

A large flock of sheep is grazing on a lush green hillside. The sheep are scattered across the slope, some facing the camera and others with their backs to it. The grass is vibrant green, and the scene is bathed in warm, golden light, suggesting late afternoon or early morning. In the background, there are some bare trees and a few more sheep grazing further up the hill.

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**EUROGROUP
FOR ANIMALS**

BUILDING
A EUROPE
THAT CARES
FOR ANIMALS

OUR VISION

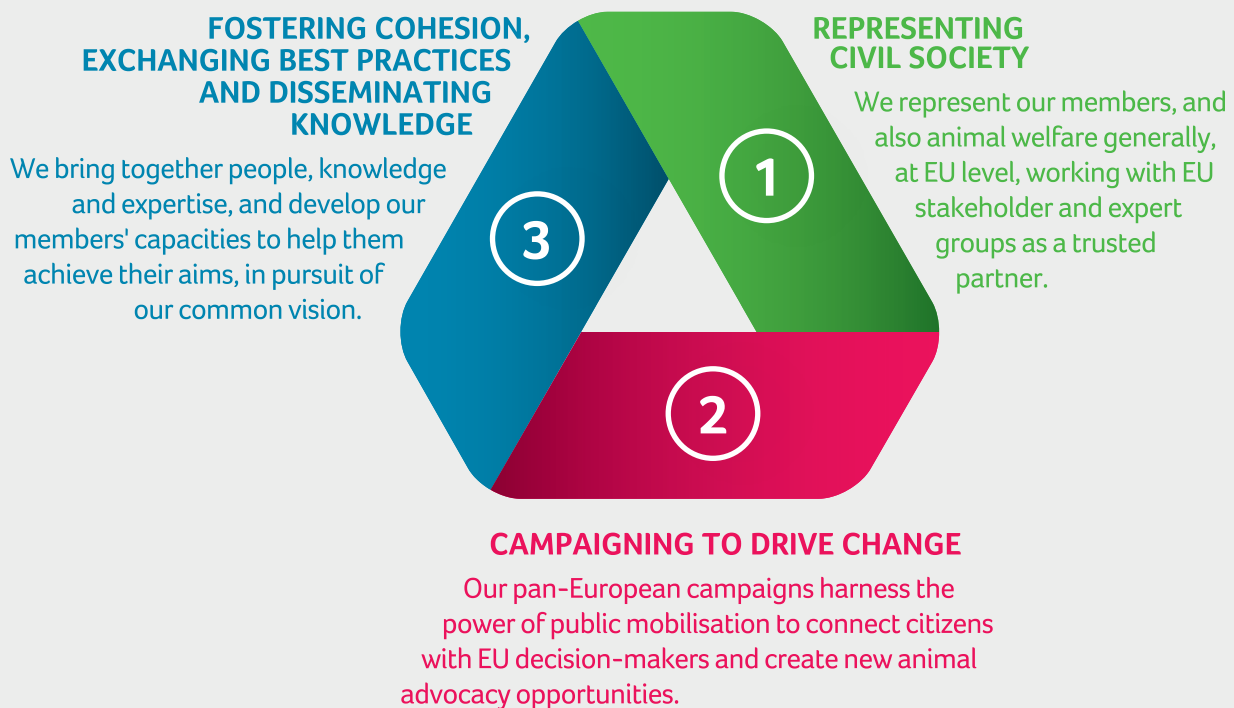
Animals will only truly be respected as sentient beings across all 28 Member States if comprehensive and effective EU legislation is in place. We strive for the EU to adopt a One Welfare approach that values animal and human welfare equally.

OUR MISSION A TRIPLE ROLE

Our primary focus is to improve animal welfare as quickly as possible by lobbying EU institutions to deliver better legislation and enforcement.

As the only pan-European umbrella organisation for animal welfare, we direct the national influence of each of our members into a powerful group network, creating opportunities for change across Europe that cannot be achieved individually.

Our mission has three strands:



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Who We Are



EUROGROUP FOR ANIMALS

WHAT WE DO

We are the Brussels-based European umbrella advocacy organisation, with 54 national and international members across Europe and beyond. Together we provide a voice for the billions of animals kept in laboratories, farms and homes and for those living in the wild.

Our vision is to build a Europe that truly cares for animals. This is essential to our well-being, prosperity and to the sustainability of our planet.

We seek to drive positive change for animals by working with our members to identify common goals, and to coordinate EU-wide action to jointly influence EU laws and policies.

Despite the challenges of working in the current European legislative landscape, and limited budgets, we deliver concrete results for animals through dedicated programmes, and a strategic approach to campaigning and advocacy, including through our projects.

Each year we choose one pan-European flagship campaign – in 2016 our focus was the #StopTheTrucks campaign.



'Having been a member of the board of Eurogroup for animals since 2010, I was very excited to be elected as President in June 2016. I truly believe that if we want to make a real difference for the animals that suffer the most, we must achieve better EU legislation and enforcement.

So much of the legislation affecting animals originates in Brussels. Therefore Eurogroup for Animals plays a pivotal role in bringing about change for the animals. Eurogroup for Animals brings us all together and is facilitating greater collaboration between us. It amplifies our impact at the national level and ensures our voices are heard in Europe.

We face enormous challenges. But by coordinating our activities and campaigning together, we can have a far greater impact than working alone. Sharing our experiences can be of huge benefit.

As the number of animal advocacy organisations in Europe grows, we hope to welcome new players on board. My mission together with the board, the staff of Eurogroup for Animals and you, is to build an even stronger and more powerful movement that corporates and governments cannot ignore, so we ultimately bring about positive change for millions of animals.

Thank you for being a part of this movement!'

Britta Riis

President of the Eurogroup for Animals and Chief Executive, Dyrenes Beskyttelse, Denmark.





'2016 was a challenging year for Europe. A lack of leadership and the absence of a shared vision for the European Union resulted in legislative inertia for animal welfare. And then there was the Brexit vote, illustrating the lack of trust in the EU project – a very sad moment in the EU's history.

On a more positive note, 2016 also saw unprecedented support for our cause from European citizens, the European Parliament and some Member States. A new independent EU-wide survey on animal welfare showed unequivocally that the vast majority of citizens want better legislative protection for animals.

The Dutch and Maltese Presidencies worked hard to establish the first inter-disciplinary EU Animal Welfare Platform which will come into being in 2017. These are results that we have collectively lobbied hard to achieve.

And in the European Parliament, the Intergroup for the Welfare and Conservation of Animals has more and more engaged members than ever before.

Our 2016 flagship campaign, #StopTheTrucks, called for an end to the long-distance transportation of live animals, with new investigations into live exports and the brutal slaughter in the Middle-East and North-Africa. We received strong support from all corners of Europe and collected one million signatures from citizens expecting changes to the legislation.

