



# Copa and Cogeca's views on the current revision of the animal welfare legislation in the EU

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## Mission

To ensure a viable, innovative, competitive EU agriculture and agri-food sector guaranteeing food security to half a billion people throughout Europe.



## Objective

Promoting European farmers and agri-cooperatives views to **influence** Eu decision-making process and public opinion.

# copa

european farmer



# cogeca

european agri-cooperatives



Created in **1958**

**22** million European farmers and family members

**65** full members from the EU Member States and 30 partner organisations



Created in **1959**

**22,000** European agricultural cooperatives

**30** full members from the EU Member States, 4 affiliated members and 30 partner organisations



In **1962**, a joint Secretariat was created, making it one of the largest and most active organisations in Brussels for the past **60** years.

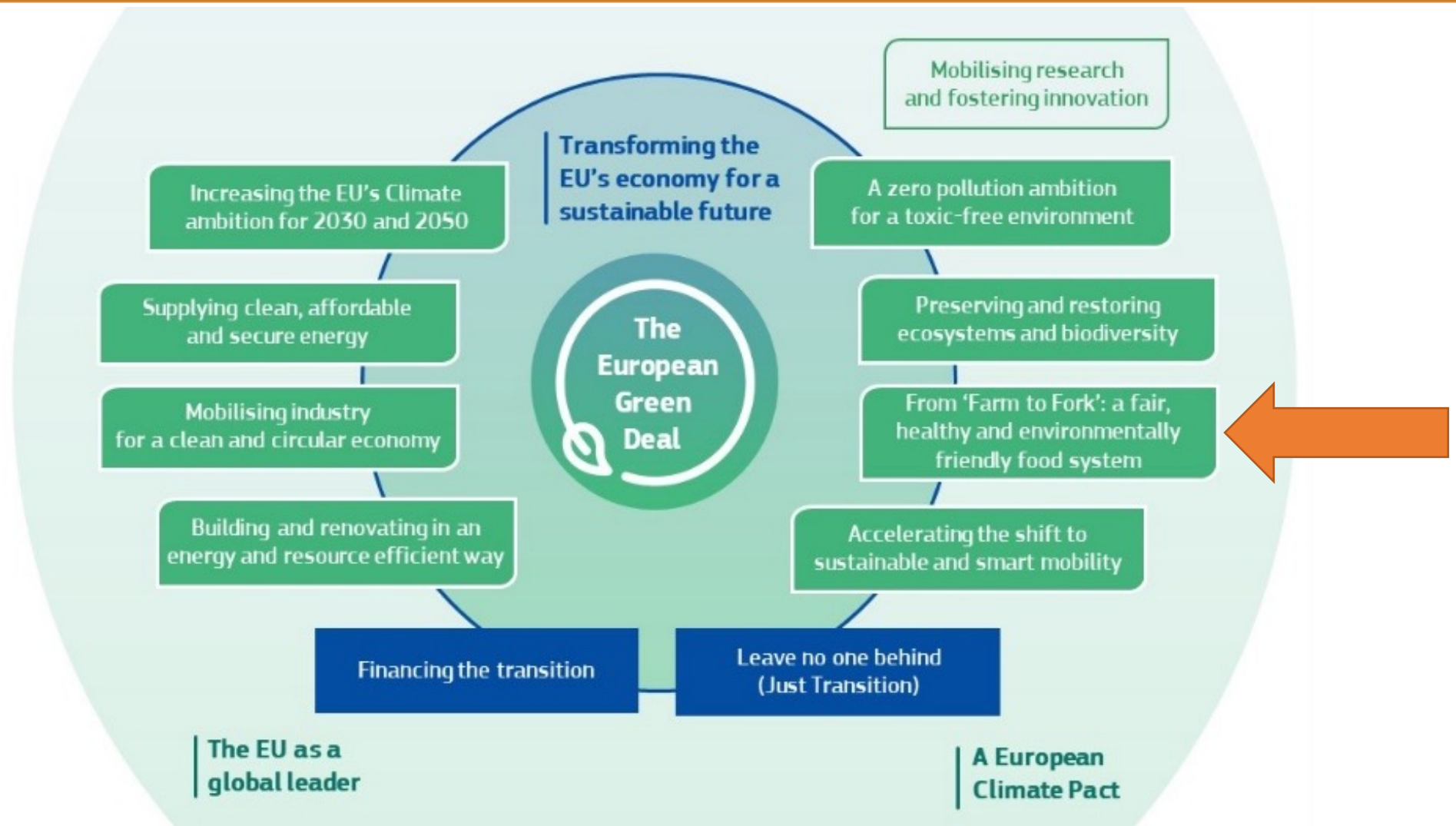


# On the revision of the animal welfare legislation

- \* Legal and political context of the revision
- \* What legal texts?
  - \* 4 regulations (on-farm; transport; slaughterhouses; labelling)
  - \* Calendar
- \* Process
  - \* Consultations
  - \* EFSA's scientific opinions
  - \* DG Sante's subgroups activity
- \* Our views
  - \* Past progress & socio-economic reality
  - \* What is feasible & what would we need? (time & money!)
  - \* Our actions in Brussels
    - \* Towards the institutions
    - \* Among other stakeholders
- \* Concluding remarks



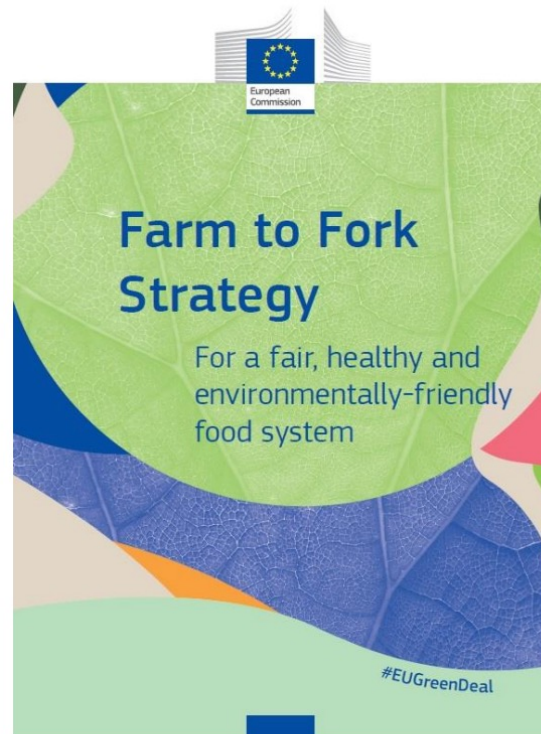
# Legal and political context of the revision: The European Green Deal



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## Farm to Fork Strategy

*“Better animal welfare improves animal health and food quality, reduces the need for medication and can help preserve biodiversity.”*

