

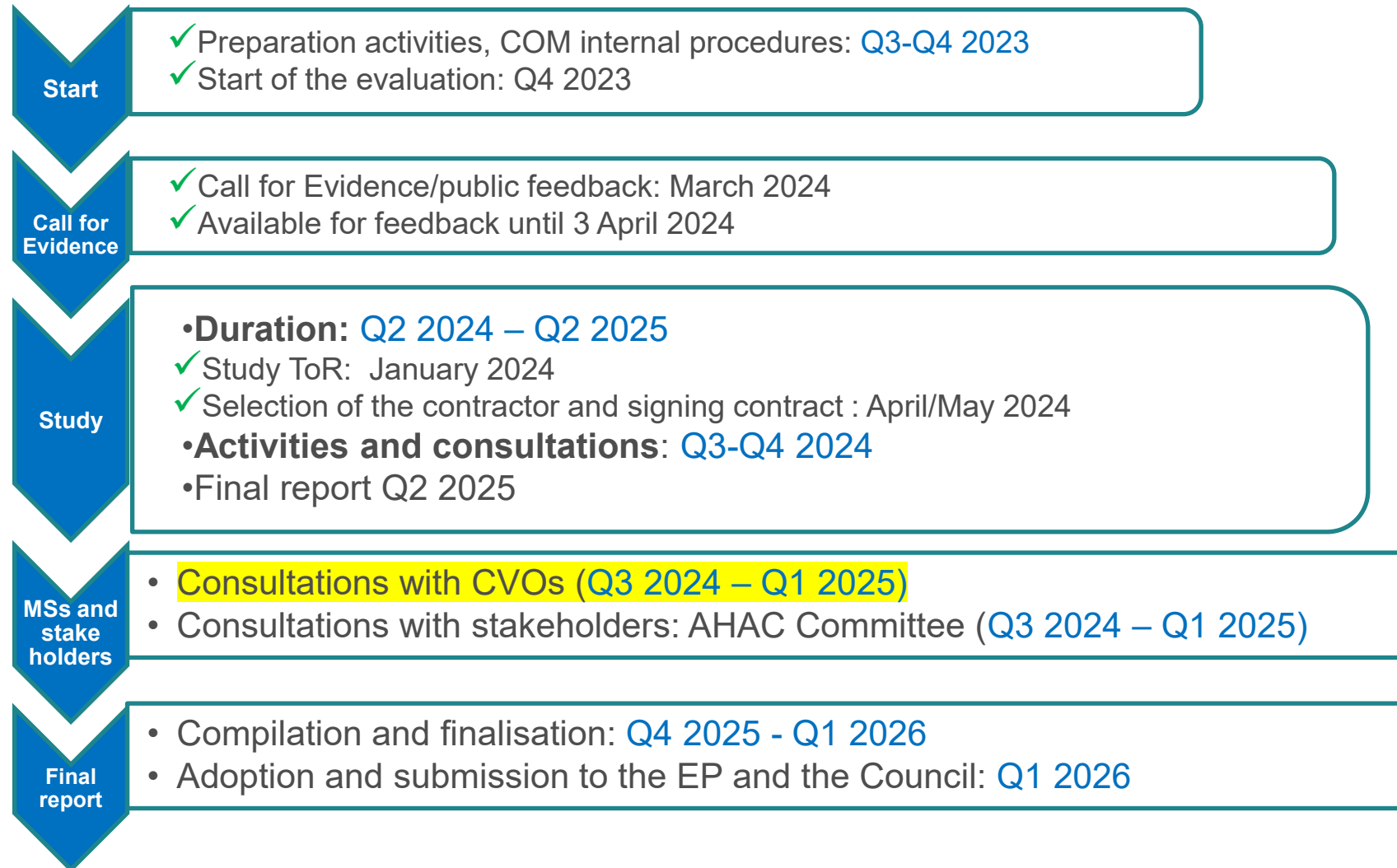


Follow-up from March: Evaluation of the Animal Health Law (AHL)

PAFF meeting 11th July

European Commission, DG SANTE G2

The process timeline



Have your say – public feedback

The general public was asked to provide feedback during the month of March 2024 via the Call for Evidence on the “have your say”- webpage: [Animal Health Law – evaluation \(europa.eu\)](https://european-commission.europa.eu/animal-health-law-evaluation)

Call for evidence

FEEDBACK: CLOSED

Feedback period
06 March 2024 - 03 April 2024 (midnight Brussels time)