Animal welfare issues are pressing and urgently require dedicated action. We fought hard to obtain political results for equines, rabbits, animals used in science, exotic pets and many more.

The growing gap between what citizens want, and what the EU delivers, means that we must work harder than ever to connect the strong and concerted voices for animals nationally with the EU level.

At a time of great political challenge, with divisive questions about the future of Europe, animal welfare can be embraced as a common cause. Animals bear no political colour and the issue of animal welfare could reconnect the EU's decision makers with the will of Europe's citizens.'

Reineke Hameleers

Director, Eurogroup for Animals





Achieving Results for Animals



INFLUENCING THE EUROPEAN UNION

Our advocacy work with EU decision makers is central to delivering our strategic goals, and we have worked hard to build relationships throughout the Commission, the Council and within the European Parliament. This year has seen important progress with EU agreement to establish a new platform for animal welfare, and the adoption of the new Animal Health Law. We continue to support the Intergroup on the Welfare and Conservation of Animals which provides a valuable platform for MEPs to urge action on issues of concern.

PEOPLE WANT MORE FOR ANIMALS

We helped decision-makers strategise

A special Eurobarometer survey in March 2016 showed that European citizens expect EU decision makers to take action to improve animal welfare. More than four in five citizens want to see better welfare for farmed animals, while nearly three quarters of citizens believe that pet welfare should be better than it is at present. Nine in ten people think that imported products should meet EU standards for animal welfare.

Our high-level event in March 2016, organised with the Intergroup for the Welfare and Conservation of Animals, provided an opportunity for the EU Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, Vytenis Andriukaitis, and several government ministers to reflect on the people's expectations for more welfare and discuss progress on the 2014 Joint Declaration on Animal Welfare – or the lack thereof. We encouraged greater ambition for a new EU strategy.

A NEW PLATFORM FOR ANIMAL WELFARE

We saw a major step forward for animal welfare in the EU with agreement to introduce an EU animal welfare platform, creating an opportunity for greater collaboration and coordination between different policy departments, stakeholders and Member State governments.

We worked hard throughout the year to mobilise the European Commission, Parliament and Council to act further on animal welfare – despite and against the on-going political stalemate.

Eurogroup for Animals first suggested the idea for a platform two years ago, and we have worked with our government allies to promote the idea. Animal welfare issues are currently spread among different parts of the European Commission and a platform would allow greater coherence. But crucially the platform also sends a strong signal that animal welfare matters and we believe it could pave the way for concrete action, mitigating the European Commission's reluctance to initiate a new strategy or any related legislation.

The platform proposal was put forward by the Dutch Presidency with support from Denmark, Germany and Sweden and garnered broad support from other Member States at the Agricultural Council. The Maltese Presidency made sure the platform was actually established early 2017.



ANIMAL HEALTH LAW

Our lobbying efforts succeeded in strengthening welfare in the new animal health law, adopted in March 2016. The new legislation will help improve good husbandry practices and fight antimicrobial resistance but also allows positive change for pets and wild animals by for example foreseeing the mandatory registration of pet breeders and sellers.



'The best part of my day is the feeling at the end of a day of having made progress. It doesn't happen every day, so it's all the more appreciated when it does.'



Andreas Erler

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WORKING WITH MEPs

We are proud to host the Secretariat for the European Parliament's Intergroup on the Welfare and Conservation of Animals, which boasts 107 MEP members from all political groups and most Member States.

As a cross-party collaborative forum, the Intergroup seeks to improve the welfare and conservation of animals through EU legislation, and to push for better enforcement and dissemination of knowledge and best practice.

It has been behind most animal-welfare related initiatives in the Parliament in 2016, including a motion on introducing compatible systems for pet registration across Member States, an own-initiative report protecting farmed rabbits, a report on the responsible ownership and care of equines, and work on ensuring the application of food and feed law to protect animal health. It is our main ally in pressurising the Commission to take new initiatives and properly enforce existing legislation.

Our work with the Intergroup's pig welfare working group helped secure funding for a pilot project on harmonising the internal market for pig meat from pigs that have not been surgically castrated. The transport working group has been a key ally in our #StopTheTrucks campaign.

Sirpa Pietikäinen (EPP, FI) took over as the Intergroup President, following the departure of Janusz Wojciechowski (ECR, PL). Intergroup sessions are now streamed online, increasing access to a wider public.

INFLUENCING FROM THE FRONT ROW

A lot of our work takes place in expert committees and consultations, and this is key to our influence. At the Civil Society Dialogue Group on beef meat, for example, we presented new evidence of the systemic harm caused by the long-distance live transport of animals directly to decision makers and supply chain actors. This gave force and urgency to our demand to revise EU transport rules.

Member of



**Civil Society
Dialogue Groups**
(DG AGRI)



Expert Group
(DG SANTE)



Advisory Council
(DG MARE)



**Stakeholder
Advisory Group
in the EC**
(DG SANTE)



PROTECTING FARM ANIMALS

European citizens want to see better welfare for farm animals, yet rising global demand for meat and dairy is driving the industrialisation of farming, with animal welfare standards increasingly seen as an extra cost. The EU's export-focus encourages the live-transport of animals around the world, with no guarantees for their welfare. In the face of these major sources of animal suffering, Eurogroup for Animals is working with its members to put pressure on decision makers and drive change. In 2016, our advocacy work has targeted live animal transport, dairy and pig welfare and cage-free farming.

#StopTheTrucks

Our 2016 flagship campaign #StopTheTrucks put live animal transport back on the EU political agenda, with 29 members across 27 countries and more than 1 million citizens backing the campaign by May 2017.

Each year, more than 1 billion live poultry and 37 million live cattle, pigs, goats, horses and sheep are transported long distances across Europe and beyond, often suffering dehydration, exhaustion and injuries, sometimes even death.

‘...we urged citizens to write to their agriculture ministers calling for change.’

The #StopTheTrucks campaign called for the live export of animals to be more strictly regulated, and for long distance transport (over 8 hours) to be banned. Using new footage showing the appalling conditions facing animals on long journeys, we urged citizens to write to their agriculture ministers calling for change.

We also want to see a drastic improvement in conditions for animals on short journeys, with animals slaughtered as close as possible to where they are raised.

Our campaign won support from governments, with the Austrian, Belgian and Swedish ministers making an official request to the European Commission to revise the EU’s 10-year-old Transport Regulation. This follows requests made by Germany, the Netherlands and Denmark in 2014. Sweden raised the issue at the Agri-Fish Council meeting in November 2016.

With financial support from members, we have undertaken a study on the external costs related to long distance live animal transport at the end of the campaign.



