR FINANCES

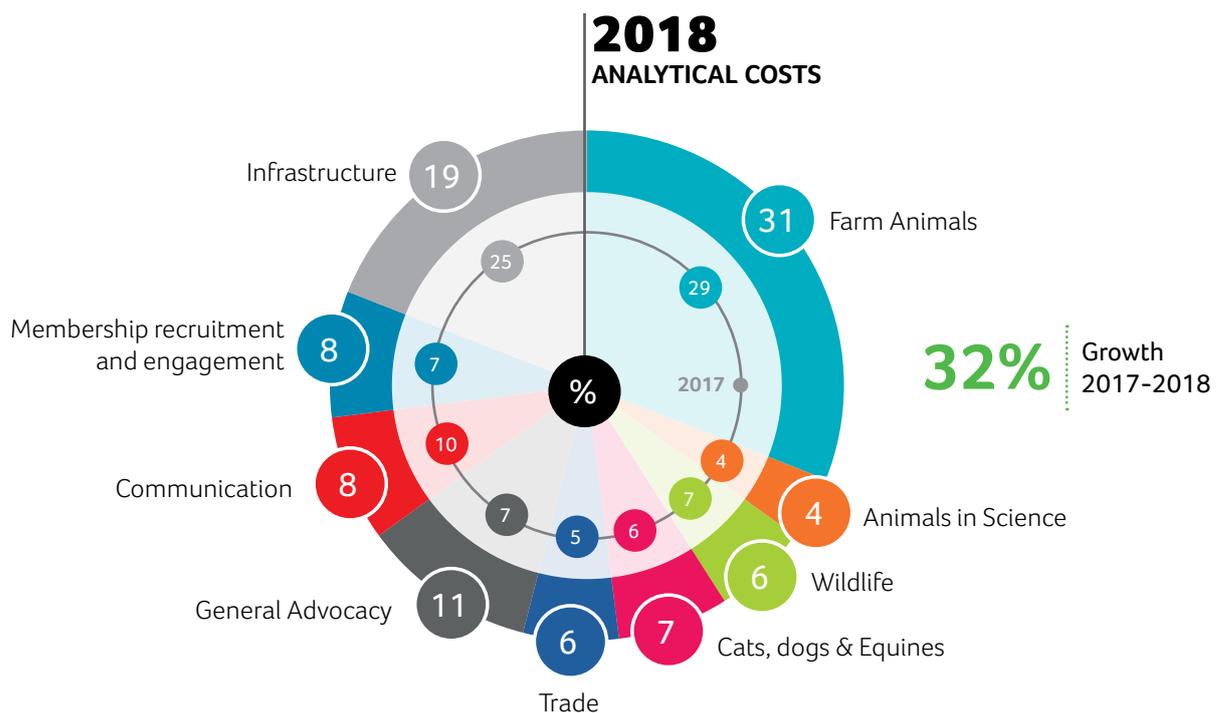
📷 Eurogroup for Animals launching the guide to good practice on cage-free laying hen farming.

Throughout 2018 we continued to diversify and strengthen our sources of income, both in terms of sponsoring and donations and a strengthened membership base. As a consequence, for the third consecutive year, we have seen our income grow and seven new member organisations joined our ranks, with none leaving.

We were pleased to see many of our members grow and reinforce their investments and relationships with Eurogroup for Animals. At the same time, we are grateful to have been granted continued

and additional financial support from the Open Philanthropy Project, empowering us to continue the work started in previous years to improve fish and chicken welfare.

This stronger financial position enabled us to grow our turnover by 32% compared to 2017, bringing it up to €2,371,360. We were able to increase investments across the board of our five distinct programmatic areas, namely animals in science, cats and dogs, equines, farm animals (including fish) and wildlife (including fur).



This has also enabled us to invest more than before in horizontal activities that create a favourable advocacy environment, namely the development of our network (resource mobilisation and membership engagement), communications in support of our advocacy work, general advocacy activities (including the work with the EP Intergroup, the Animal Welfare Platform and the 2019 Election campaign) and the work to advance animal welfare in international trade.

These horizontal activities benefit all the thematic initiatives we undertake because they contribute to creating a supportive political environment and increase receptiveness to the thematic calls to actions we put out.

By cost type, staff salaries by far continue to constitute our highest expenditure (67%) which reflects the nature of our work of convincing EU stakeholders, often through face-to-face meetings, to improve animal welfare standards. Our headcount grew from 18 to 21 staff in 2018, and we envisage ending 2019 with 24 colleagues. With the expansion of our pan-European campaigns we have also made increasing investments to produce campaign materials and strengthening our communications infrastructure to effectively get the message across our networks and mobilise public opinion.

