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Total Members

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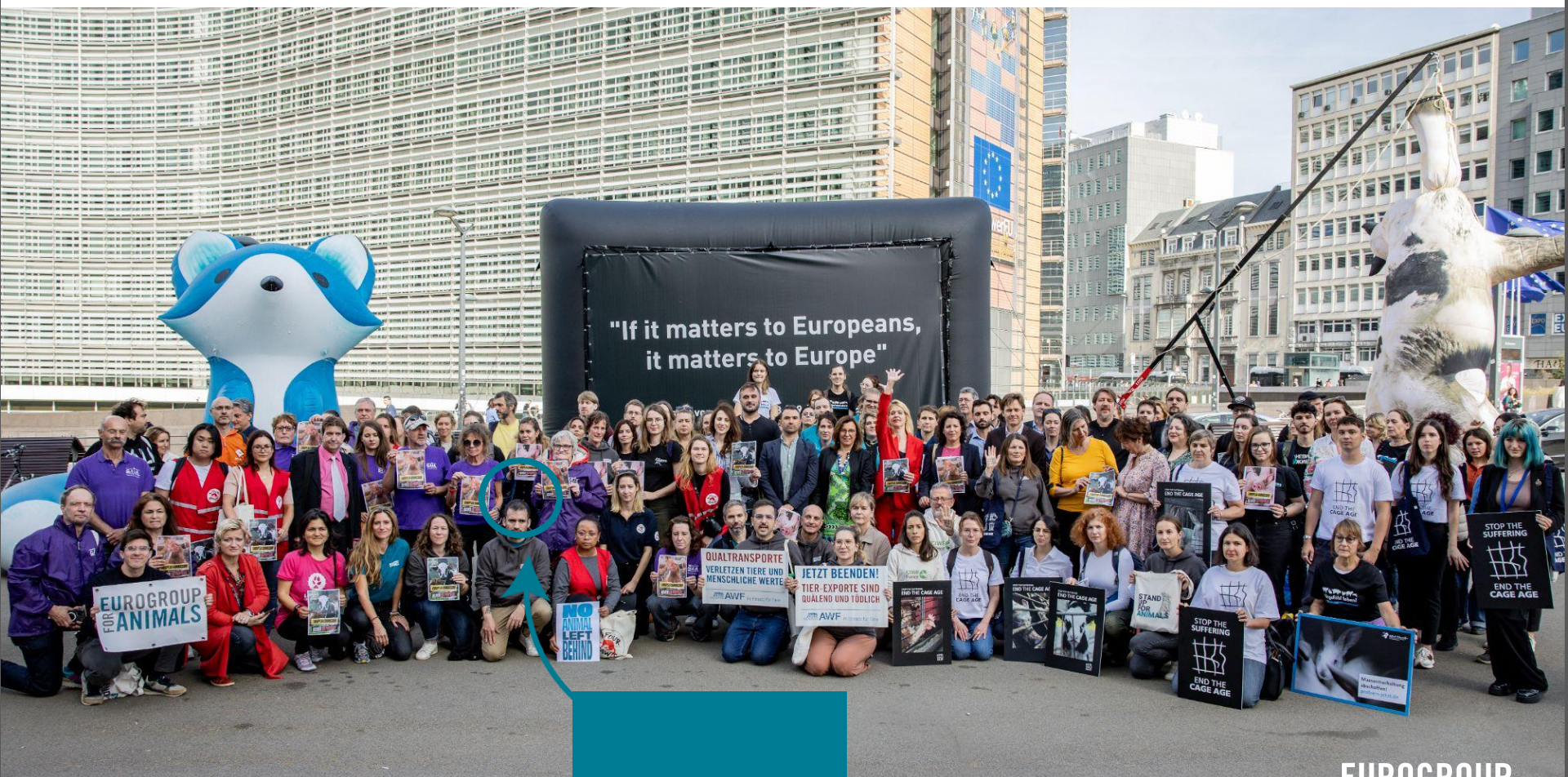
Total EU Countries

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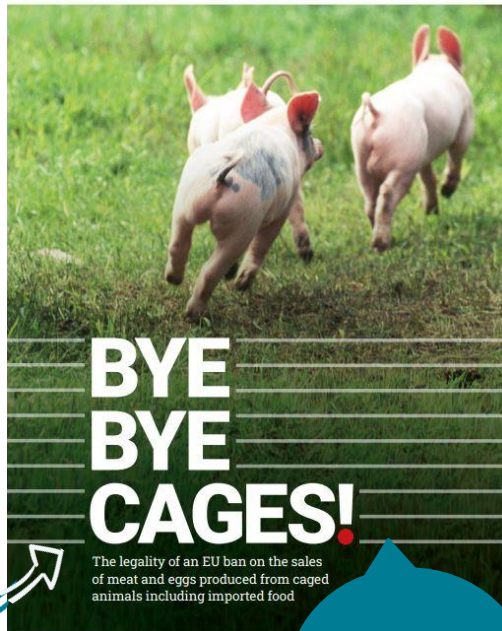


2. TRADE & ANIMAL WELFARE



TRADE & ANIMAL WELFARE

- Most of EU's animal welfare standards do not apply to imported products
- Yet, stronger support for more import requirements related to animal welfare
 - CAP reform & statements on international trade
 - Report from EC on applying EU standards, including animal welfare, to imported products
- **Bye Bye Cages** : a prohibition on the placing on the EU market of meat and eggs produced from caged animals, regardless of their origin, is likely to be found compatible with WTO rules !