‘Our event on sustainable and welfare-friendly farming in the European Parliament was a real highlight for me. We managed to give the floor to committed farmers who care about animals and who propose alternative models of business that thrive thanks to consumers’ support.’

Elena Nalon
@ElenaEG4A



DAIRY WELFARE

Industrialisation in the dairy sector is leading to an increase in ‘zero-grazing’ systems, i.e. farms where cows never have access to pasture, which according to the European Food Safety Authority increases the risk of developing health problems. We raised these issues during a dedicated event in the European Parliament and on several occasions during the Civil Dialogue Groups at the European Commission.

LABELLING MATTERS

We continue to advocate for method of production labelling for meat and dairy products as a partner in the Labelling Matters campaign.



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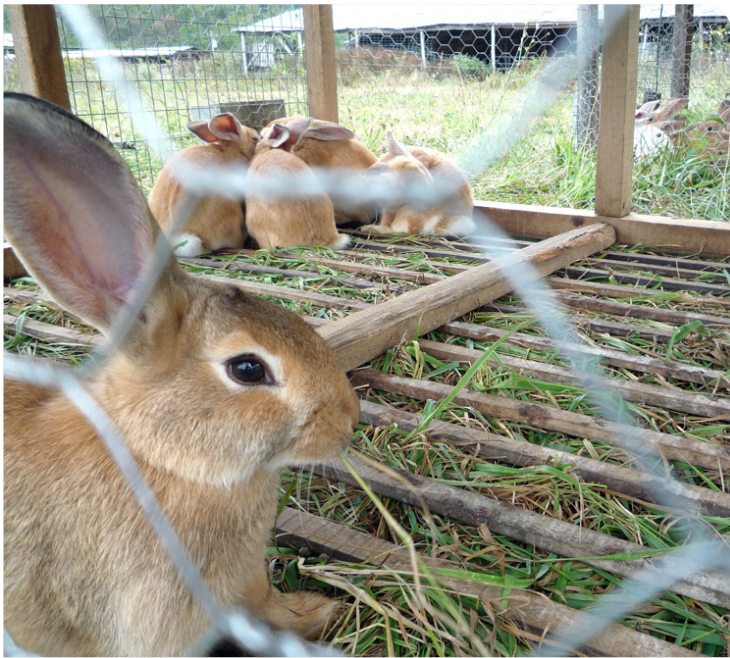
Countries
campaigning to
#StopTheTrucks

€600,000

In funding for
a pilot pig project

1 Million

Signatures for
#StopTheTrucks



BETTER WELFARE FOR PIGS

Our work on pig welfare continued in 2016, and focused especially on painful mutilations. Every year, 77 million male piglets are castrated in the EU without anaesthesia and analgesia. In addition, EU law requires all pigs to be given appropriate stimuli and prohibits the routine docking of pigs' tails, but these laws are widely violated.

To keep up political pressure on these issues, we continued to coordinate the MEP Working Group on Pig Welfare, raising awareness among MEPs, the Commission and Council of the importance of improved welfare. As a result of our lobbying efforts, we succeeded in securing funding for a pilot project that will examine how to improve market acceptance of meat obtained from pigs that are not surgically castrated.

'Ending Pig Pain will be the focus of our 2017 flagship campaign. We will be seeking one million signatures.'

We also continued our work within the Brussels Declaration expert group, which advises on a voluntary commitment to ending surgical castration by January 2018. With the deadline looming, there is little hope that this declaration will deliver on promises for the millions of pigs reared in Europe. Ending Pig Pain will be the focus of our 2017 flagship campaign. We will be seeking one million signatures from citizens across the EU calling on ministers to support an EU-wide ban on surgical piglet castration by 2024 and the full enforcement of laws on the routine tail docking and tooth clipping.

CAGE-FREE FARMING

We raised awareness in the European Parliament on the need for higher welfare standards for rabbits, supporting an own initiative report by Stefan Eck MEP on minimum measures to protect farmed rabbits. And we joined the Open Wing Alliance, an international coalition to end the caged farming of laying hens.

FARMED FISH

Thanks to our established reputation, we attracted funding for a new project to improve the rearing, transport and slaughter conditions for farmed fish. Fish feel pain just like other sentient animals, but there is no legislation to ensure the ethical treatment of fish.

IN 2017...

Our flagship campaign will be to
EndPigPain

'For sure #StopTheTrucks was a real highlight for me. The results really exceeded our expectations, both in terms of the number of people who got involved and the political attention we received.'

Francesca Porta
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WILD ANIMALS

The welfare of wild animals in Europe is a critical issue. Illegal wildlife trafficking is a big and growing business, and EU Member States are both a source and destination for this damaging trade. But wild animals are also at risk in their natural environment, in zoos and circuses, and are traded as pets. We want to see preventative action with Positive Lists of allowed species used across Europe. We advocate for the improved welfare of traded animals through CITES, the Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species, and we want to see humane wildlife management measures in the EU.



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THINK POSITIVE!

New animal welfare laws in Finland and Luxembourg including Positive Lists of permitted mammal pets were drafted in 2016, with the support of AAP Animal Advocacy and Protection and Eurogroup for Animals’ joint Think Positive campaign.

The EU is one of the biggest importers of tropical fish, reptiles, birds and mammals for the pet trade, but many exotic animals are unsuited to a life in captivity. Positive Lists of allowed species provide the most effective, efficient and economical way of regulating the keeping and trade of exotic pets.

Positive Lists have already been adopted in Belgium and the Netherlands. We want to see Positive Lists introduced in at least four additional Member States or regions by 2020. This year campaign efforts focused on Greece, Scotland, Finland and Luxembourg.

We also want to raise awareness across the EU and in 2016 organised a successful conference in the European Parliament on exotic pets, co-hosted by the Intergroup on the Welfare and Conservation of Animals, AAP Animal Advocacy and Protection, Pro Wildlife and Eurogroup for Animals. This helped us to secure amendments in two European Parliament Resolutions, calling on Member States to adopt Positive Lists.

WILD ANIMALS IN CIRCUSES

With the support of our members, we continue to campaign for a ban on the use of wild animals in circuses both nationally and EU-wide. In 2016, we also worked with MEPs in the European Parliament to highlight health and safety issues related to wild animals being used in circuses, particularly stressing the risk of accidents. We co-hosted a conference on the use of wild animals in performances with AAP Animal Advocacy and Protection and the Born Free Foundation – building partnership for action among NGOs.

15 Letters to Decision Makers

12 Press Releases

10 Stakeholder Consultations

‘I love revising and influencing the drafting of policies, legislation and resolutions. It’s amazing how the addition of just one word can sometimes make a huge difference.’

