Red Española para el Desarrollo de Métodos Alternativos a la experimentación animal



Los métodos alternativos a la experimentación animal ante las nuevas normativas internacionales

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Eurogroup for Animals



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Who are we

The voice of animal welfare to the EU

- Eurogroup represents the leading European and international animal welfare organisations at EU level - 42 members
- Since it was launched in 1980, the organisation has succeeded in encouraging the European Union to adopt higher legal standards of animal protection
- As a federation of NGOs, we speak for millions of Europeans who are concerned about animals





What do we do?

- Advocacy (lobbying and campaigning) on EU laws, national laws or high industry standards
- Monitoring of the implementation of EU laws, submission of complaints
- Follow-up of legal, political, scientific, economic developments
- Information coordination centre



Key to success is...

communication, knowledge and experience of EU political processes

• We strive to influence legislation at every stage to bring about key improvements

How?

- Working with our experts facilitates the sharing of knowledge and effective campaigning tools and ideas.
- We sit on more than ten advisory committees at five different Directorates General of the European Commission.
- We also work closely with the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) through their advisory board and the European Centre for the Validation of Alternative Methods (ECVAM).

How?

- We work with legislators, experts and industry towards the introduction, implementation and enforcement of EU laws that will improve animal welfare, reduce animal suffering and whereby animal tests are replaced with alternative methods.
- Eurogroup collaborates with the European Partnership on Alternative Approaches (EPAA) – a unique collaboration between the European Commission (including ECVAM) and industry.



European Parliament...



- We work with Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) to support our welfare demands and we monitor the discussions in the various parliamentary committees and supply MEPs with facts and figures to ensure that their reports include substantial improvements for animals and implementation of alternative methods.
- For nearly 25 years we have run the secretariat of the European Parliament's Intergroup on the Welfare and Conservation of Animals which held its 250th meeting in January 2009.

Council of the EU...

• We work to ensure that successive EU presidencies are informed of key welfare issues during their six month chairmanship of the Council of the EU.

International



- Eurogroup has 4 international members: CIWF, HSI, WSPA and IFAW
- We work closely with international organisations such as the International Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and are members of the international coalition, ICFAW.
- The Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD) can also call on Eurogroup to offer expert advice through the International Council on Animal Protection (ICAPO) alliance.









Areas of concern

- Revision of the animal experimentation directive
- Breeding/reproduction: cloning
- Genetically modified animals used in research
- Pesticides: plant protection products and biocides
- Alternative methods funding, development and use
- Implementation and enforcement of legislation
- Chemicals, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, etc

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