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OUR VISION

Eurogroup for Animals is working to create a Europe where animals are considered and valued as contributing to our well-being, prosperity and to the sustainability of our planet. Imagine a Europe in five years where animals are not seen as products but as sentient beings that like us feel pain and suffering. In this society all animals are effectively protected by law and animal cruelty is not tolerated.

Imagine that all food producing animals are kept in an environment where they can fulfil their natural behaviour. From birth to slaughter, on the farm and during transport the animals are handled with care and compassion. All food chain actors are taking responsibility for animal welfare, food producers and retailers by introducing high welfare standards in their supply chain, refusing to sell food derived through cruel production methods such as foie gras. Consumers and citizens are informed about sustainable and animal friendly food and have access to products from high welfare production such as free range and organic. EU subsidies and market measures are used and developed to promote good animal welfare standards in food production.

In this society the safety of new products, chemicals and feed and food is ensured by using new and innovative testing methods without the use of animals. Through significant investment in the development of alternative methods the use of animals has decreased and is only allowed under exceptional conditions and strict control.

In our future wild animals live in the wild so that they can enjoy their lives free from the fear of being cruelly trapped, hunted or traded. Wild animals are no longer used for entertainment in circuses, in unsuitable conditions in zoos or kept as pets.

EU takes care of its companion animals by introducing identification and registration for all dogs and cats allowing to link animals with their owners. Breeding and selling of pets puts the welfare first instead of commercial gain. Public authorities have humane strategies in place, including information campaigns promoting responsible ownership and avoiding overpopulation

A Europe where decisions are made which respect animals and their welfare. This Europe that we dream of does not exist today but is possible if we all work together. Our unique network facilitates this cooperation which also strengthens each member and improves the society they work in. Through EU and national legislation and advocacy, information campaigns we will change the way animals are viewed and demonstrate the win-win opportunities for enhancing animal welfare in our society. We are passionate to create a more just and humane world, but also a more sustainable one where humans, animals and the entire ecosystem live a more harmonious existence. This is not only the just and morale future, but also the necessary one. Help us make a brighter future for both animals and human beings.



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It is my pleasure to present to you Eurogroup for Animals' Annual Report for 2010-2011. Eurogroup's 30th anniversary passed extremely successfully and we have seen more successes as part of our ongoing efforts to further the protection of all Europe's farm, research and wild animals. Indeed over the last year we have seen the development that the European Union is now considering companion animals and Eurogroup will work to ensure that they become along with farm, research and wild animals a permanent fixture in all EU political discussions and actions.



Frank Dales
President

June 2009 – June 2011



Our 30th Anniversary General Assembly also saw the attendance and speech of Commissioner John Dalli, the European Commissioner responsible for the Health and Consumers portfolio and we couldn't have asked for better recognition of our thirty years of pushing for new and more adequate protective measures for animals than his presence and willingness to engage in the debate with us.

We have again felt the support of the European Parliament following its strong position on cloning and willingness to defend animal welfare and the wishes of Europe's citizens despite stalling the revision of the Novel Foods directive. We only hope now that Commissioner Dalli and the European Council will take the necessary steps to ensure the wishes of all of us and the vast majority of Europe's citizens are listened too.

Building our network is vital for the future and Eurogroup is working tirelessly to expand the network and find new partners to work with and to develop those already on board. Member relationships are vitally important and we all need to open our channels of communication and actively share best practice and knowledge.

Over the next year our strategy will continue to focus on the enforcement of existing legislation whether it is in respect to the transportation of live animals or the introduction of the barren battery cage ban or any other legislation that impinges on animal welfare. But we will also develop new approaches to international trade and the retailers to ensure the highest standards of animal welfare are adopted in as many areas of activity as possible. There is still much that needs to be done, but we cannot be complacent legislation on paper does not automatically translate into action and we need to be vigilant to ensure that animal welfare policies are applied in reality.

During my Presidency I have seen the respect Eurogroup demands and how it continues to be recognised as the most coordinated, strong and efficient network of animal protection organisations in Europe that is truly committed to building a Europe that really cares for animals. As I hand over to John Rolls I hope this will continue and flourish.

