

# Overhauling EU farm animal welfare laws for animals, people and the planet

28 March 2023 | 9:30-18:00 CET | Residence Palace, Brussels  
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## Programme

**9:30** Registration and coffee

10:00 Welcome by MEPs **Tilly Metz** (Luxembourg, Greens/EFA) and **Anja Hazekamp** (Netherlands, GUE/NGL), respectively President and Honorary President of the European Parliament's Intergroup on the Welfare and Conservation of Animals  
Introduction by **Olga Kikou**, Head of EU Office, Compassion in World Farming

**10:30** Keynote speech: **Stella Kyriakides, Commissioner for Health and Food Safety**

10:50 **Dr Jane Goodall DBE**, Founder of the Jane Goodall Institute and a United Nations Messenger of Peace (video message)  
**Philip Lymbery**, Global CEO of Compassion in World Farming – *Why the time is now for Europe to end the cage age*

**11:00** The political momentum for higher EU animal welfare standards

**Joanna Stawowy**, Member of Commissioner Wojciechowski's Cabinet, responsible for animal welfare, European Commission – *How the agricultural policies can help transition to higher animal welfare standards via the upcoming EU legislation*

**Frank Verdonck**, Head of Biological Hazards & Animal Health and Welfare Unit, the European Food Safety Authority – *Scientific advice on the welfare of farmed animals, an overview of EFSA's work*

**Andrea Gavinelli**, Head of "Animal Welfare" Unit, Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety, European Commission – *The process of revision of the EU legislation: ambitions and constraints*

**Kristina Nordéus**, Counsellor, Permanent Representation of Sweden to the EU – *Animal welfare in Sweden: Experiences from 35 years of animal welfare legislation linked to natural behaviour*

**Ulrich Herzog**, Chief Veterinary Officer, Austrian Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Long-Term Care and Consumer Protection – *Animal welfare legislation - the path is the goal - challenges to the new EU legislation*

**Nektaria Moskofidis**, Advisor Animal Welfare and Agriculture, Cabinet of Vice-Minister-President of the Flemish Government Ben Weyts – *The future of animal welfare & protection: Europe, quo vadis?*

Interventions and Q&A

**12:30** Plant-based lunch served at the restaurant of Residence Palace



13:45

### Building European Parliament consensus for higher standards

Exchange of views with **MEPs Michaela Šojdrová** (Czechia, EPP), **Pascal Durand** (France, S&D), **Michal Wiezik** (Slovakia, Renew Europe), **Thomas Waitz** (Austria, Greens/EFA), **Tilly Metz** (Luxembourg, Greens/EFA), **Anja Hazekamp** (Netherlands, GUE/NGL)

Moderated by **Daniela De Lorenzo**, Reporter, Politico

14:45

### Accelerating the transition

**Sergio Pavon Gonzalez**, International Relations Officer, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission – *Animal welfare developments and international trade*

**Kees Scheepens**, veterinarian and organic pig and suckler cow farmer – *More laws, less stress for farmed animals*

**David Baldock**, Senior Fellow, Institute for European Environmental Policy – *Addressing the costs of transition in Europe: planning ways forward*

**Helena Wright**, Policy Director, FAIRR Initiative – *The pricing of ESG risks including animal welfare by investors, financial markets and companies to drive better practices*

**Assya Kavrakova**, Executive Director, European Citizen Action Service – *Citizen participation in the EU decision-making process*

Interventions and Q&A

16:00

### Ambitious EU laws are the key to higher welfare

**Olga Kikou**, Head of EU Office, Compassion in World Farming – *The lives of farmed animals: current suffering and future prospects*

**Reineke Hamelers**, CEO, Eurogroup for Animals – *The year of the truth for EU animals*

**Joe Moran**, Director, European Policy Office, Four Paws – *Time to go the distance: moving from cruelty to compassion*

**David Garrahy**, External Affairs Manager, World Animal Protection – *How the EU can help defeat the global antimicrobial resistance threat*

**Joanna Swabe**, Senior Director of Public Affairs, Humane Society International/Europe – *Achieving a sustainable food system: why improving animal welfare must go hand in hand with reducing farm animal numbers and a shift to more plant-based diets*

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### Seeing animals through the lens

Interactive session with award-winning photojournalist Jo-Anne McArthur, Founder and President of We Animals Media

17:30

### Photography exhibition and cocktail reception

In cooperation with We Animals Media and Jo-Anne McArthur