Ilaria Di Silvestre
@IlariaEG4A





WILDLIFE TRADE AND TRAFFICKING

International progress on tackling the illegal trade in wildlife received a boost in October 2016 at the 17th CITES Conference of the Parties (COP). Eurogroup for Animals was active at the COP in South Africa, lobbying CITES parties as a member of the Species Survival Network (SSN) to influence decisions promoting conservation of endangered species and improving the welfare of traded animals.

As co-chair of the SSN Animals in Captivity working group, we helped organise a side event on the welfare of confiscated animals at the COP, attended by many delegates in Johannesburg.

We were delighted that the Barbary macaque was granted the highest protection status under CITES, following the tremendous lobbying efforts from our member AAP Animal Advocacy and Protection.

At the European level, we welcomed the publication of the EU Action Plan against Wildlife Trafficking,

having contributed to the consultation and successfully submitted recommendations when the document was being prepared.

We continued to support the work of the cross-party MEPs for Wildlife group, as part of an alliance of international NGOs, and successfully influenced a number of decisions in the European Parliament.

WILD ANIMALS IN ZOOS

We are working with our members to influence the European Commission's evaluation of the Zoos Directive. This seeks to ensure that zoos in Member States promote species protection and conservation, besides providing public education and scientific research and we want to ensure it is effectively implemented and enforced across all EU Member States.

IN 2017...

We will push for the humane management of invasive alien species, seeking an integrated approach with Positive Lists at the national and EU-level, and highlighting the need to ensure the welfare of animals in rescue centres. We will also continue to represent our members' priorities in CITES committees and to push for the adoption of an EU ban on the use of wild animals in circuses.

PROTECTING DOGS AND CATS

We want to create a safe environment for all dogs and cats in Europe, targeting appropriate EU-level powers to enhance their welfare. This includes better transparency of sellers and breeders and the promotion of information on responsible ownership and care to owners and would be owners. We also want to stop the illegal trade in pets, building on the success of last year's Protect our Pets campaign, via the introduction of compatible systems for registering pets across Member States.



STOPPING THE ILLEGAL TRADE IN DOGS AND CATS

Eurogroup for Animal's first-ever public campaign, seeking to end the illegal trade in dogs and cats led to the successful adoption of a Resolution in the European Parliament, backed by 95% of MEPs.

The Resolution, calling for improved cross-border identification and registration of animals, was taken forward by Renate Sommer MEP, a member of the Parliament's Intergroup for Animal Welfare, supported by our Cat & Dog Working Group.

The result showed the success of our strategy – with half a million individual e-mails sent to MEPs calling for their support by concerned members of the public. The call from the Parliament was then sent to the Commission for consideration. They indicated that they would take forward the request if there was “sufficient willingness” from Member States.

The Cat & Dog Working Group is now working with Member States to ensure that this Resolution is taken forward, ideally within the new EU platform on Animal Welfare.

IN 2017...

We will begin preparatory work on a new flagship campaign on responsible ownership – due to launch in 2018, and continue to connect national allies in our quest for action on the call for improved cross-border animal identification and registration.

ENCOURAGING RESPONSIBLE OWNERSHIP

In 2016, the Cat & Dog Working Group produced guidelines on the responsible ownership and care of dogs and cats in response to a need identified in the 2015 European Commission's study on dogs and cats involved in commercial practices. We want to see the guidelines distributed widely across Europe.

95 % of MEPs voted to adopt legislation against the illegal smuggling of cats and dogs

15 Over fifteen meetings with Member States following up on the resolution

507,456
E-mails sent to MEPs

‘The Brexit decision in 2016 has massive implications for animal welfare and I am pleased that we are working with our members to ensure that animals do not pay the price.’

Joe Moran





EQUINE WELFARE

We want to ensure that every member of the horse family is respected for its intrinsic value and not solely for its price. Working at the EU-level, we seek to raise awareness of the issues affecting horse welfare, building alliances with MEPs and Member State governments to improve standards of horse care across Europe.



IMPROVING EQUINE WELFARE

Building on the findings of our research last year, we have been working in the European Parliament to build support for an own initiative Resolution, spearheaded by Julie Girling MEP.

Irresponsible breeding, illegal trading, fly grazing and poor standards for horse transportation all threaten the welfare of horses, donkeys and mules in Europe, and our research with World Horse Welfare in 2015 identified key challenges that could be tackled at the EU level.

The draft Resolution's recommendations, which will be considered in 2017, include the provision of basic guidance on horse care to be produced and disseminated across the EU, a call for consumers and tourists to be empowered to choose horse businesses with high welfare standards and for funding mechanisms for smaller farms to reward good equine welfare.

FIT TO TRAVEL?

Concerns about the welfare of equines being transported led to a group of our members coming together to draft practical guidelines to assess the fitness for transport of horses, and guidelines for dairy donkeys.

IN 2017...

We have identified five new goals for our work from 2017, including responsible ownership, improved traceability, and improved equine transport.

EQUINE PASSPORTS

A new law on animal breeding will include the replacement of the Equine Passport Regulation, thanks to lobbying by Eurogroup for Animals. The new Animal Health Law will allow for proper cross-border traceability for members of the horse family travelling into and within the EU.

The Eurogroup for Animals Equine Working Group supported Julie Girling MEP in drafting the report, and lobbied for broader support among members of the Intergroup on the Welfare and Conservation of Animals and the broader Parliament.

We also initiated work on a position paper, together with national governments from Sweden, Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands and Belgium, who have all showed a commitment to increased animal welfare. The position, which mirrors the calls in the Parliamentary Resolution, is likely to be presented to the Council in 2017.

(12) Meetings with Member States on equine passport regulation

(5) Member States offered backing for a position on responsible equine care

ANIMALS IN SCIENCE

More than 11 million animals are used in laboratory research and testing in Europe every year. Eurogroup for Animals wants the use of animals in science to end, with non-animal methods used instead. Our focus is on encouraging the development, validation and implementation of alternatives to animal methods and monitoring enforcement of the existing legislation. While the European Commission supports a phase-out of animal testing, progress has been slow, with many animals still being used in redundant experiments. We are calling for the EU to introduce a cross-cutting strategy for the development and uptake of alternatives to animal use in all scientific fields.



'I am fascinated by science and new technologies. It is a great privilege to contribute to a future where innovation and animal welfare will progress side by side.'

Giulia Tarsitano
@GiuliaEG4A



ENDING ANIMAL TESTING

The EU's legislation on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes is being reviewed, providing a window of opportunity to promote alternative testing methods, and push for the right of all Member States to go beyond the minimum standards set at EU-level.

The directive currently sets out a goal of replacing procedures on live animals for scientific and educational purposes as soon as it is scientifically possible to do so. But a lack of awareness of alternative methods, and the lack of investment in animal-free research and implementation of alternatives mean that little progress is being made.