LOOKING BACK AT 2010 TO LOOK FORWARD

Eurogroup's 30th anniversary was not just about celebrating what we have achieved but it was also a time of preparation for the future. What is sure is that over the years, the rather small Eurogroup has made a big difference for Europe's animals by securing the highest legal protection in the world. But there is still a lot to do so how can we do even more and do it better?



Sonja Von Tichelen
Eurogroup Director

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In Eurogroup we continuously like to question how we work and by doing so improve what we do, ensure we are working on the topics which have the highest chance of improving animal welfare, targeting the people who can make the difference, exploring if there are other policies where we need to bring in the animal welfare component. Is what we publish understandable, informative and more importantly, does it motivate the reader to do the right thing?

Are we using the right tools and is what we have up to date are also important questions in a fast moving communication environment. Our new Communications team has during the last year been gearing up to amplify the messages and channels through which we communicate. Our website has been redesigned; we are tweeting and using a whole variety of social media to get the message out more effectively to more people.

The last year has also been on a policy front a year of evaluation and preparation. Eurogroup tapped into its collective memory and its experience to advise the European Commission on the evaluation of 20 years of animal welfare policy and this is being used as a basis for the next Animal Welfare Strategy due to be released at the end of this year. Of course we have developed an extensive wish list and are working to convince The Commission to include our requests.

With enforcement of existing rules featuring high on our list of priorities, we are promoting the use of a wide range of policy tools including; training, information campaigns and legislation, where we have as yet no standards such as for dairy and beef cattle or farmed fish. We continue to urge the EU to ensure that there is coherence and synergy between different policies as this is the only way in which we can deliver high animal welfare across all policy areas and minimise any negative impact by conflicting legislation or standards.

This approach means for Eurogroup that also we have to watch different fronts. Never before have we been involved in such a wide range of policies, from trade, to animal health, in pest control to biodiversity. This means building new expertise and skills such as in the area of international trade, for which we now have a full time policy officer. We are also extremely pleased that we have been able to assist the Belgian Presidency in getting the issue of the protection of cats and dogs on the EU agenda. This is a very exciting but a new area of work which many of our members will be following with great interest.

It is because of the commitment and the motivation of the Eurogroup team and the help of our members that every year, we continue laying the foundation of our vision; a Europe that cares for animals.

While we have been successful in advancing animal welfare; there is still a long way to go; millions of animals still need our help.

I hope you enjoy reading our report and will work with us to build a society where animals are not seen as products but as sentient beings that like us feel pain and suffering.

SAFEGUARDING FARM ANIMALS

ENFORCING LIVE TRANSPORT REGULATION

The welfare of animals during transportation remains a major concern as it is clear that the current law is not being enforced. Evidence shows that transporters are still getting away with overloaded trucks and are regularly disregarding travel times causing animal suffering as a result.

Eurogroup for Animals is extremely disappointed that Member States are not taking their responsibilities seriously. In a recent review of reports submitted to the Commission concerning official controls of transport Eurogroup found that member states are making a farce of the legislation. Reports are delivered late or not submitted at all, action plans are either missing or inadequate, data provided is confusing and unreliable and most worryingly the reports are not being reviewed and acted upon by the Commission itself.

The indifference to animal suffering during transport and the unwillingness to take responsibility by both Member States and the European Commission is unacceptable and we call on the Commission to review the animal transportation regulation and to come forward with a clear action plan to improve enforcement. Meanwhile we continue to keep a close eye on how Member States and transporters comply or not with EU law and challenge them constantly to perform better.

PROMOTING ALTERNATIVES TO PIG CASTRATION

About 100 million male piglets are castrated in the EU every year, most of the time fully conscious without pain relief or anaesthetic causing pain and suffering for several days. Eurogroup for Animals has been concerned about this practice and lobbied to have it banned by EU law. Instead of introducing a ban the Commission gathered the main stakeholders in the food chain, including Eurogroup to agree on a voluntary commitment to stop this cruel and painful practice.

Castration of piglets is carried out to stop the development of boar taint, a hormone which causes pork to smell during cooking. There are many different solutions already available including slaughtering animals younger at lighter weight, to applying pain relief and vaccination against boar taint, and detecting boar taint at the slaughterhouse.