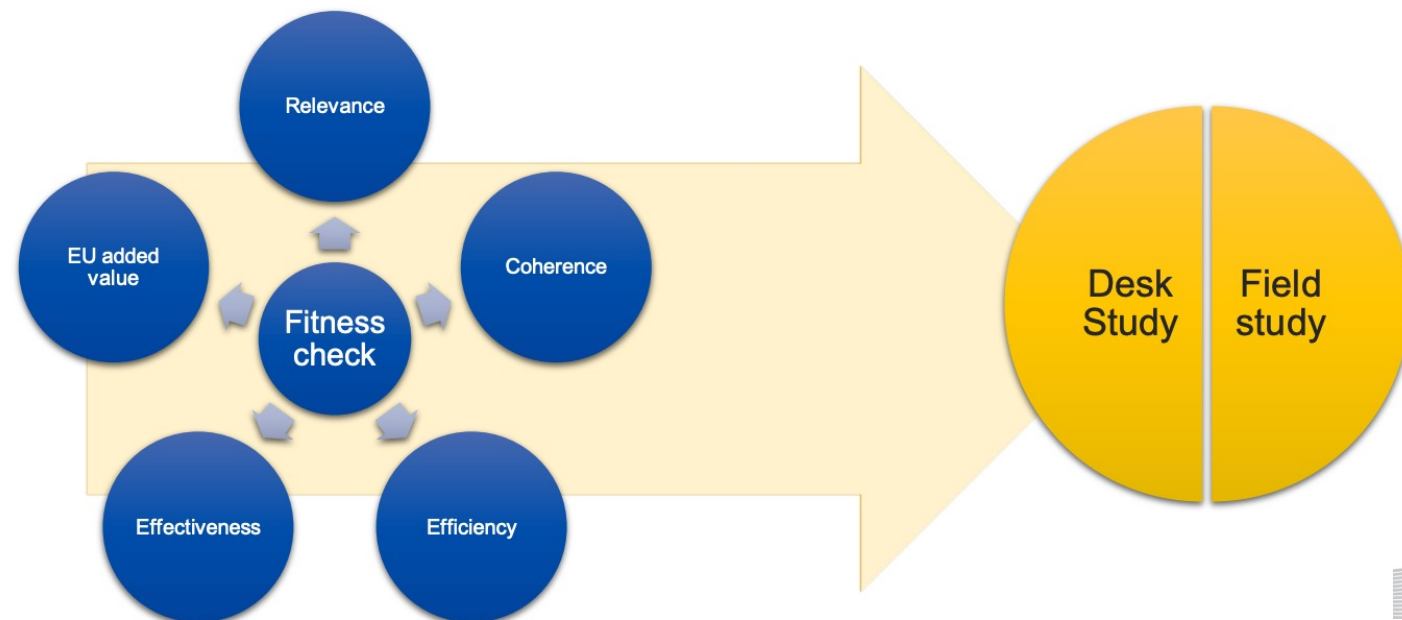


*“The Commission will **revise the animal welfare legislation**, including on animal **transport** and the **slaughter** of animals, to align it with the latest scientific evidence, broaden its scope, make it easier to enforce and ultimately **ensure a higher level of animal welfare.**”*

# Farm to Fork: Fitness Check AW legislation

## Fitness Check

- Evaluation of the existing EU animal welfare legislation





# Farm to Fork: Fitness Check AW legislation

## Fitness Check: preliminary results

- Lack of clarity of certain provisions.
- Lack of specific, updated and detailed requirements.
- Lack of tools to monitor, measure and report.
- Lack of training and competencies.
- Insufficient and uneven information to consumers.