The EU's primary competence in agriculture explains why Eurogroup for Animals has proportionately invested more in advocacy for farm animals. Additionally, we have also been able to secure additional funding for our animal advocacy work for chicken and fish from the Open Philanthropy Project.

Eurogroup for Animals aims to keep its infrastructure costs under strict control. We are pleased to say that we have been able to bring down infrastructure costs further compared to 2017, to 19% of our total costs. Because we succeeded in subletting part of our new offices, we have been able to offset some of our infrastructure costs, despite the growth of

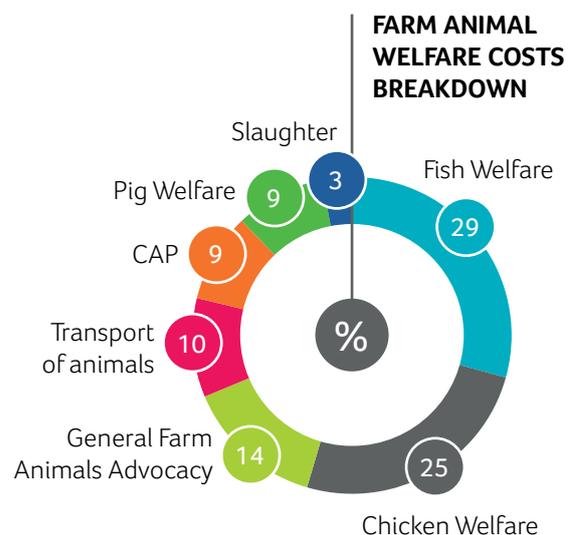
our team and our increased infrastructure needs. We strive to keep these costs as low as possible while still preserving the value and functionality of the organisation's administrative support. During 2018, we continued to streamline our cost management processes by further refining our time registration system and setting better analytical cost structures and controls in our accounts reporting tools.

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank all of you, our members and donors, for your crucial support – financial or otherwise. Without it, we wouldn't be able to achieve our animal welfare goals.

We're grateful for your incredible advice, expertise and feedback on our advocacy work, campaigns and communications, and also in helping us draw up our game plan to maximise the impact of our work over the next few years.

UNITED, WE CAN MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE.



“I'm proud to see our network grow stronger year after year. With our trusted partners by our side, we're at the starting blocks to make every euro invested in our organisation deliver the maximum impact for animals during the next European political term.”

Sophie De Jonckheere, Communications and Development Manager

LOOKING AHEAD

2019-2020

Here are the main battlegrounds for Eurogroup for Animals in 2019-2020. With big changes in Europe bringing fresh perspectives for animals, we can't wait to seize these opportunities and continue our mission to drive systemic change.



ANCHORING ANIMAL WELFARE IN THE EU'S AGENDA

- An EC commitment to propose an animal welfare framework law by 2022;
- New tertiary laws to improve animal welfare outcomes;
- Non-legislative initiatives to help the implementation of current law;
- Support projects to secure change to new secondary legislative proposals;
- Mobilise MEPs to pressure the Commission for better enforcement of existing EU legislation.
- Trade dimension in new animal welfare legislation;
- Stronger language in EU free trade agreements;
- Achieving results through free trade agreement implementation;
- Linking sustainable development goals and animal welfare;
- Informing and raising awareness;
- Increasing academic research on trade and animal welfare.



ANIMALS IN SCIENCE

- Influence revision of animals in science Directive;
- Lobby for thematic reviews of animal use;
- Lobby for strategy to phase out the use of animals in science;
- Promote animal-free research under FP9;
- Increase private funding for animal-free research methods;
- Lobby for end to animals in education under the animals in science Directive;
- Promote 3 Rs and non-animal research methods.



“We ended the year well prepared for the changing of the guard in the EU institutions in 2019, with animal welfare secured a place in the election manifestos or policy papers of the main European political parties and our elections campaign ready to go live. We’re on course to start the new legislative term with a clear five-year plan developed with the valuable input of members.”

Tim Robinson, Senior Programme Leader



CATS & DOGS

- Guidelines on breeding and commercial transport;
- Identification & registration on a linked EU database;
- Mandatory licensing for all breeders by 2023;
- Legislation and self-regulation for websites selling cats and dogs;
- Ensure EU legislation covers commercial transport for dogs and cats;
- EU guidelines on stray populations.