Eurogroup has studied all these options and is promoting them to all of the stakeholders and urging them to introduce an end date in the voluntary agreement as alternatives are available.

After many meetings and difficult negotiations Eurogroup is pleased that an agreement was eventually reached to phase out castration. "The European declaration on the Alternatives to Surgical Castration of Pigs" With this Declaration all parties commit to work in a Partnership to deliver clear measurable actions over the next seven years. The declaration ensures that after 1 January 2012 no surgical castration will take place without recognised analgesia and/or anaesthesia and after 1 January 2018 no surgical castration will take place at all.

While Eurogroup applauds this major step forward it is only one step in a long process and it is now imperative that all stakeholders remain committed to the principles of the Declaration and deliver results. We will continue to monitor closely the development of the European partnership to ensure that pig castration soon belongs to the past.

SAFEGUARDING FARM ANIMALS

WORKING TO IMPROVE STANDARDS OF SLAUGHTER

The slaughter process is extremely stressful for the hundreds of millions of cattle, calves, sheep and pigs and the billions of poultry that are killed for their meat in the EU each year. There are many possibilities for the animals to suffer injuries and distress from the time they are being prepared for transport to the time they are put to death. They must be spared any avoidable stress or pain at any stage.

Eurogroup is of the opinion that all animals need to be rendered unconscious, before they are killed which is essential to ensure slaughter occurs without suffering. This is recognised by and contained in EU law and also applies to meat imported from third countries.

Unfortunately the legislation makes an exception for religious slaughter where stunning is not required. Data gathered by Eurogroup demonstrates that in some Member States the derogation to avoid stunning has become the general rule with meat from religious slaughter entering the normal food chain.

At the request of Eurogroup the European Commission is now taking action to ensure the exemptions only apply for religious slaughter.

ENSURING EU SUBSIDIES ARE AVAILABLE TO IMPROVE FARM ANIMAL WELFARE

The revision of the Common Agriculture Policy (CAP) is ongoing and Eurogroup for Animals is disappointed that the Commission has not used this opportunity to put animal welfare at the heart of agricultural best practice. This goes against the concerns of Europe's citizens who expect their food to be produced without animal suffering.

The legislative proposals mention that farmers must respect EU animal welfare rules but does little to concretely support the move to high welfare and more sustainable animal production systems. The Commission has focused on competitiveness, public goods and sustainable use of resources as some of its key objectives and improving animal welfare in agriculture has the potential to deliver on all three.

The future CAP must improve animal welfare by incorporating it in both pillars of the policy, through direct payments to farmers and through rural development measures. It is also essential that compliance with all EU legislation is ensured through stricter controls.

Eurogroup for Animals will work with the European Parliament and the Council to ensure animal welfare is incorporated more robustly in the CAP. We hope that policy makers will recognise animal welfare as a public good and support the demands of Europe's citizens.



PROTECTING ANIMALS USED IN RESEARCH

An estimated 12.1 million animals – including dogs, rabbits and even our closest genetic relatives, primates – are used in laboratory research throughout Europe every year. Eurogroup focusses on ensuring their protection and works with legislators, experts and industry with the aim of ultimately replacing all animal experiments with viable alternatives. We continue to actively promote the replacement, reduction and refinement of animal tests and do all we can to improve the lives of those animals currently used for research.

CLONING ANIMALS FOR FOOD MUST BE STOPPED

The EU requires that new food products which are being put on the market demonstrate that there is no danger for human safety. The European Novel Food legislation lays down the process but was in urgent need to be updated.

This review was a unique opportunity to argue for a ban of the use of cloning to reproduce animals for food. Cloning is a very new way of reproducing identical animals, mainly high value or very productive animals. Very little research is available on the longer term impact for food safety but the animal welfare problems are well documented and widespread. Eurogroup's leading role in the anti-cloning campaign was recognised by the EU institutions, NGOs and media and we have been constantly asked to submit evidence, comments and interviews, even by the US trade authorities and for US press.

Eurogroup worked very closely with the European Parliament who have been strongly calling for on a ban on cloning and on the sales of food from cloned animals including their offspring but Member States, scared by the Commission that this would create a huge trade war disagreed to include the offspring in the legislation. In the end the whole legislation failed because of failure to find a solution on cloning. A small but short victory for animals as in absence of a new Novel Food law the old rules continue to apply allowing free access for this Frankenstein food.

