

# Evaluation of the EU Animal Welfare Strategy 2012-2015

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## Introduction

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The European Union has been promoting animal welfare for over 40 years gradually improving the lives of farm animals. The EU has among the world's highest standards of animal welfare. The overall framework for EU action on animal welfare is set out in the [EU Animal Welfare Strategy 2012-2015](#) ('the Strategy').

The main objectives of the Strategy were to:

1. consider simplifying the EU legislation on animal welfare;
2. support Member States to improve compliance with animal welfare legislation;
3. improve EU level knowledge of certain welfare issues, such as the welfare of farmed fish;
4. promote EU animal welfare standards globally;
5. improve synergies with the Common Agriculture Policy (CAP) and other EU policies;
6. and better inform consumers and the general public about animal welfare.

To achieve these objectives, the Strategy had set [20 actions](#) to be implemented between 2012 and 2015.

The European Commission will use information collected through this public consultation, together with other data, to evaluate the Animal Welfare Strategy.

If you are unable to use the online questionnaire, please contact us: [SANTE-CONSULT-G2@ec.europa.eu](mailto:SANTE-CONSULT-G2@ec.europa.eu)

## About you

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\* Language of my contribution

- Bulgarian
- Croatian
- Czech
- Danish
- Dutch
- English
- Estonian
- Finnish
- French
- Gaelic
- German
- Greek
- Hungarian
- Italian
- Latvian
- Lithuanian
- Maltese
- Polish
- Portuguese
- Romanian
- Slovak

- Slovenian
- Spanish
- Swedish

\* I am giving my contribution as

- Academic/research institution
- X Business association
- Company/business organisation
- Consumer organisation
- EU citizen
- Environmental organisation
- Non-EU citizen
- Non-governmental organization (NGO)
- Public authority
- Trade union
- Other

\* What type of business do you represent?

- X Farmers and professional animal keepers
- X Processors and processors' organisations active in the animal food supply chain
- X Transport organisers, transporters, traders, assembly centres, retailers
- Slaughterhouses (e.g. business operators, staff and animal welfare officers)
- Other supply chain operators and their organisation (e.g. traders, wholesalers, retailers)
- Other

Please specify

*150 character(s) maximum*

Farmer own cooperative businesses, ranging from multipurpose dairy cooperatives and livestock markets to breeding cooperatives and other rural and livestock services.

\* Where relevant, can you specify the production system of your organisation?

- Barn
- Organic
- Free range
- Under label or private certification
- X Other

Please specify

*150 character(s) maximum*

Pasture Based

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Alison

\* Surname

Graham

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\* Scope

- International  
 Local  
 National  
 Regional

\* Organisation name

*255 character(s) maximum*

Irish Cooperative Organisation Society

\* Organisation size

- Micro (1 to 9 employees)  
 Small (10 to 49 employees)  
 Medium (50 to 249 employees)  
 Large (250 or more)

Transparency register number

*255 character(s) maximum*

Check if your organisation is on the [transparency register](#). It's a voluntary database for organisations seeking to influence EU decision-making.

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\* Country of origin

Please add your country of origin, or that of your organisation.

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 Montenegro  
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 Namibia  
 Nauru  
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 Netherlands  
 New Caledonia  
 New Zealand  
 Nicaragua  
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 Niue  
 Norfolk Island  
 Northern Mariana Islands  
 North Korea  
 North Macedonia  
 Norway  
 Oman  
 Pakistan  
 Palau  
 Palestine  
 Sint Maarten  
 Slovakia  
 Slovenia  
 Solomon Islands  
 Somalia  
 South Africa  
 South Georgia and the  
South Sandwich Islands  
 South Korea  
 South Sudan  
 Spain  
 Sri Lanka  
 Sudan  
 Suriname  
 Svalbard and Jan Mayen  
 Sweden  
 Switzerland  
 Syria  
 Taiwan