View feedback received >

UPCOMING

Commission adoption
Planned for
First quarter 2026

Available languages (23) ▼

Feedback (942)

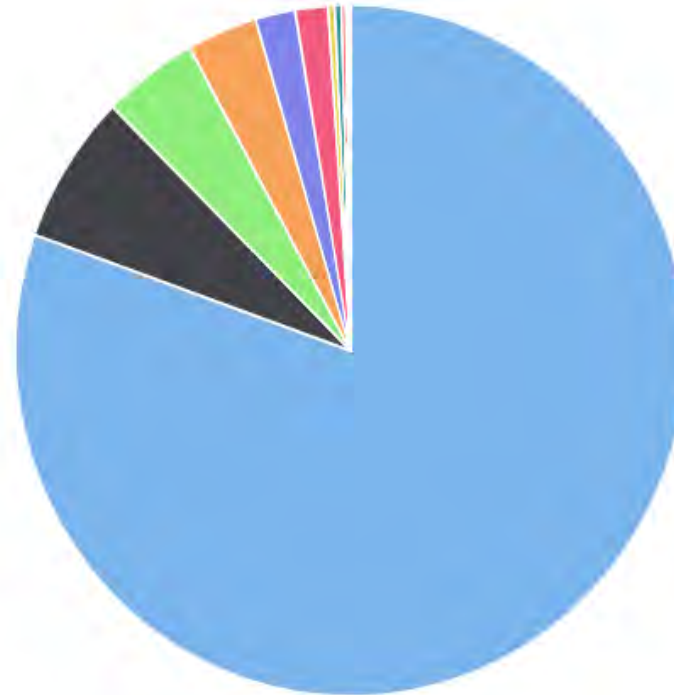
03 April 2024 | Non-governmental organisation (NGO)
FOUR PAWS (Belgium)
FOUR PAWS FEEDBACK TO ANIMAL HEALTH LAW-EVALUATION FOUR PAWS is the global animal welfare organization for animals under direct human influence, which reveals suffering, rescues animals in need and protects them. We much welcome the opportunity to provide feedback to the evaluation of the Animal Health Law and hope our input will be useful in further advancing its

Public feedback - statistics

Total of valid unique feedback instances received: 734 (+ 208 campaigns)

By category of respondent

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- Other: 66 (7.01%)
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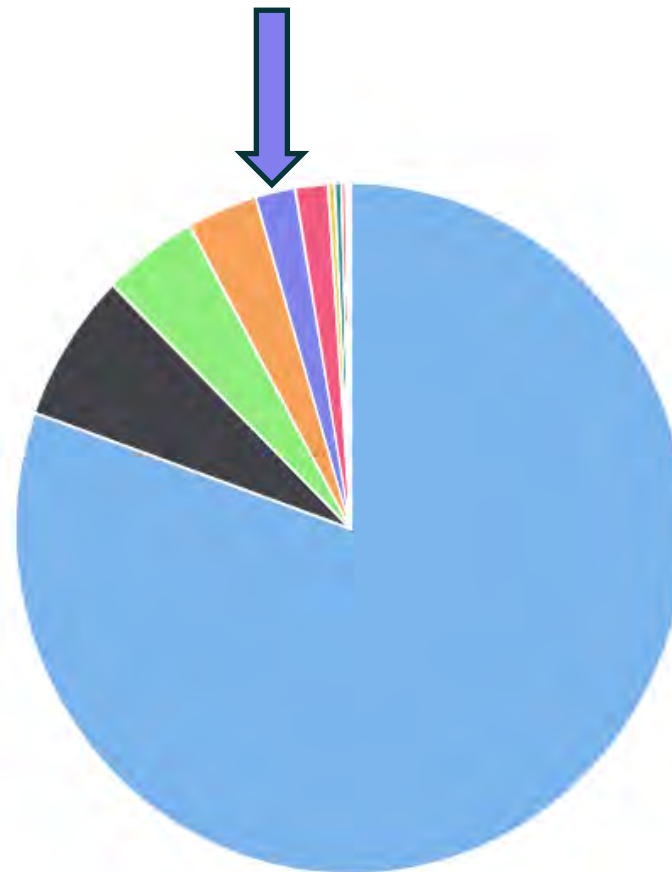


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Feedback received from

- 23 Member States - 934 comments (Norway included)
 - Out of which 74 % (693) from NL, DE, BE
- 6 Third Countries – 8 comments