Awaiting the Commission to publish a new law proposal Eurogroup has re-fuelled its campaign with the launch of a dedicated website, spreading the news via Twitter and Facebook, gathering support from as many stakeholders as possible. Cloning is not just about the artificial way animals are reproduced, it is a symptom of an industry which is looking only at productivity and not at the effect on animals, people and the environment.

NEW SHELLFISH SAFETY TEST SAVES THE LIVES OF 600.000 MICE

Eurogroup for Animals has welcomed this year the acceptance by the European Union of the unreliability of the controversial mouse bioassay test and its decision to remove the obligation to use it. This is a major step forward for animal welfare which will see the lives of 600000 mice saved every year by the adoption of more reliable non-animal test.

The mouse bioassay test is a very distressful animal test, which involves the mice being injected with extracts from the shellfish and then being observed to see if they die. If two out of three mice die as a result, the shellfish are considered toxic and withdrawn from the market. If only one mouse dies however, the shellfish are considered safe and put on the market for human consumption which highlights the shortcomings of the test and its inappropriateness for ensuring food safety.

Eurogroup first raised the animal welfare concern over the use of the mouse bioassay test in 2008 and has lobbied since then to get this test banned. Eurogroup used every opportunity to put pressure on decision makers at EU and national level to ensure that this outdated test was replaced as quickly as possible. We questioned the Commission directly at every opportunity and called on supportive Members of the European Parliament to help accelerate this phase out. As a result of our continued pressure, the Commission has now recognised that this test is unnecessary and unreliable. Alternative non-animal tests which already exist must be used by all Member States from 31 December 2014 at the latest.

Eurogroup is currently working to push all EU member States to adopt the alternative test methods as soon as possible and not to wait for the deadline therefore saving the lives of even more mice whilst improving food safety.



CAMPAIGNING FOR WILD ANIMALS

Throughout the world wild animals are exploited, cruelly trapped, hunted and killed. In addition human activity such as farming results in a loss of habitat which is rapidly threatening the planet's bio-diversity.

Eurogroup strives to achieve effective legislation to protect wild animals and for improved enforcement of existing legislation to safeguard their welfare in all circumstances – whether in the wild or in captivity, traded or kept as exotic pets.

SEEKING POLICY COHESION – ESTABLISHING THE LINK WITH ANIMAL WELFARE

At the core of Eurogroup's wildlife programme is the recognition of the link between biodiversity conservation, wildlife trade, invasive alien species, the spread of zoonoses and the welfare of animals. There is no single policy to protect the welfare of wild animals; rather we must explore several approaches to achieve progress. Consequently, we are working to improve animal welfare through the development of EU Strategies for Biodiversity and Invasive Alien Species, as well as regulations covering the trade in endangered species (CITES), health requirements for the import of exotic animals, and national animal welfare legislation including restrictions on the types of animals that may be kept as pets.

KEEPING OF EXOTIC ANIMALS AS PETS

It is estimated that nearly 10,000 different species of animals are being kept by households in Europe as pets, Eurogroup has researched current legislation in all EU Member States related to restrictions on private keeping of exotic animals and has found a very different approach country by country. While all countries have an animal protection law, Belgium was identified as the only country with a "positive list" of mammals (only animals appearing on the list may be kept), while 17 countries have developed negative lists of species that cannot be kept. We prefer the positive list approach as this provides concise listing of acceptable species, transparency for enforcement officials and owners, and a precautionary approach to ensuring the welfare of the animal is respected.

Eurogroup in partnership with our members, continues to engage Member States by drafting language on the keeping and sale of animals, providing briefs, scientific articles, and reports to highlight the more proactive and precautionary benefits of a positive list.

THE CONSERVATION OF BIODIVERSITY AND INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES

Measures to conserve biodiversity must integrate efforts to protect species populations in their wild habitat, as well as ensuring trade restrictions minimise the risks from the introduction of invasive alien species (IAS) to EU habitats and disease transmission to humans and animals. The introduction of IAS to Europe is occurring at an unprecedented rate with pathways opened via international trade and travel threatening 22% of European species. Eurogroup has contributed to the European Commission stakeholder consultations on the EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2020 and the development of an EU Invasive Alien Species Strategy. We have strived to highlight the role the exotic pet trade, much of it unregulated, plays in this field. Alarming known invasive species such as the grey squirrel can still be bought as pets in many countries. Such loopholes must be closed saving local ecosystems and preventing the unnecessary death of animals through control programmes.