Panama  
 Papua New Guinea  
 Paraguay  
 Peru  
 Philippines  
 Pitcairn Islands  
 Poland  
 Portugal  
 Puerto Rico  
 Qatar  
 Réunion  
 Romania  
 Russia  
 Rwanda  
 Saint Barthélemy  
 Saint Helena Ascension and  
Tristan da Cunha  
 Saint Kitts and Nevis  
 Saint Lucia  
 Saint Martin  
 Saint Pierre and Miquelon  
 Saint Vincent and the  
Grenadines  
 Samoa  
 San Marino  
 São Tomé and Príncipe  
 Saudi Arabia  
 Senegal  
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 Seychelles  
 Sierra Leone  
 Singapore  
 Tajikistan  
 Tanzania  
 Thailand  
 The Gambia  
 Timor-Leste  
 Togo  
 Tokelau  
 Tonga  
 Trinidad and Tobago  
 Tunisia  
 Turkey  
 Turkmenistan  
 Turks and Caicos Islands  
 Tuvalu  
 Uganda  
 Ukraine  
 United Arab Emirates  
 United Kingdom  
 United States

- United States Minor Outlying Islands
- Uruguay
- US Virgin Islands
- Uzbekistan
- Vanuatu
- Vatican City

- Venezuela
- Vietnam
- Wallis and Futuna
- Western Sahara
- Yemen
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

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**Anonymous**

Only your type of respondent, country of origin and contribution will be published. All other personal details (name, organisation name and size, transparency register number) will not be published.

**Public**

Your personal details (name, organisation name and size, transparency register number, country of origin) will be published with your contribution.

I agree with the [personal data protection provisions](#)

## Individuals

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To what extent do you agree with the following statements:

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
* The welfare of animals is part of the EU's set of values	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
* As a consumer / citizen, I am concerned about how animals are treated.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>

**\* Are you aware of the EU Animal Welfare Strategy?**

- Not aware
- Somewhat aware
- Moderately aware
- Very aware
- Extremely aware

**\* In what context have you become aware of the Strategy?**

- Through the media
- In scientific publications
- Through work
- At school, university, other education
- Do not remember / do not know
- Other

Please specify

ICOS has contributed to national and EU discussions on the EU Animal Welfare Strategy and animal health and welfare topics as a whole. As well as this we participate on the EU animal welfare platform, as part of the AEMB.

How important is it to tackle the following issues that are targeted by the Strategy?

	Not at all important	Somewhat important	Moderately important	Very important	Extremely important	Don't know
* National competent authorities failing to enforce animal welfare legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
* Animal owners and handlers not being aware of animal welfare rules and principles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
* Businesses not being encouraged to respect animal welfare law	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
* Consumers lacking information about the welfare of the animals reared for food production	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
* Animal welfare law requiring simplification	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
* A lack of understanding of the welfare of farmed fish	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
* Animal welfare not being integrated enough with other policies (agriculture, environment, trade...)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
* Different animal species not being protected equally in the EU	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
* EU and non-EU businesses not being subject to the same animal welfare rules	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
* EU animal welfare standards not being sufficiently promoted globally	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>

\* What is the advantage of having a European Union wide Strategy on animal welfare?

- More can be done with an EU strategy than with national or local initiatives only
- New issues or issues which are not addressed in all Member States can be addressed
- New ways to deliver services and policies can be tested
- None. It does not really make a difference
- I do not know / I do not wish to answer
- Other

Please specify

*600 character(s) maximum*

Intra EU trade of live animals and animal products necessitates common animal welfare standards, approaches and goals.

Are there any further comments you would like to make?

*600 character(s) maximum*

## Awareness

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\* How familiar are you with the EU Animal welfare strategy?

- Not at all familiar
- Somewhat familiar
- Moderately familiar
- Very familiar
- Extremely familiar
- Don't know

Which actions planned in the Strategy are you familiar with?

