



# Evaluation Roadmap EU Strategy for animal welfare

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**Unit G2, Animal Health and Welfare  
Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety**





# Context

The evaluation follows a recommendation from the European Court of Auditors.



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# Purpose and scope

## The purpose:

- To assess the extent to which the **EU Strategy delivered against its intended objectives and are they relevant and coherent today.**

## The scope:

- **Criteria to assess:** effectiveness, efficiency, relevance, coherence and EU added value.
- **Time period:** 2012  2018\*
- **Coverage:** EU Member States and third countries (i.e. bilateral agreements and cooperation).



# Process

## Two years timeline

- **Roadmap**
- **One year external study**
- **Commission Staff Working Document**

### Roadmap

Feedback period

17.05.2019 - 14.06.2019

FEEDBACK: CLOSED

UPCOMING

### Public consultation

Consultation period

Fourth quarter 2019

FEEDBACK: UPCOMING

### Commission adoption

Planned for

Fourth quarter 2020



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# Roadmap aim

- Inform stakeholders;
- Getting feedback;
- Raise awareness on the consultation;

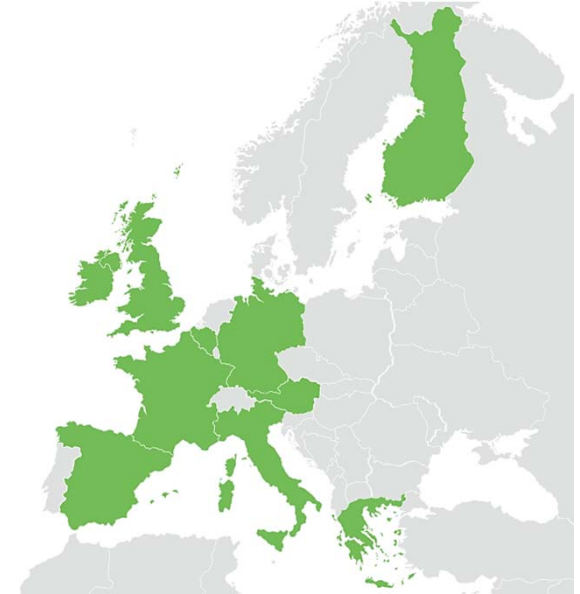
EVALUATION ROADMAP	
Roadmaps aim to inform citizens and stakeholders about the Commission's work to allow them to provide feedback and to participate effectively in future consultation activities. Citizens and stakeholders are in particular invited to provide views on the Commission's understanding of the problem and possible solutions and to share any relevant information that they may have.	
TITLE OF THE EVALUATION/FC	Evaluation of the European Union Strategy for the Protection and Welfare of animals 2012-2015
LEAD DG – RESPONSIBLE UNIT	DG SANTE – Unit G2 – 'Animal health and welfare' with support from Unit A1 – 'Better regulation'
INDICATIVE PLANNING (PLANNED START DATE AND COMPLETION DATE)	Planned start date: Q3 2019 Planned completion date: Q4 2020
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/welfare_en">https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/welfare_en</a>
<p>The Roadmap is provided for information purposes only. It does not prejudice the final decision of the Commission on whether this initiative will be pursued or on its final content. All elements of the initiative described by the document, including its timing, are subject to change.</p>	
A. Context, Purpose and Scope of the evaluation	
<b>Context</b> In 2012, the European Commission adopted the <a href="#">EU Strategy for the Protection and Welfare of Animals 2012-2015</a> . The 2012-2015 Strategy was a continuation of the <a href="#">2006-2010 Community Action Plan on the Protection and Welfare of Animals</a> , which grouped for the first time different aspects of EU policy on animal welfare governing the keeping of billions of animals for economic purposes. The strategy identified a list of actions to improve welfare standards and support enforcement and compliance across the EU. The strategy reinforced existing actions. Such actions included: (1) developing tools to strengthen Member States' compliance; (2) supporting international cooperation on animal welfare (e.g. through trade agreements); (3) providing consumers and the public with information on animal welfare; (4) optimising synergies with the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP); and (5) investigating the welfare of farmed fish. In addition, the strategy set out to investigate whether a simplified animal welfare legislative framework would be feasible. The following elements were included: (1) the introduction of welfare outcome indicators, (2) the creation of an EU network of reference centres, (3) common requirements for competence of personnel handling animals and (4) transparent and adequate information for consumers and the public. The <a href="#">Strategy</a> operated under the guiding principle that 'everyone is responsible'.  The Strategy was completed in March 2018. The delay in the completion of the strategy was due to the time necessary for the closure of infringement procedures at the Court of Justice related to <a href="#">the laying hens Directive</a> and/or <a href="#">the pigs Directive</a> .  The need for an Evaluation of the EU Strategy for the Protection and Welfare of Animals 2012-2015 was expressed in a recommendation made by the European Court of Auditors (ECA) in its <a href="#">Special Audit Report no 31/2018</a> 'Animal welfare in the EU: closing the gap between ambitious goals and practical implementation'.  In 2017, the Commission launched an <a href="#">EU Platform on animal welfare</a> with aim to enhance dialogue on animal welfare issues of relevance for competent authorities, businesses, civil society and scientists. Amongst other, the Platform provided an opportunity to inform and discuss on the progress of the Strategy remaining actions.	
<b>Purpose and Scope</b> The purpose of the evaluation is to assess the extent to which the EU Strategy delivered against its intended objectives and the extent to which those objectives are relevant and coherent today.  It will assess the EU Strategy's overall effectiveness, efficiency, relevance, coherence, including with other EU policies (including with animal health, agricultural, trade, single market, fisheries, research and environmental policies) and EU added value.  The evaluation will cover the years 2012-2018, all EU Member States and Third countries (having bilateral trade agreements and other form of cooperation signed), where relevant, taking into account the Strategy's objective to reinforce	