Eurogroup was selected to participate on two working groups (Prevention & Eradication, Control/Management and Restoration) convened by the European Commission to engage stakeholders on the development of an EU IAS Strategy. As the only representative for animal welfare, and with support from experts in our member organisations, we have successfully pushed for inclusion of welfare considerations in the final reports on options for this new legislative instrument.

WILDLIFE TRADE

As the EU is a major importer of wildlife, Eurogroup is working to increase awareness regarding the environmental, health and animal welfare concerns related to wildlife trade. In partnership with our members, we successfully worked to garner support for proposals to increase transparency in voting and to study the illegal use of captive-breeding codes to launder wild specimens, while opposing the creation of arbitrary time-bound listings for species at the 61st Standing Committee of the Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES). We have joined intersessional working groups related to captive breeding, confiscation strategies and the trade in species of interest to the pet trade (e.g. snakes, tortoises and freshwater turtles).

CAMPAIGNING FOR WILD ANIMALS

A ROLE FOR CODES OF CONDUCT & SECTOR STANDARDS

Eurogroup supports coordination with the public and key sectors to establish codes of conduct, shift the pet markets to low risk species and educate potential customers on the risks and impacts of IAS. Consequently, we are participating as an observer to the Bern Convention, attending the Invasive Alien Species Experts meeting where draft codes of conduct for IAS in relation to the pet trade, zoos and hunting were discussed. With the help of our experts, we supplied comments on these codes to incorporate animal welfare considerations and strong preventive measures.

DISEASE RISKS FROM EXOTIC PETS

Many wild animals kept as pets are not subject to trade restrictions under CITES and can be freely traded to the EU. This is quite alarming considering that over 70% of zoonotic emerging

infectious diseases (those transmittable between humans and animals) originate in wildlife. Eurogroup is building the case for implementing the precautionary principle on exotic animal imports by collecting data on species in the pet trade linked to zoonoses. We contributed comments to DG SANCO on draft requirements for the import of certain species groups.

Eurogroup believes that as part of the new EU Animal Health Law under development further consideration should be given to wild animal species traded as exotic pets. Despite the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) identifying ranaviruses and the fungal disease chytridiomycosis as notifiable diseases associated with the amphibian trade, the EU has not set health restrictions on such imports. The trade in non-CITES reptiles is also overlooked despite being known carriers of salmonella which can be a serious health risk to young children and in extreme cases result in death.



TRADE AND ANIMALS

The increase in globalisation and international trade has for some years raised many questions on how this affects sustainability. International trade rules governed by WTO make little provision for nature protection or animal protection.

Eurogroup has been very attentive and worked for many years monitoring that these international rules do not hinder the development of animal welfare policies.

Eurogroup is concerned that WTO rules are interpreted in such a way that banning a product because it is produced in an inhumane way would not be possible. We welcome that our years of informing and working with EU legislators has resulted in trade bans of cruelly produced cat and dog fur and seal products.

We urge the EU to also introduce strict animal welfare standards for all imported animal products when negotiating trade agreements with third countries. This would be a coherent way of aligning internal and external policies.

It is our aim to continue to introduce improved standards of animal welfare in the EU while avoiding exporting animal welfare problems to countries outside the EU. Trade should also be a driver to promote sustainable consumption and production, environmental protection, consumer protection, and public and animal health globally.

In the context of the Trade policy goals, animal welfare has the potential to increase standards in third countries, improve health and welfare status of livestock, and halt the loss of biodiversity and improve wildlife protection.

The success of integrating animal welfare in the trade policy is dependent on increasing the understanding of the EU Trade officials, decision makers and Third countries about the win-win opportunities of animal welfare.

Eurogroup having developed a clear strategy for engaging in international trade discussions is now preparing to influence some key bilateral agreements that are just starting and during 2012 will present a coherent plan of action.