# What legal texts?

## Animal Welfare legislation timeline in the EU

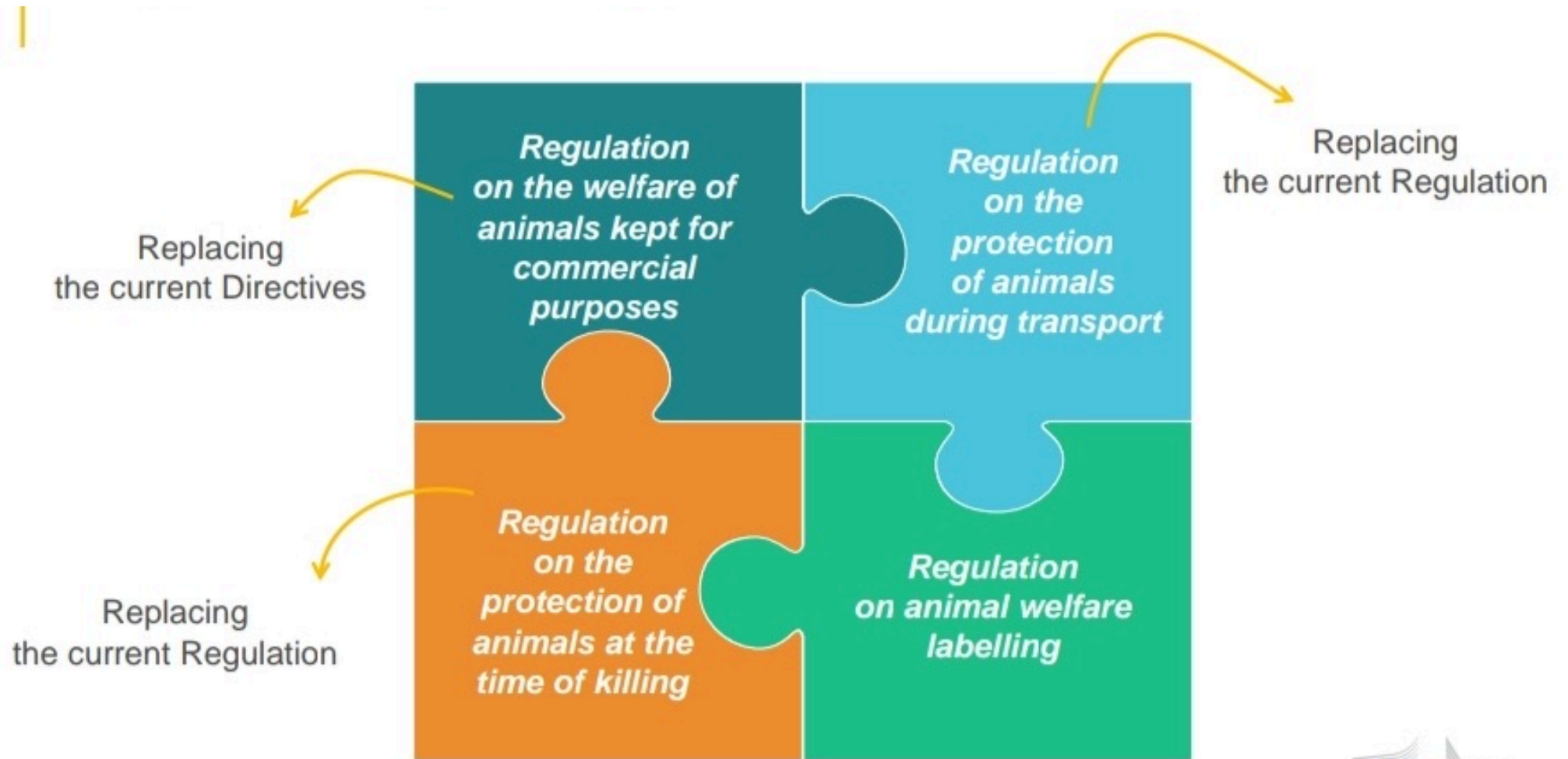


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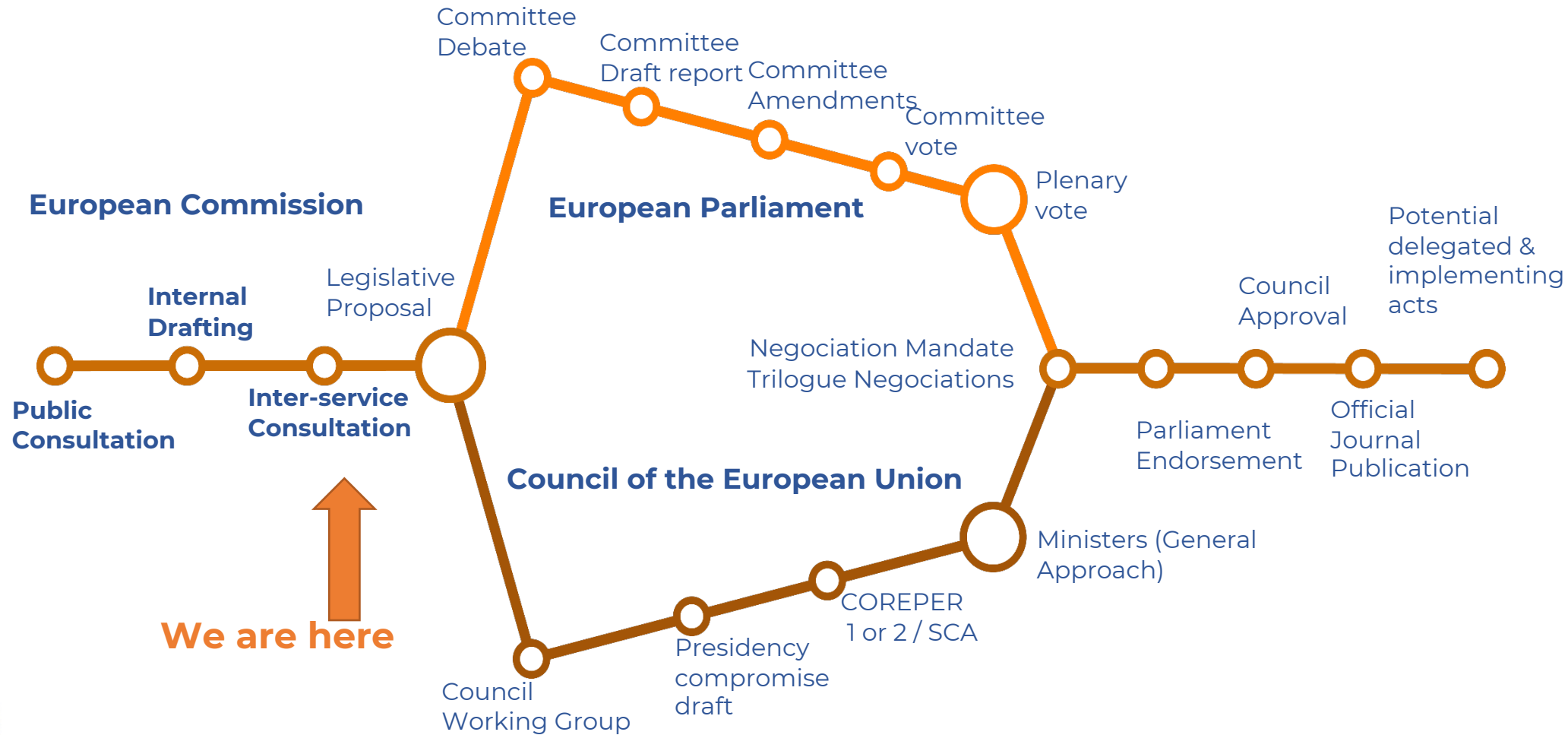
1974	74/577/EEC Directive	Protection of animals in slaughterhouses
1977	77/489/EEC Directive	Protection of animals during transport
1978		<i>European Convention on animal welfare</i>
1986	86/113/EEC Directive	Protection of laying hens
1991	91/629/EEC Directive	Protection of calves
1991	91/630/EEC Directive	Protection of pigs
1993	93/119/EC Directive	Protection of animals in slaughterhouses
1998	98/58/EC Directive	Protection of animals kept for farming purposes
1999	99/74/EC Directive	Protection of laying hens
2005	1/2005 (EC) Regulation	Protection of animals during transport
2007	2007/43/EC Directive	Protection of chickens kept for meat production
2008	2008/120/EC Directive	Protection of pigs
2008	2008/119/EC Directive	Protection of calves
2009	1099/2009 (EC) Regulation	Protection of animals at the time of killing

# Legislative package expected in 2023





# What is the legislative procedure like?



# Commission's work and decision-making process

- \* **Public consultations:** 2020-2021
- \* **EFSA's scientific opinions:** potentially all to be published by June 2023.
- \* **Talks between stakeholders and Commission**
- \* **First draft legislative proposals** potentially ready by September 2023 (*exceptions* – official controls - transport by sea, to be published early 2023).