	Not at all familiar	Somewhat familiar	Moderately familiar	Very familiar	Extremely familiar	Don't know
* Actions to improve compliance (e.g. grouping of sows, protection of laying hens, etc).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
* Guidelines (e.g. on transport, slaughter or the protection of pigs)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
* Reports to EU institutions (e.g. on the various stunning methods for poultry, the impact of animal welfare international activities on competitiveness, etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
* Studies (e.g. on the welfare of farmed fish at the time of transport and at slaughter, on animal welfare education to the general public, etc).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



* International cooperation on animal welfare (e.g. multilateral, bilateral and capacity building activities).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
* Actions to improve the integration of animal welfare in the Common Agricultural Policy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
* Communication and education activities targeting consumers and the general public	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
* Other types of actions or activities (e.g. the establishment of reference centers, training activities, a possible legislative proposal for a simplified EU legislative framework for animal welfare)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please specify all the actions or activities that you are familiar with.

*1000 character(s) maximum*

Our organisation closely follows European and Irish national actions in the field of animal welfare, in particular in the framework of the strategy. For instance, we have followed and actively worked with the Commission on the guidelines for transport and on the EU Animal Welfare Platform activities.

## Relevance

To what extent are the issues targeted by the Strategy still relevant today (2020)?

	Not at all relevant	Somewhat relevant	Moderately relevant	Very relevant	Extremely relevant	Don't know
* Non-compliance due to a lack of awareness among animal owners and handlers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
* Non-compliance due to a lack of enforcement by national competent authorities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
* Non-compliance due to weak incentives for businesses to comply	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
* A lack of information among consumers	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
* A need to simplify the legal framework	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

* A lack of knowledge on the welfare of farmed fish	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
* Insufficient use of synergies with the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
* An uneven level of protection for different animal species in the EU	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
* An uneven level playing field (EU and global market) for EU business operators	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>

\* Where (for which species, in which sectors and/or countries) is there a lack of compliance with EU animal welfare legislation?

- Pigs (Council Directive 2008/120/EC)
- Laying Hens (Council Directive 1999/74/EC)
- Broilers (Council Directive 2007/43/EC)
- All farmed animals (Council Directive 98/58/EC)
- Slaughter (Council Regulation (EC) N° 1099/2009)
- Transport (Council Regulation EC 1/2005)
- Other

X Do not know

Please specify the sectors and countries for each option selected.

*1000 character(s) maximum*

The phrasing of the question misses the critical point that there can be and unfortunately still are pockets of non-compliance across the food supply chain, which overall upholds are very high animal welfare status.

In Ireland we are confident that our grass based, extensive production system, operated by family run, small to medium farming operations has enabled a high animal health and welfare status. This is supported by extremely high levels of husbandry and management standards at farm level, together with a strong advisory and education network which is available to farmers, including a range of extension and support services provided to farmers by their co-operatives.

However, there is no room for complacency in this area, which underpins consumers' confidence in farmers and the industry as a whole. Indeed, one case of non-compliance is too much.

Full enforcement of the animal welfare legislation in Ireland and across the EU is necessary, with official controls and inspections carried out to avoid non-compliance. We support a cooperative and whole industry approach, from breeding policy, good husbandry and rearing practices to transport and slaughtering, to ensure the provision of continuous best practice animal welfare standards throughout the life of all animals. ICOS co-operative members also actively

participate and financially supports a wide range of animal health and welfare programmes to prevent non-notifiable diseases and provide a range of testing and screening programmes to support farmer members of co-ops.

\* Are there other current animal welfare issues which are not reflected in the Strategy?

- Yes  
 No  
 Do not know

Please indicate which welfare issues are not reflected in the Strategy.

400 character(s) maximum

## Coherence

\* How coherent with each other were the Strategy's actions?

- Not at all coherent  
 Somewhat coherent  
 Moderately coherent  
 Very coherent  
 Extremely coherent  
 Don't know

\* Are you aware of other national, EU or international interventions in the field of animal welfare that took place at the same time as the Strategy?

- Yes  
 No

Please specify which interventions you are familiar with.

600 character(s) maximum

- OIE Platform on Animal Welfare
- Irish National Animal Health Strategy, launched 2017
- Farmed Animal Welfare Advisory Council (Ireland)
- Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine - Industry Stakeholder Group on Expansion of the Dairy Herd (Ireland)
- Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine - National Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance (Ireland)

To what extent do you agree with the following statements on the coherence of the Strategy with other interventions?