ANIMAL WELFARE IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN

The last year has seen a further concentration in Food production and distribution. A handful of retailers worldwide and food producers are in charge of providing citizens with food. Their turnover and profit runs into billions, their power in terms of deciding what we eat, and how it is produced is under increasing public scrutiny.

Eurogroup's project "Animal Welfare in the supply chain" is still in its first phase but last year has geared up importance and provided results which will be the building blocks of future work.

Our direct approach to retailers is ongoing in particular linked to the screening of Corporate Social Responsibility reporting and specific campaigns such as cloning. On the latter ICA is to be applauded for joining our opposition to cloning by signing the declaration. With the support of our network through their mirror committees ISO 26000 which was launched in November 2010 made several recommendations for organisations to report on their impacts on animal welfare. Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) guidelines is used by 850 enterprises in Europe to publish their sustainability report and we are currently actively inputting into their new development process to move animal welfare beyond a food sector issue. This we believe will give many other organisations a globally recognised framework for reporting on animal welfare.

Eurogroup has been urging producers and retailers to support the Declaration to end castration and will continue to gain many more signatures and support of the retail sector in this area of work.

Farm quality schemes: do they deliver improvements?

The consumer interest in animal welfare is clouded by an ever increasing number of private labels and quality schemes claiming to have high animal welfare standards. While Eurogroup welcomes these initiatives it is at the same time concerned about unfounded claims and the lack of transparency of some standards.

We are monitoring if the 67 EU existing quality schemes are really delivering better animal welfare standards. To this effect, Eurogroup has launched its **working group on standardisation and supply chain programmes** with a mandate to agree on guidelines with set criteria to evaluate assurance schemes with animal welfare claims in order to consider their credibility.

While our UK member scheme, Freedom Food continues to grow, the Dutch Beter Leven (Better Life) mark owned by the Dierenbescherming has taken off with tremendous success. This has triggered the German "Deutscher Tierschutzbund" to invest in launching their own animal welfare scheme.

Eurogroup's participation in the High Level Forum for a Better Functioning Food Supply Chain (HLF) has resulted in two major recommendations from its platforms which will favour animal welfare. The recommendations seek the HLF endorsement of EU concrete actions to support and boost food sector Corporate Social Responsibility, which will recognise the welfare of animals and the welfare and working conditions of farmers. The second recommendation to the HLF relates to actions to remove labelling confusion by establishing transparent mechanism that will link labels to credible claims which are rooted on recognised schemes, harmonised standards and benchmarks.

The European funded research project "European Animal Welfare Platform" is in its final year. Eurogroup is part of the Management Committee and is in charge of communication, while the experts of our members have provided valuable animal welfare expertise. The platform is a multistakeholder initiative which is developing a priority list of farm animal welfare issues for pigs, poultry, beef & dairy and farmed fish. The final report will include the priorities, best practice, research or policy needs.

WHAT NEXT?

DEVELOPING A STRATEGY FOR COMPANION ANIMALS

The problems relating to companion animals and strays take an important place in the work of our member organisations. For many years there has been frustration that, in the absence of national initiatives no progress has been made at EU level.

This has been mainly due to the fact that the EU lacked the competence and legal basis under the EU Treaty to introduce legislation in this area. Animal protection was not an objective of the EU and therefore animal welfare legislation needed to be based on other EU policy objectives such as the internal market, animal health or agriculture.

However under the recent Belgian Presidency of the European Council the issue of companion animals was discussed and it was agreed by the Council that it should be taken up as part of the next Animal Welfare Action Plan. Eurogroup has been actively involved in this process and welcomes the inclusion of companion animals however much work still needs to be done to ensure that all the related issues are placed within the framework of competence of the EU, and a selection of key issues will evidently need to be made in view of the legal basis to ensure there is progress.

Animal welfare groups are confronted with a wide range of issues relating to companion animals ranging from neglect and abandonment, unsuitable treatment and housing, unsuitable owners unable to care for the specific needs of the animals, dangerous dogs and stray control. Breeding of animals is also in most cases not controlled as is the trade, marketing and sales of companion animals. More recently the issue of exotic or new companion animals which are not suitable to be kept as pets for a variety of reasons has been added to the list of concerns.