We sought to shape the debate, raising awareness of the flaws in the existing legislation, and representing the views of our members in responses to the formal consultation process.

'We sought to shape the debate, raising awareness of the flaws in the existing legislation'

We achieved a significant step forward thanks to our work with the Dutch government's National Committee for the protection of animals used for scientific purposes, who launched a call for regulatory animal testing to be phased out by 2025. This progressive position raises the level of ambition and we hope to see similar moves from other Member States.

We also sought to raise ambition in the EU's assessment of the feasibility of phasing out some testing on non-human primates. Again, working at the national level, we surveyed current activities and positions to identify opportunities to promote greater action.

The results of the EU's review will be published in 2017.



REACHing SUCCES

Working with our members, we successfully lobbied for changes to the REACH legislation, the EU-wide legislation on chemical safety. This will mean greater recognition of non-animal testing methods and fewer animals used in scientific tests under the REACH regime.

INFLUENCING EFSA

Eurogroup for Animals has become an official stakeholder for the European Food Safety Authority, the EU-wide body responsible for approving food safety. This will mean we can make our voice heard on animal welfare issues related to food.

IN 2017...

We will lobby for changes in the legislation following the review, supporting greater ambition at the national level.

A large flock of brown chickens is visible through the metal bars of a cage. The chickens are packed closely together, and their red combs and wattles are prominent. The background shows more chickens and some greenery outside the cage.

TRADE & ANIMAL WELFARE

The global trade in animals and animal products is growing, but animal welfare is rarely considered in trade negotiations. As a result, European producers are forced to compete with poorly-regulated, cheap imports, and consumers are left in the dark. Eurogroup for Animals wants to see animal welfare included within multilateral and bilateral trade agreements, and we are working to build knowledge and understanding, as well as strengthening channels for advocacy to achieve our aims.



'The best part of my day is when I get to speak to the office dogs. They remind me why I do what I do.'

Iyan Offor
Trade & Animal Welfare Project Officer

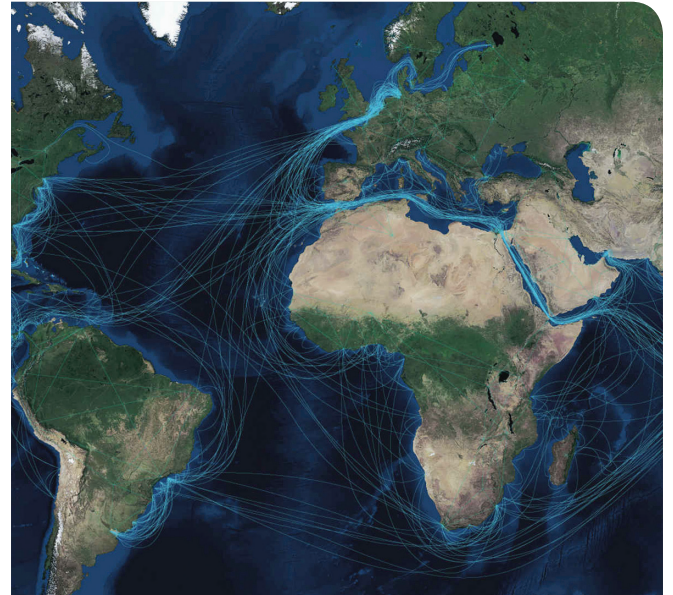
RAISING AWARENESS

The animal welfare impacts of increasing global trade are often overlooked, so for the first phase of this new stream of work, we focused on building bridges between the animal welfare community and the trade community, starting among our members. We wanted to establish ourselves as the voice on animal welfare and trade in Brussels.

We are working with other civil society organisations to raise awareness of our issues in the European Parliament, lobbying to raise awareness of the risks to animal welfare in the EU-Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), and building alliances within the Parliament's International Trade Committee.

The European Commission's Civil Society Dialogue Contact Group in DG-Trade provides a formal channel for highlighting issues in relation to trade policy with the Commission, and we have been an active member. We also participate as an expert in the Civil Society Dialogue Group on International Aspects of Agriculture, and the EU-Ukraine Domestic Advisory Group, which agreed to make animal welfare a priority work programme. A meeting with the Trade Commissioner, Cecilia Malmström and Director General for Trade Jean-Luc Demarty provided an opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of animal welfare.

'...we focused on building bridges between the animal welfare community and the trade community...'



MAPPING TRADE AGREEMENTS

Mapping out the various ongoing bilateral trade negotiations between the EU and other countries was an essential task for the first phase of the project, allowing us to identify priorities. We also worked with members to identify a common position on animal welfare in the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) negotiations with the USA.

WHAT A TRADE DEAL SHOULD SAY

Trade policies can deliver important goals for animal welfare, and we have developed a model animal welfare chapter, to be included in every trade agreement with the EU, setting out what we want to achieve. We have shared this document with the European Commission and will continue to lobby for its inclusion in international trade agreements.

13 Analytical Briefings

(21) Members responded to Survey

IN 2017...

In 2017 we will use our model animal welfare provisions to lobby for a positive future for animals in trade.

A photograph of a penguin, likely a Chinstrap penguin, standing on a grey, textured rock. The penguin is facing right, with its head turned slightly back. The background is a clear, bright blue sky. The overall composition is simple and clean, with the penguin as the central subject.

Organisational Management and Development

'There were two highlights in my year: the successful annual event and AGM, and moving the Eurogroup for Animals team into our fantastic new office at Rue Ducale, 29.'

Christine van Horen
Office Manager



HOW WE ARE GOVERNED

We are a membership organisation, and 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.

The General Assembly has sole power to amend the Articles of Association and elect members to the Board. It is made up of representatives from all of our member organisations, and each member can vote. It delegates its authority to the Board which it elects.

The Board is currently made up of representatives from 11 member organisations, together with an independent President and Treasurer. It meets four times a year, and delegates operational authority to the Director who manages the Eurogroup for Animals secretariat. The secretariat works within a framework provided by the five-year strategy and an annual work plan.



REWARDING POSITIVE ACTION

Our General Assembly in 2016 provided the opportunity to recognise the exceptional contributions to animal welfare in Europe through our awards ceremony. Each year we present awards to the best campaign for animals, for EU activities for animals, and for the best corporate behaviour for animal welfare. Our three winners in 2016 deserved high praise.

'Our three winners in 2016 deserved high praise.'

2016 **EG4A Campaign** **AWARD**

Otwarte Klatki

Member Organisation (Poland)

For their successful campaign work. 'Open cages - Two fox cubs, five paws.'

2016 **EG4A Corporate** **AWARD**

The Vegetarian Butcher
the Netherlands

For going an extra mile for animal welfare.

2016 **EU4Animals** **AWARD**

Janusz Wojciechowski

Former President of the Intergroup on the Welfare and Conservation of Animals

For his outstanding contribution during his time in office on EU legislative support.

