



**EUROGROUP
FOR ANIMALS**

**A EUROPE THAT
CARES FOR ANIMALS**

HEAR THEIR VOICE

ABOUT US

We unite and amplify the voices of over eighty animal protection organisations in almost all EU Member States, Switzerland, Serbia, Norway, the UK, Australia and the USA.

Together we provide a voice for the billions of animals kept in laboratories, farms and homes, and for those living in the wild. We drive positive change by working with our members to identify common goals and coordinate EU-wide action to influence laws and policies that offer higher standards of animal protection.

We deliver concrete results through dedicated programmes and a strategic approach to campaigning and advocacy based on our scientific knowledge and technical expertise. Only by legislating at an EU level can we be sure that animals will be respected as sentient beings across all Member States.



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“We believe wholeheartedly in the power of unity and collective strength. Animal protection knows no borders. All our efforts and successes for animals have been achieved thanks to our commitment to a cause that goes beyond political colours and geographical boundaries.”

Reineke Hameleers, CEO

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OUR VISION

A Europe that **cares for animals**

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

Improve
the well-being
of as many
animals as
possible

OUR MISSION

As the pan-European animal protection 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.

THE ROLES OF OUR MISSION

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

ONE

As the 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



Campaigning
to drive change in
favour of animals
across Europe

OUR MISSION



Fostering
cohesion,
exchanging
experiences and
disseminating
knowledge

TWO

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.

THREE

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

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS



Ban on the **routine tail docking of pigs**

Leghold traps prohibited in EU

Timed journey limits for animals during transport

Adoption of a Regulation for the **protection of animals during transport**

Ban on imports of **baby seal skins**

Zoos Directive

1986

1997

2001

2009

1983

1991

1998

2005

Directive on **Animal Experimentation**
First rules for the **protection of pigs, calves and laying hens**

Ban on **Veal crates**

Reduction of time on **Sow Stalls**

Regulation on the **protection of animals at the time of killing**

The legal obligation under the EU Treaty to consider **animals as sentient beings** when drafting legislation





Animal welfare as a stand-alone chapter in the **trade agreement with Mexico**

European Court of Auditors' first ever **report assessing the Commission's action in ensuring animal welfare**

Animal welfare linked to sustainability in trade by the Commission for the first time

Council conclusions on **cats and dogs**

Alternative methods and three Rs in the Directive on animals used for scientific purposes

Animal Health Law, with key welfare provisions

Adoption of the **EU Action Plan against wildlife trafficking**

First horizontal Council Conclusions on Animal Welfare

European Commission commits to **phase out cages for farmed animals across Europe!**

2010

2012

2013

2016

2017

2018

2019

2020

2021

EU strategy on Animal Welfare

Ban on marketing and **testing of cosmetics on animals**

Establishment of Union Reference centers for Animal Welfare with the Official Control Regulation

EU Farm to Fork & Biodiversity strategy
European Citizens' Initiative (ECI) **"End the Cage Age"**
European Court of Justice ruling on the legitimacy of **mandatory introduction of pre-slaughter stunning** by Member States



OUR PROGRAMMES

Animals in science

Over **10 million animals**, including dogs, rabbits and even our closest genetic relatives, primates, are used in **laboratory research and testing** throughout the EU every year.

We work with legislators, experts and industry to ensure their protection and the effective promotion of non-animal approaches, with the aim of ultimately **replacing all animal experiments with effective animal-free models**. We do all we can to improve the lives of those animals currently used for research, testing and education.

Cats and dogs

While for many of us cats and dogs are valued members of our families, loved and cared for, others see them as an unnecessary burden.

This dubious perception leads to many animal welfare concerns surrounding breeding, keeping and selling of cats and dogs such as lack of identification and registration, organised illegal pet trade, poor quality transport, irresponsible breeding and no applied population management strategies in place.

We work with EU institutions, Member States and other stakeholders to implement solutions to protect cats and dogs, but also consumers, public health and taxes.





Equines

For many years equines have fulfilled a multitude of roles: in transport, haulage, construction, leisure, therapy, sport, on farms, and companionship.

This versatility has ensured that equines have remained close to humans, but it has also created problems when seeking protection for them in law. Depending on where and how they are used, equines may be legally defined as farm animals, companion animals or even feral animals.

There are a number of serious welfare challenges that we are tackling in our work, including irresponsible ownership, lack of traceability, long-distance transport, inhumane farming and slaughter for veterinary medicines and beauty products. Working equines are also closely linked with sustainable development goals which is why sustainability lies at the center of our attention.

We work together with EU institutions, Member States and other stakeholders to make equine life a good life.

Farm animals

Animals farmed for food production are sentient beings, and from the moment they are born until they reach the slaughterhouse they need to be treated accordingly.

Eurogroup for Animals advocates and campaigns to develop and facilitate the enforcement of **higher animal welfare standards** in relevant EU legislation.

Fish Welfare

The number of farmed fish outnumbers by far any other sentient animals farmed for food.

Eurogroup for Animals is working to **drive fish welfare improvements through EU aquaculture and animal welfare policy interventions**.