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REMINDER : CONDITIONS TO BE WTO COMPLIANT

- The measure must be **legitimate** :
 - animal welfare or level playing field ?
- And **proportionate** :
 - cannot be more trade-restrictive than necessary
- Cannot involve arbitrary or **unjustifiable discrimination**
 - Likeness test: free range egg vs. caged egg
- Animal welfare can be invoked under exceptions of Article XX GATT



STOP CRUEL IMPORTS : THE RIGHT THING TO DO

WHY SHOULD EU ANIMAL WELFARE STANDARDS APPLY TO ALL PRODUCTS PLACED ON THE EU MARKET ?



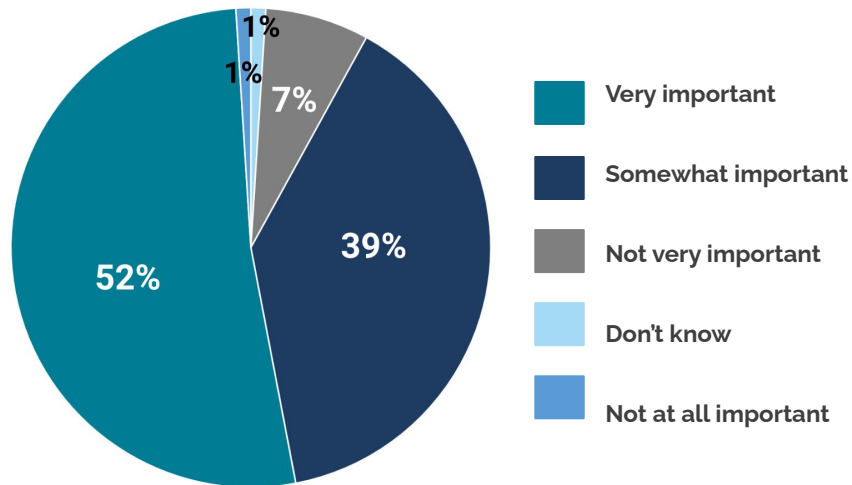
To ensure EU citizens' wishes to protect animals are respected



To ensure that EU producers are able to respond to consumers' calls for higher welfare products

EUROPEAN CONSUMERS DO NOT WANT TO FURTHER FUEL UNSUSTAINABLE METHODS OF PRODUCTION ABROAD !

In your opinion, how important is it to protect the welfare of farmed animals (e.g. *pigs, cattle, poultry, etc.*) to ensure that they have decent living conditions?



Today, EU rules on the welfare of animals at the farm level do not apply for food imported from non-EU countries. With this in mind, which of the following items comes closest to your view?

This should change, EU animal welfare rules should apply to imported food

62%

EU animal welfare rules do not need to apply to imported food, but all food products of any origin should bear labels informing EU consumers on the welfare rules applied

22%

EU animal welfare rules do not need to apply to imported food, and there is no need to change the current situation

11%

Don't know

5%

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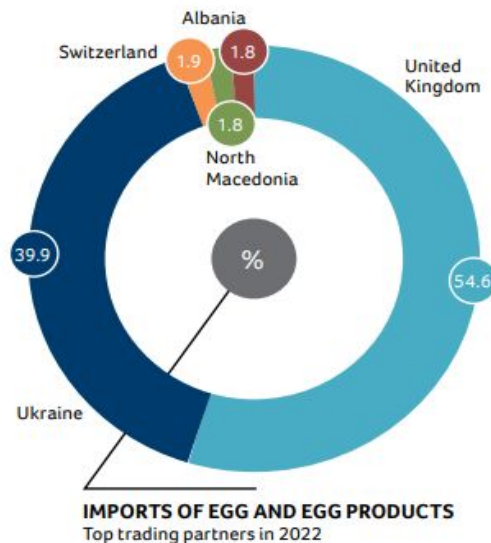
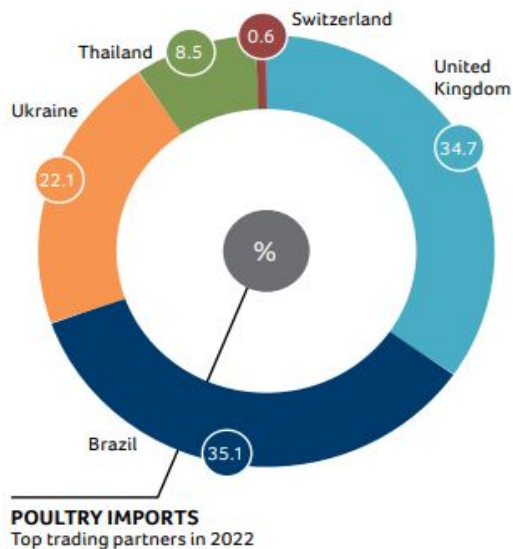
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STOP CRUEL IMPORTS!

Applying EU animal welfare standards to *all* products placed on the EU market

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WHERE DOES THE EU IMPORT FROM ?





MAIN FINDINGS

- There are a few trading partners, who are developed or middle income economies
- Exporters targeting the EU are mostly big multinational companies that already comply with EU sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS)
- Clear set of rules for consumers & exporters
- Even if small proportion of exports go to the EU market, companies that supply domestic or third markets could follow the transition to sustainable methods of production !



SOME CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD

How will trading partners react ?

- Increasing global support for animal welfare
- Work with civil society & operators
- Transition periods are important !

How to implement EU legislation abroad ?

- Enhance *existing* audits
- Meaningful cooperation mechanisms

4. QUESTIONS & ANSWERS





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