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Thank you to **Peter Davies** (UK), the outgoing President who left the board in 2016 and who is now an Honorary Ambassador.

OUR NEW MEMBERS

'I'd love to be able to spend a week in each member organisation to get the direct essence of their work and grasp their spirit – following them on social media does help.'



Elise Fleury

Communication and Membership Officer



The Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals – ISPCA (Ireland)

A national charity representing 20 affiliated member societies that help rescue, treat and responsibly rehome tens of thousands of animals of all different species.



Catholic Concern for Animals – CCA (United Kingdom)

CCA is the biggest member of the Animal Interfaith Alliance (AIA) – a network including members from all different religions. It promotes animal welfare throughout the Catholic world, educating citizens on Catholic teaching and practice on animal welfare and compassion.



Badger Trust (United Kingdom)

A British animal welfare charity representing a network of local voluntary Badger Groups in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The organisation aims to promote the conservation and welfare of badgers; to ensure that the laws protecting badgers are enforced and to be the voice for badger protection.



Animals Australia (International section)

One of the primary representative animal welfare stakeholders in Australia, Animals Australia provides animal welfare expertise; and carries out policy and advocacy work on animal use in research and education, wildlife, animals used in sport and entertainment, companion animals and farmed animals. Animals Australia is represented in Eurogroup for Animals by its international section, Animals International.



Tara Foundation (Poland)

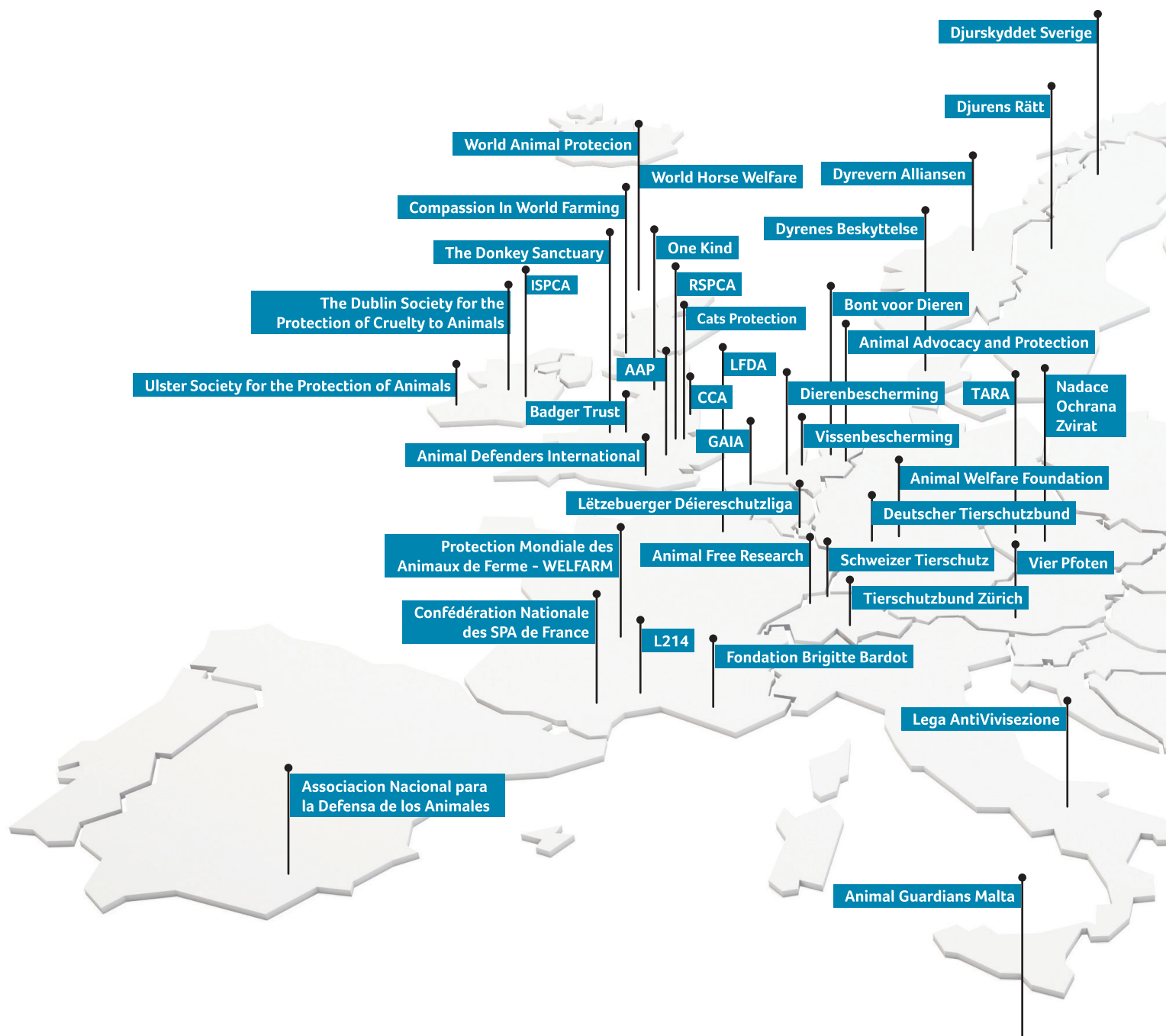
Supporting social, cultural, educational and research activities and projects for the protection of animals, including campaigning for the recognition of horses as companion animals.



La Fondation Droit Animal, Ethique et Sciences (LFDA), (France)

Produces regular scientific studies and multidisciplinary research on the relationship between humans and animals, promotes respect for animal welfare and the preservation of animal biodiversity.

OUR MEMBERS



LIST OF MEMBERS (June 2017)



AAP Animal Advocacy and Protection
The Netherlands

Animal Action Greece
Greece

Animals Australia
Australia

Animal Defenders International (ADI)
United Kingdom

Animal Friends Croatia
Croatia

Animal Protection Agency (APA)
United Kingdom

Animal Welfare Foundation
Germany

Animal Free Research
Switzerland

Animalia
Finland

ANDA
Spain

Animal Guardians Malta
Malta

Badger Trust
United Kingdom

Bont voor Dieren
The Netherlands

Estonian SPA
Estonia

Catholic Concern for Animals (CCA)
United Kingdom

Cats Protection
United Kingdom

Compassion in World Farming (CWF)
United Kingdom

Confédération Nationale des SPA (CNSPA)
France

Deutscher Tierschutzbund
Germany

Dierenbescherming
The Netherlands

Djurens Rätt
Sweden

Djurskyddet Sverige
Sweden

The Dublin Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (DSPCA)
Ireland

Animal Protection Denmark
Denmark

Dyerveer Alliansen
Norway

Dzīvnieku Draugs
Latvia

Fondation Brigitte Bardot
France

GAIA
Belgium

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Lega Anti Vivisezione (LAV)
Italy