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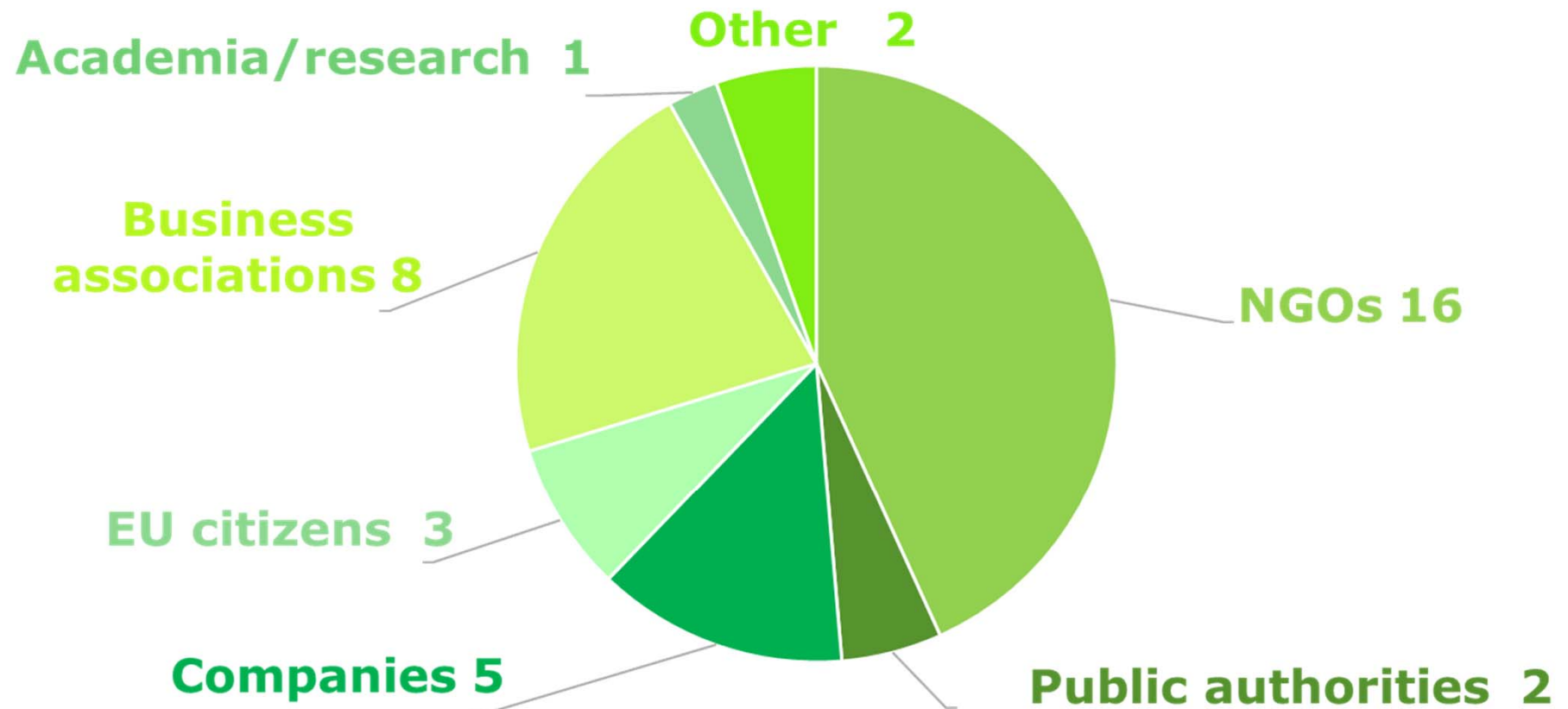
# Feedback

- **Total:** 37 comments
- **Comments on:** EU animal welfare policies instead of on the evaluation Roadmap
- **Direct relevance: 16 comments** i.e. evaluation criteria, scope, **consultation process**, sources of information and other.
- **Other topics:** revise the legislation, develop new strategy, end animal exploitation, ban fur farming, climate change and the link of keeping farm animals, stop eating and slaughter animals, etc.





# Feedback origin





# Consultation



- **A consultation strategy will be designed**
- **Relevant stakeholders include, but are not restricted to:**
  - Competent authorities of the EU Member States;
  - Business and professional organisations;
  - EU citizens, consumers and organisations representing them;
  - Organisations from the civil society;
  - Independent experts from academic and research institutes;
  - European bodies, including the European Food Safety Authority;
  - International intergovernmental organisations;
  - Third countries;
  - Other relevant bodies.





# Data collection and methodology

- An **external study** with a duration of **one year**.
- Triangulation of qualitative and quantitative evidence obtained through **stakeholders' consultation, literature research and audit reports**.



# Consultation tools



- A 12-week online **public consultation** (i.e. questionnaires)
- A set of targeted consultation activities (**i.e. targeted surveys, interviews and focus groups**).
- A stakeholder event (**i.e. validation and dissemination event**);
- Reporting and consultation via the EU Platform on animal welfare (tbc).



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