Public feedback - statistics

**Netherlands
33%**

Germany 22%

Belgium 19%

Spain 10%

France 5%

Portugal 2%

Denmark 1%

Austria 1%

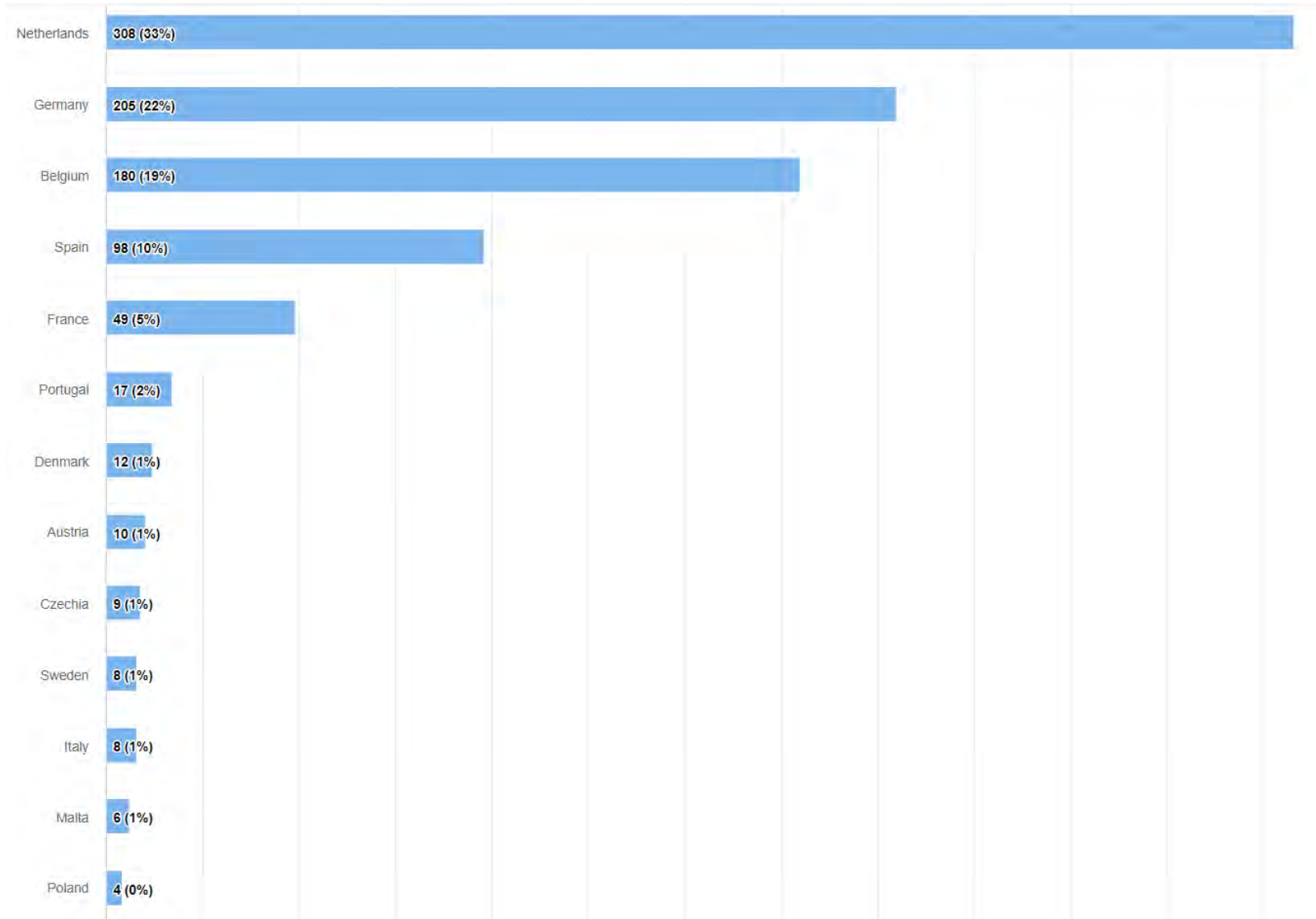
Czechia 1%

Sweden 1%

Italy 1%

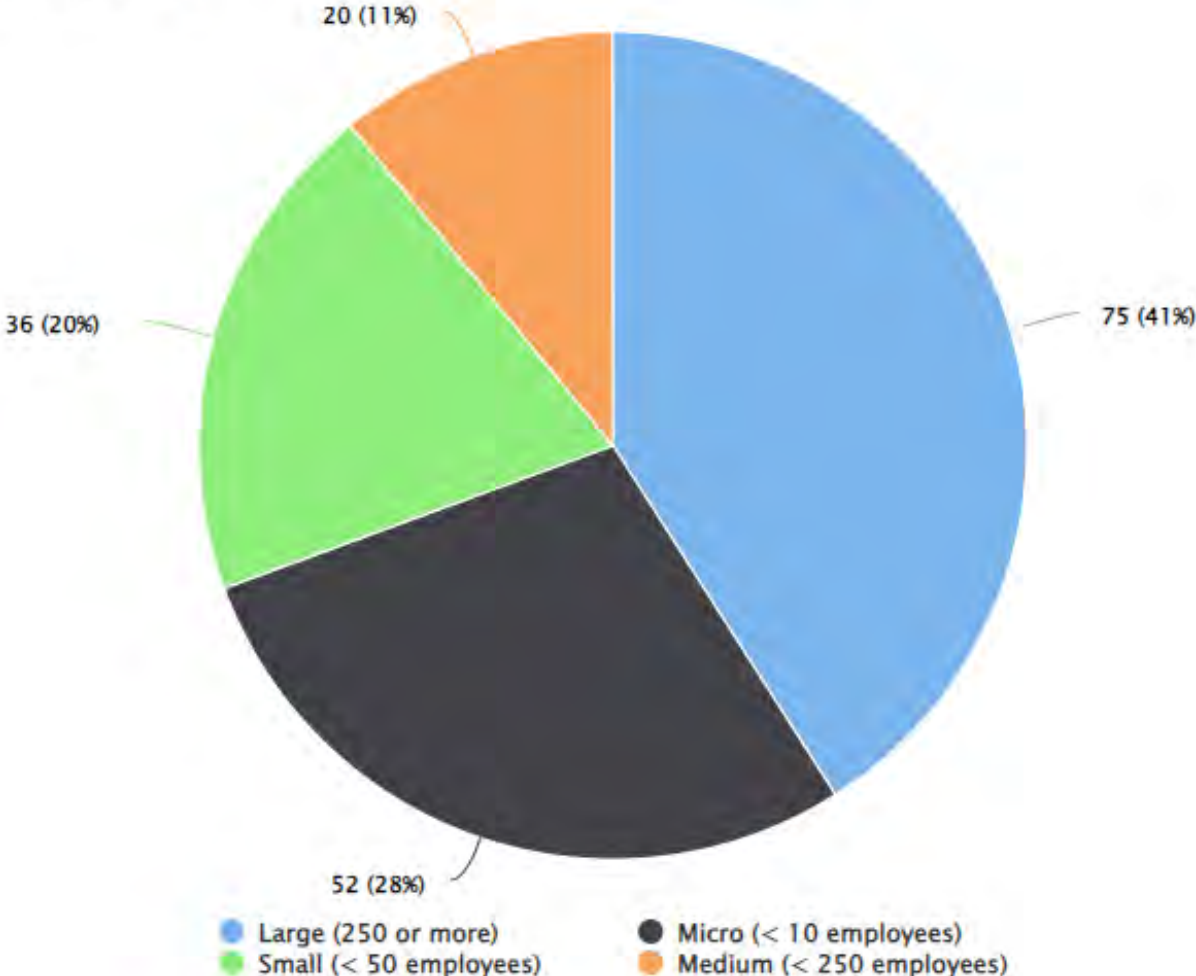
7 **Malta >1%**

Poland >1%



Public feedback - statistics

USER TYPE



Preliminary assessment of the feedback

an in-depth assessment will be carried out by the contractor during summer

The vast majority of comments was sent by EU citizens (> 80% of all comments received)

Most of them are breeders of birds (ornamental, poultry, endangered species), rabbits and ornamental fish

Their concerns: exchanging with colleagues in and outside the EU as well as organising exhibitions became difficult and expensive.

e.g. “Large disparities in TRACES fees and too much red tape threaten friendships across national borders”

Consultation activities

- The contractor ([ecorys](#)) will perform a **supporting study** including data collection by
 - desk research
 - surveys, interviews, focus groups, case studies and
 - validation workshops
- Timeframe: **one year** – until May 2025

Next consultation activities

After the summer break the contractor Ecorys will consult

- EU Member States' competent authorities – via surveys, interviews, case studies
 - you will be contacted by mail
- Members of the Animal Health Advisory Committee (AHAC) – via e.g. surveys, interviews

Next steps

- Scoping interviews are ongoing
- Other interviews and surveys will start after the summer break
- We will keep you informed about the updates and next steps in the process
- We appreciate very much your constructive input

Thank you

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