EQUINES

- Responsible ownership of equines;
- Traceability;
- Country of origin labelling (COOL);
- End the export of eCG from South American farms and promote alternatives;
- Imports of equine meat and derived products;
- Promoting global equine welfare through EU development policy.



FARM ANIMALS INCLUDING FISH

- Push for a move away from industrial animal farming;
- More animal welfare objectives in the CAP;
- Method of production labelling;
- Cultured meat;
- Welfare of pigs, broiler chickens and laying hens, and fish;
- Push for transport of meat and carcasses;
- Bans on non-stun slaughter;
- Abolition of cages, and of force-feeding in foie gras production.



WILDLIFE

- Regulate the exotic pet trade through positive lists;
- Improve the humane management of Invasive Alien Species;
- Reduce wildlife trade and trafficking;
- Improve the implementation and enforcement of the Zoos Directive;
- Ban the use of wild animals in circuses and dolphinariums;
- Improve the conservation of protected species.



JOIN US AND HELP US

Animal suffering is a reality, but there is an alternative. Eurogroup for Animals is a loud voice for animals in Europe, but we couldn't do it without our members, friends and partners. Together our advocacy and campaigning activities improve the lives of animals, but it's an uphill struggle.

We're constantly striving to attract new supporters to join our movement, so please contact us to become a member or to make a donation. It is only by working together – and because of the huge generosity of our members and other donors – that that we can create a powerful impact. Your financial support is essential, but we also benefit enormously from your advice and expertise.

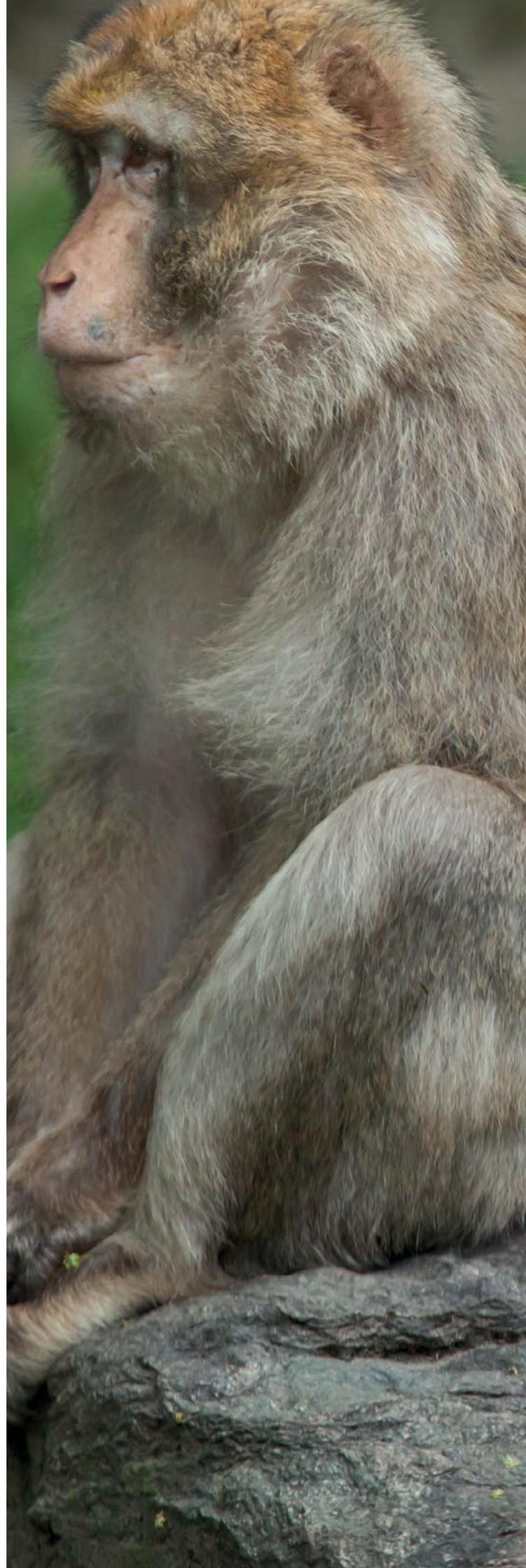
There are many other ways to help. Visit our website, sign our latest petition, follow us on social media, share our posts. It is only because of your support and input that we can do the work we do.

Help us fight for a better future for all animals.



“It's not always easy to summarise complex concepts in 280 characters, but Twitter is definitely the best multi-purpose tool: it gives real-time information, mobilises public opinion, pitches content directly to MEPs and, last but not least, gets people jumping into action.”

Emy De Nardi, Digital Communications Officer



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