Animal rights protection organisation Lithuania
Lithuania

Ligue Nationale pour la Protection des Animaux (LNPA)
Luxembourg

Nadace Ochrana Zvirat
Czech Republic

One Kind
United Kingdom

Organisation for Respect and Care of Animals (ORCA)
Serbia

Otwarte Klatki
Poland

Protection Mondiale des Animaux de Ferme (WELFARM)
France

Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA)
United Kingdom

Schweizer Tierschutz (STS)
Switzerland

Sloboda Zvierat
Slovakia

Suomen Eläinsuojeluyhdistys (SEY)
Finland

Tara Foundation
Poland

Tierschutzbund Zürich
Switzerland

The Donkey Sanctuary
United Kingdom

Ulster Society Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (USPCA)
United Kingdom

Vier Pfoten
Austria

Vier Pfoten Bulgaria
Bulgaria

Vier Pfoten Romania
Romania

Vissenbescherming
The Netherlands

World Animal Net
United States

World Animal Protection
United Kingdom

World Horse Welfare
United Kingdom

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OUR FINANCES

Our audited accounts, running from 1 January to 31 December 2016, show an income of €1,677,082 and total expenditure of €1,646,160. Income slightly increased in 2016 (5.5%) compared to, 2015 thanks to one-off donations from several Eurogroup for Animals members, new members joining and support generated from Foundations.

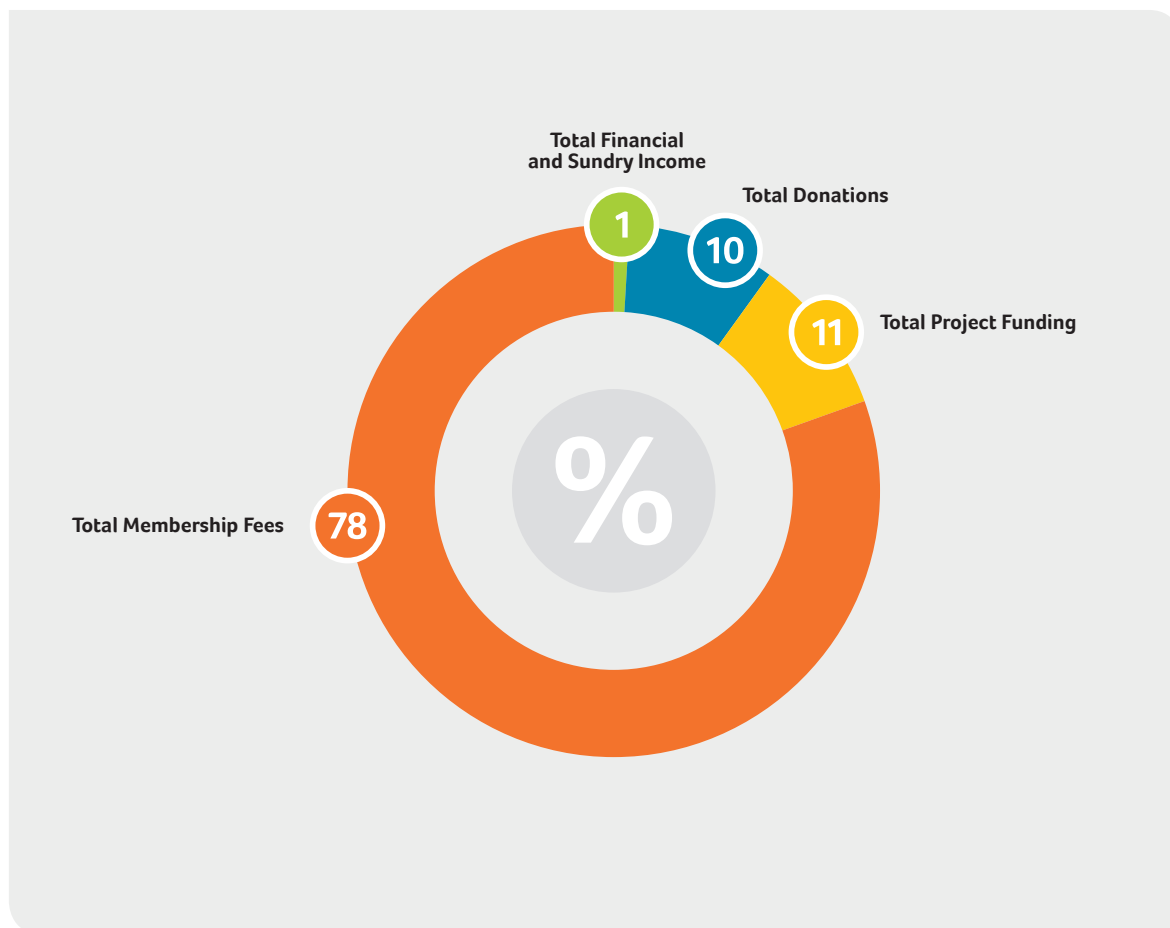
Income

Traditionally, we have derived the bulk of our income from membership subscriptions, which in 2016 constituted approximately 75% of our organisation's income.

Together with donations and financial and sundry income, this constitutes our unrestricted income. We received approximately 11% of our income in 2016 in support of specific projects.

Financial challenges faced by our oldest member, the RSPCA, initially resulted in a drop in membership income in 2016. However, generous one-off donations helped mitigate this, and we welcomed several new members.

To secure the organisation's financial resilience, our resource mobilisation strategy focuses on diversifying our income sources and strengthening our relationships with existing supporters. We believe that in the longer term this strategy will also enable us to grow our income further. For example, 2016 ended with a major grant from the Open Philanthropy Project to step up our programme on Fish Welfare.



Income (€1,677,082)

Expenditure

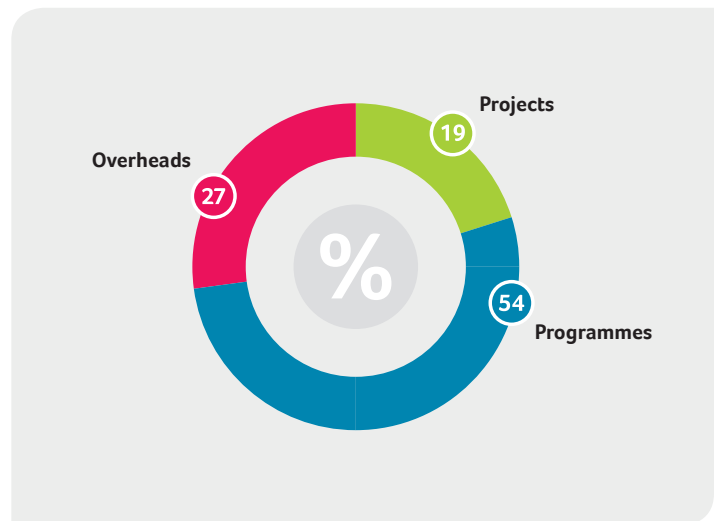
In 2016, 19% of our budget went to projects, 54% to programmes and 27% to overheads. By further refining our time registration system, we have been able to allocate staff costs – our single biggest organisational cost- much more accurately to each project and program.