Eurogroup will work with the European authorities to move this new area of competence forward and ensure that the welfare of even more animals is enshrined in EU law.

RAISING THE PROFILE OF ANIMAL WELFARE EDUCATION

Following the extremely successful inaugural Animal Welfare Conference held in Brussels in October 2010 Eurogroup is working with the European Commission and a whole spectrum of stakeholders to improve awareness and develop a coordinated approach to animal welfare education.

It is vital that we can systematically provide more information to citizens about educational tools and programs on animal welfare, and raise awareness about how important it is to educate farmers, professional animal carers, handlers, slaughterhouse operators, retailers and other stakeholders on how animals should be treated.

Eurogroup together with several of its member organisations will continue to develop this initiative and raise the visibility of animal welfare to a much wider audience that can actively make a difference.

CONSTRUCTING A PLATFORM FOR CAMPAIGNING

The onslaught of new media and electronic communications means that information can be transmitted faster, further and more effectively than ever before. Eurogroup is aware of this and has developed a completely new web presence that allows internet users to find information on animal welfare in a much simpler and effective way. Information is also being disseminated more efficiently by using social media tools such as Twitter, Facebook, Youtube and RSS. This allows us to build a community that can share information and act much more effectively. It also allows us to exchange communication with our member organisations and build bigger and more successful alliances.

FINANCE

MORE RESOURCES NEEDED TO HELP ANIMALS

Eurogroup is grateful for the funding from its Member Organisations which is the main source of income. But with more animal welfare issues calling for our attention and a growing network, the need for more resources has become evident.

Eurogroup has for the last 6 years successfully applied and been granted financial assistance from the European Commission for our work on wildlife protection and animal testing.

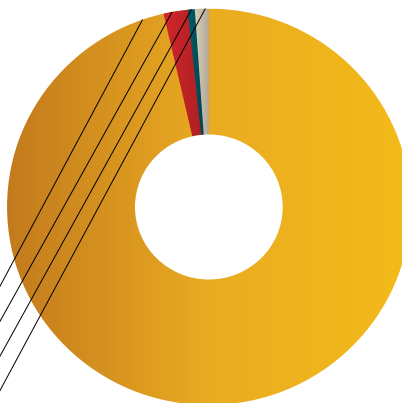
As the only animal protection group under this Environment funding program Eurogroup has received not only monetary support but also recognition that we are a trustworthy partner in implementing and bringing to life EU policies. We are ambitious for the future and we are confident we can change how Europe considers and treats its animals.

For this reason we will seek additional external funding to construct the building blocks for a Europe that cares for animals.

INCOME

€ 1,491,296

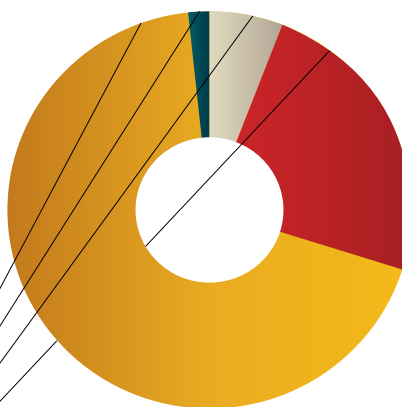
<i>Membership subscriptions</i>	€ 1,440,593
<i>Project sponsoring - members -</i>	€ 29,923
<i>Recovered expenses</i>	€ 9,923
<i>Financial & miscellaneous</i>	€ 10,857



EXPENDITURE

€ 1,473,040

<i>Employment costs</i>	€ 1,012,430
<i>Financial & miscellaneous</i>	€ 21,084
<i>Operating expenses</i>	€ 86,184
<i>External services and supplies</i>	€ 353,342



UNITED WE WORK TO DRIVE CHANGE

DIRECTION



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Policy Officer Research Animals

A TEAM OF EXPERTS AND DEVOTED CAMPAIGNERS: ABOUT US

Our Brussels office is the engine of animal welfare expertise in Europe. Our experts are all recognised by their peers as experts in their field, who have a wealth of knowledge and experience between them and a continuous enthusiasm to make the voice of animals heard and the highest standards adopted in Europe. They also have a huge amount of patience and stamina to continue pushing forward as they are all convinced that change whilst slow is possible.



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