



End the cage age

"Caged farming is a nightmare that, together, we are ending."

The number of European citizens' initiatives that have successfully reached the required number of support statements for the European Commission to take action, continues to grow. Some have resulted in new legislation, while others have had other meaningful results. All of them have built networks around issues and raised awareness among both citizens and policy makers.

"Farmed animals have never had so many people standing up for them. From caged hens who long to stretch their wings, to sows who want to mother their piglets unconfined, and rabbits who deserve the space to hop – each one of them now has a better chance in life, thanks to you."

Quote from End the Cage age website

ORGANISERS' GOAL



Initiate action on the treatment of farm animals, by prohibiting the use of:

- cages for laying hens, rabbits, pullets, broiler breeders, layer breeders, quail, ducks and geese;
- farrowing crates for sows;
- sow stalls, where not already prohibited;
- individual calf pens, where not already prohibited.

ENGAGEMENT



1,397,113 validated signatures with required thresholds reached in 18 EU Member States.

FOLLOW-UP



- In its response to the ECI, the Commission commits to the table, by the end of 2023, a legislative proposal to phase out, and finally prohibit, the use of cage systems for all animals mentioned in the Initiative.
- In particular, the Commission's proposal will concern:
 - Animals already covered by legislation: laying hens, sows and calves;
 - Other animals mentioned in the ECI. In this case, the Commission has already asked the EFSA (European Food Safety Authority) to complement the existing scientific evidence to determine the conditions needed for the prohibition of cages.

September 2018



Initiative is registered

October 2020



Initiative is submitted to the Commission

June 2021



The Commission provides an official answer

April 2021



Public hearing is held in European Parliament

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