



Farm Animal Welfare in the CAP

Pillar I: Conditionality Rules and Eco-Schemes

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Who We Are

Established in Brussels in **1980**

Umbrella organization representing **64 animal protection organizations**, mostly in the EU Member States



1 Goal: Advancing the interests of animals in the EU

Our Position on the CAP

Article 13

In formulating and implementing the Union's agriculture, fisheries, transport, internal market, research and technological development and space policies, the Union and the Member States shall, since animals are sentient beings, pay full regard to the welfare requirements of animals, while respecting the legislative or administrative provisions and customs of the Member States relating in particular to religious rites, cultural traditions and regional heritage.

Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, "Lisbon Treaty"

Yet, the one piece of legislation which most affects the lives of the **seven and a half billions** of farm animals slaughtered each year in the EU barely includes any of the legislation on animal welfare.

This hasn't changed much with the Commission's proposal for reform.

Our Position on the CAP

Despite:



- More than **nine in ten** EU citizens believing it is important to protect the welfare of farmed animals
- **82%** of them believing the welfare of farmed animals should be better protected than it currently is.

Pillar I: Opportunities for Farm Animal Welfare

- Conditionality
 - SMRs
 - GAEC
- Eco-schemes





Conditionality

Regulating Industrial Farm Animal Production Through Conditionality

The majority of EU citizens (88%) think it is justified to reduce subsidy payments to producers who do not respect animal welfare standards.

Source: Special Eurobarometer 473, Europeans, Agriculture and the CAP.

Conditionality: SMRs

- *Council Directive 1999/74/EC of 19 July 1999 laying down minimum standards for the protection of **laying hens** (article 3)*
- *Council Directive 2007/43/EC of 28 June 2007 laying down minimum rules for the protection of **chickens kept for meat production** (article 3)*
- *Council Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009 of 24 September 2009 on the protection of animals at the time of **killing** (articles 3 – 4)*

Conditionality: GAEC (new)

- “Animals must be able to turn around, stand up, extent their limbs.”

Exemptions during handling and veterinary care that require extreme confinement.

Eco-Schemes



Eco-Schemes

- On-farm payments
- Entry-level program for good animal welfare practices



Thank you

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