As knowledge on the needs of fish and how to implement better practices continues to develop, there is a long-term role to integrate it into the regulatory framework addressing animal welfare more broadly.

Live transport

Each year, billions of animals are transported alive within the EU and to third countries.

Journeys can last several days or even weeks, exposing animals to exhaustion, dehydration, injury, disease and even death.

Investigations and official reports revealed that the current Transport Regulation is poorly implemented and enforced, and its provisions are often unfit to ensure effective protection to all the animals being transported.

Eurogroup for Animals advocates to end live export and long-distance intra-EU live transport, and shift to a meat, carcasses and genetic material trade only.

Food Policy

One of the key pillars of our farm animals program focuses on food systems transformation. Eurogroup for Animals focuses on getting animal welfare recognised as part of the EU and global sustainability debate, with the aim of leading a reduction of consumption and production of animal products.

Working on labelling of animal products and alternatives, promoting alternatives such as cultivated meat, advocating for a Common Food Policy and working in main sustainability related legislative pieces such as the legislative framework for sustainable food systems, and we are addressing emerging issues such as insects farmed for feed and food adding a critical perspective are some of the actions we take on in this part of the programme.

Wildlife

Wild animals across the world are exploited, improperly kept as pets, cruelly trapped, poisoned and hunted. We advocate for effective legislation to protect them and for better enforcement of existing legislation to safeguard their welfare.

We contribute to EU policy and legislative developments that regulate the keeping and sale of exotic pets, that reduce wildlife trade and trafficking and that ensure the application of humane methods to manage Invasive Alien Species.

Trade and Animal Welfare

We campaign to ban wild animals from circuses and to introduce Positive Lists.

Billions of animals and their products are traded across the globe each year without adequate welfare protection. We seek to ensure that animal welfare is included within multilateral and bilateral trade agreements by taking a holistic, long-term and strategic approach.

We want EU animal welfare standards to be maintained and standards in other countries improved.



WORKING WITH THE EU INSTITUTIONS

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.

We hold seats in the Commission's main stakeholder consultation groups.

“Eurogroup for Animals is pushing for the existing animal welfare acquis to be looked at holistically, and revised, as is so desperately required”.

**Joe Moran,
Political Affairs
Manager**

THE INTERGROUP ON THE WELFARE AND CONSERVATION OF ANIMALS

We are the secretariat for the Intergroup on the Welfare and Conservation of Animals, which brings together Members of the European Parliament from all political groups to debate and take action on animal welfare issues.

Founded in **1983**, the Intergroup was one of the first of the European Parliament's Intergroups to be established and has five main objectives:

- To raise new issues of concern
- To discuss issues currently before the Parliament
- To promote parliamentary support for certain reports, amendments and resolutions
- To maintain a dialogue with senior members and officials of the Commission
- To ensure that each Presidency includes priorities for animal protection

The Intergroup meets monthly and, throughout the year, also organises side events, workshops and exhibitions.

The Intergroup has several ad-hoc Working Groups:

- Animal Transport
- Animals in science
- Cage-Free farming
- Companion animals
- Pig welfare



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





OUR GOVERNANCE

We are democratically governed by our members and receive our mandate from them at the General Assembly that meets once a year (the Annual General Meeting or AGM).

The General Assembly is our decision-making body which establishes our direction via the adoption of a strategic plan.

It is composed of voting members from all member organisations and delegates the oversight of the association to a Board that it elects.

The Board is made up of a President, Vice-President, Honorary Treasurer and “ordinary” Board members. The Board may have a maximum of 13 members.

OUR MEMBERS

“Putting Members at the core of our work” is our motto.

Total Members

(October 2021)

83+

Total EU Countries

(October 2021)

25+

Other Countries:

Australia

Kosovo

Montenegro

Norway

Serbia

Switzerland

United Kingdom





SWEDEN
5 members

NORWAY
1 member

FINLAND
3 members

LATVIA
2 members

ESTONIA
2 members

DENMARK
2 members

SLOVAKIA
2 members

IRELAND
3 members

GERMANY
7 members

SLOVENIA
1 member

UNITED KINGDOM
16 members

LITHUANIA
1 member

POLAND
3 members

CZECH REPUBLIC
2 members

ROMANIA
1 member

SPAIN
10 members

SERBIA
1 member

PORTUGAL
1 member

LUXEMBOURG
1 member

MALTA
1 member

GREECE
4 members

FRANCE
8 members

MONTENEGRO
1 member

BELGIUM
2 members

CYPRUS
1 member

BULGARIA
2 members

CROATIA
1 member

ITALY
6 members

SWITZERLAND
2 members

HUNGARY
1 member

AUSTRALIA
2 members

NETHERLANDS
9 members

AUSTRIA
1 member

We are a strong voice for animals in Europe and our strength comes from our members, friends and partners with whom we relentlessly advocate to improve the welfare of millions of animals across Europe and beyond.

There are many ways to help: visit our website to check the latest campaigns and activities, read our publications and follow us on social media.

You can also contact us to become a member or make a donation.

Join us to fight for a better future for all animals!

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