# EFSA's scientific opinions on Animal Welfare



- 7 mandates, 11 opinions to be presented
  - **1 mandate & 5 opinions** on protection of animals during transport (cattle, pigs, horses, sheep & goats, transported in containers). **✓ published**
  - **1 mandate/opinion** on protection of pigs **✓ published**
  - **1 mandate/opinion** on protection of calves **pending**
  - **1 mandate/opinion** on protection of laying hens **pending**
  - **1 mandate/opinion** on protection of broilers **pending**
  - **1 mandate/opinion** on protection of ducks, geese and quail **pending**
  - **1 mandate/opinion** on protection of dairy cows **pending**

Mandate*	Agreed deadline
Transport	June 2022
Pigs	June 2022
Broilers**	December 2022
Laying hens**	December 2022
Calves	March 2023
Ducks, geese, quail	March 2023
Dairy cows	March 2023

# Impact Assessment

## Questionnaire for national farmers' associations

### Privacy statement

Q1 Questionnaire for national farmers' associations in the framework of the study supporting the EU Commission in the revision of the legislation regarding animal welfare at farm level

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

EY Consulting has been mandated by DG SANTE of the European Commission to undertake a Study supporting the Impact Assessment accompanying the Revision of the EU Legislation (Directives 98/58/EC, 1999/74/EC, 2007/43/EC, 2008/120/EC and 2008/119/EC) as regards the Protection of certain Animals Bred, Kept or Used for Economic Purposes, including the Use of Cages in Animal Farming Systems. [A support letter from the European Commission – DG SANTE can be found here](#).

**Objective of the Study** The aim of this study is to assess the impacts of several policy options currently identified for the revision of the mentioned legislation by collecting views of the involved stakeholders. This also builds on the [Inception Impact Assessment](#) published by the European Commission in July 2021.

**Objective of the Questionnaire** This Survey is addressed to **national farmers' associations** in all EU Member States. The aim of the Survey is to gather evidence and views from you to better understand systems and practices at the level of farms by Member State. Completing the questionnaire takes about 30-40 minutes. We invite you to complete it by **Friday, 2nd of December 2022 at the latest**. The project is carried out by the experts from EY Consulting (Ex-Ernst & Young) on behalf of the European Commission – DG SANTE, Unit G.3. For further details, please contact us at [andreea.nistor@ro.ey.com](mailto:andreea.nistor@ro.ey.com) or [sara.floares@ro.ey.com](mailto:sara.floares@ro.ey.com).





# Impact Assessment

Dairy cows, cattle and calves for meat suckler cows

**Dehorning/ Disbudding**

**Castration practices**

**Individual pens/ tie stalls for dairy cows and calves**

**Fully slatted floors**

**Space allowance**

**Enrichment and feeding**

**Genetic traits**



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## DG Sante's subgroups activity

- \*Animal transport
- \*Animal welfare at the time of killing
- \*Welfare of poultry
- \*Welfare of calves and dairy cows
- \*Welfare of pigs
- \*Labelling in Animal Welfare





# Our views

- \* Past progress & socio-economic reality
- \* What is feasible & what do we need?
- \* Our actions in Brussels
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# Concluding remarks

- \* EU Producers keep animals in the highest animal welfare standards,
- \* The profitability of animal production determines investments in increasing animal welfare,
- \* Regulations and political decisions should be based on scientific evidence and practical experience, and not on the subjective feelings of the unconscious society,
- \* The practical knowledge and experience of most animal producers are at the expert level,
- \* Only healthy animals kept to high welfare standards can benefit producers
- \* Producers can be responsible for the processes taking place on farms in animal production,
- \* Suppliers of means of production for animal husbandry should be responsible for the materials they supply.
- \* Livestock farming in the EU is based on investment over the generations.



A man with a beard, wearing a striped shirt and blue shorts, is smiling while riding a large water buffalo. The buffalo is standing in a dry, grassy field with some trees in the background. The sky is a clear, warm orange-brown color. A semi-transparent orange banner is overlaid across the middle of the image.

Thank you for your attention !

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