2016 project and program costs are broken down in five policy fields, our generic advocacy and communications work as well as membership engagement, as illustrated in the chart. The EU's primary competence in agriculture explains why we have proportionately invested more in advocacy for farm animals. This years' costs for farm animals are also proportionally higher due to the costs linked to our flagship campaign #StopTheTrucks and the work started for next year's flagship campaign EndPigPain.

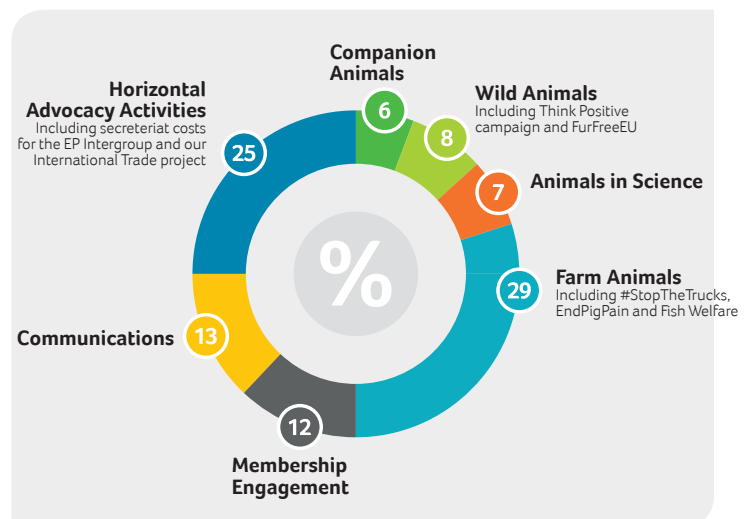
Finally, membership engagement covers our activities to involve members in the programme work, as well as contacts with potential new members.

Programmatic and project costs mainly cover salaries travel costs, external assistance and meetings costs.

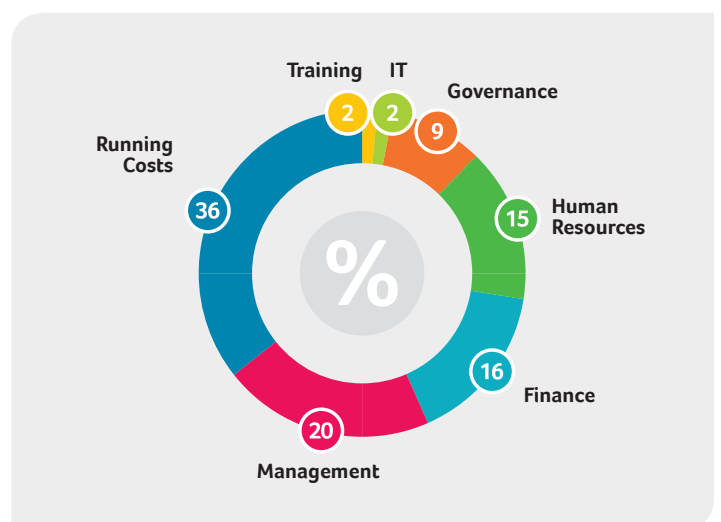
With the aim to be as results-oriented and lean as possible, Eurogroup for Animals reduced its overheads costs by 8% in 2016.



Expenditure (€1,646,160)



Programs & Projects



Overhead Breakdown



'The highlight of my year has been improving the organisation's financial reporting systems - new time sheets, new reporting and new spreadsheets.'

Salim Nazary
Finance Officer

GOING FORWARD

2017-2018

With European Parliamentary elections in 2019 and changes at the European Commission, the next two years are crucial for ensuring our campaigns build momentum for real change for animals.

Our main focus in 2017 will be our EndPigPain campaign. We want to end the suffering of millions of piglets who are routinely mutilated. To do so, European citizens are invited to call for national action plans defining the steps needed for full implementation of existing legislation. They also call for bold steps to phase out castration with the aim to embed this in EU legislation by 2024.

Working hand in hand with the European Parliament, we will ensure the incredible public support shown for the #StopTheTrucks campaign leads the Commission and Member States to reduce live animal transport journeys and ban brutal live exports.

Improving poultry welfare, including changes to slaughter methods, remains a priority, and we will push for proper recognition of the important issue of fish welfare. With the review of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) coming up, we believe there's an unprecedented opportunity to transform our food chains and invest in healthy, higher welfare and environmental friendly food.

The on-going review of the animal experimentation directive also offers a chance to reduce animal suffering by pushing for non-animal research and testing. We want the EU and Member States to introduce stronger incentives to phase out any animal use in science.

We will continue to work with our members to promote the use of Positive Lists as the most cost-efficient and effective means to restrain the trade and ownership of unsuitable exotic pets. And at the EU-level, the new animal health law now offers us the legislative base to push for a ban on the use of wild animals in circuses.

Responsible ownership and care of all companion animals will be the theme of our 2018 flagship campaign which should result in the EU and Member States adopting guidelines on responsible ownership and care, as well as EU-wide mandatory registration of pets.

Finally, we have strong hopes for the new EU Animal Welfare Platform and EU reference centres to provide a new multi-stakeholder, yet constructive, approach to working for animal welfare across all species and issues.

The Campaigning Road Ahead



SUPPORT OUR WORK

A HUGE THANK YOU

Eurogroup for Animals is a strong voice for animals in Europe. Our strength comes from our members, friends and partners. Together we advocate to improve the welfare of the millions of animals living by our sides.

Our work is only possible because of the huge generosity of our members and other donors. It is only because of your support and input that we can do the work we do. Your financial support is essential, but we also benefit enormously from your advice and expertise. It is only by working together that we can create a powerful impact.



'A real highlight for me this year was the incredible gesture of solidarity from our members, both financially and morally, when they were asked for extra support.'

Sophie De Jonckheere

Join Us!

The fight for animal welfare is an uphill struggle. That is why we constantly strive to attract new supporters to join our movement, and why we also need your help. Animal suffering is a reality, but there is an alternative. So, come and join forces with us to fight for a better future for all animals.

There are many ways to help: visit our website, sign our latest petition, follow us on social media, share our posts or contact us to become a member or to make a donation.

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