The Strategy was coherent with...

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
* the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

* animal health EU policies and interventions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
* other EU-level policies and interventions related to animal welfare (e.g. environment, trade, single market, fisheries, and research)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
* national policies and interventions related to animal welfare (e.g. environment, trade, single market, fisheries, and research)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
* non-EU interventions related to animal welfare (e.g. interventions by a third country, or by an international organisation such as the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO))	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Could you specify areas of tension between the Strategy and other interventions with an incidence on animal welfare (EU, Member States, international organisations)?

*600 character(s) maximum*

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## Effectiveness

To what extent did the EU Strategy contribute to:

	No contribution	Some contribution	Moderate contribution	Fairly significant contribution	Great contribution	Don't know
* a better protection of animals across species in the EU?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
* improving compliance by supporting Member State enforcement?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
* improving compliance by increasing awareness among animal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

owners and handlers?						
*improving compliance by strengthening /developing incentives for businesses to comply?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
*improving consumer information?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
*improving knowledge and evidence on the welfare of farmed fish?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
*promoting EU animal welfare standards at global level?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
*improving the use of synergies with the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
*creating a more level playing field (EU and global market) for EU businesses?	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

\* Where (for which species, in which sectors and/or countries) has there been improvement of compliance with EU animal welfare legislation?

- Pigs (Council Directive 2008/120/EC)
- Laying Hens (Council Directive 1999/74/EC)
- Broilers (Council Directive 2007/43/EC)
- x All farmed animals (Council Directive 98/58/EC)
- x Slaughter (Council Regulation (EC) N° 1099/2009)
- x Transport (Council Regulation EC 1/2005)
- Other
- None
- Do not know

Please specify the sectors and countries for each option selected.

600 character(s) maximum

To what extent did the following factors influence the implementation of the EU Animal Welfare Strategy?

	Have hindered the implementation to a great extent	Have hindered the implementation to some extent	Have not influenced the implementation	Have facilitated the implementation to some extent	Have facilitated the implementation to a great extent	Don't know
* Political factors (e.g. changing political priorities)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
* Economic factors (e.g. market trends)	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
* Social factors (e.g. cultural changes, changes in consumer /citizens' expectations)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
* Scientific or technological factors (e.g. advances in animal welfare science)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>

Which actions/activities of the Strategy were the most effective in achieving their objectives?

- X Actions to improve compliance (e.g. grouping of sows, protection of laying hens, etc).
- X Guidelines (e.g. on transport, slaughter or the protection of pigs)
- X Reports to EU institutions (e.g. on the various stunning methods for poultry, the impact of animal welfare international activities on competitiveness, etc).
- X Studies (e.g. on the welfare of farmed fish at the time of transport and at slaughter, on animal welfare education to the general public, etc).
- International cooperation on animal welfare (e.g. multilateral, bilateral and capacity building activities).
- X Actions to improve the integration of animal welfare in the Common Agricultural Policy.
- Communication and education activities targeting consumers and the general public.



* The human resources provided for the implementation of the Strategy were sufficient	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
* Considering the costs of the actions and the results achieved, the benefits outweigh the costs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X

\* To what extent were the funding and human resources associated with the Animal Welfare Strategy appropriate both given the challenges the Strategy faced and its achievements?

- Not at all appropriate
- Somewhat appropriate
- Moderately appropriate
- Very appropriate
- Extremely appropriate
- X Don't know

To what extent do you agree with the following statements about the added value of the Strategy?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
* The Strategy brought benefits in the field of animal welfare, or related fields, that could not have been achieved through national interventions alone.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
* The Strategy had a negative impact on existing national interventions in the field of animal welfare, or related fields.	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
* Animal welfare issues across the EU called for EU action.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
* The Strategy brought benefits that the EU could not have achieved without it.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

\* To what extent did the Strategy simplify and develop clear principles for animal welfare by other means than new legislation?

- Not at all
- To some extent
- X To a moderate extent
- To a significant extent
- To a great extent
- Don't know

## EU Added Value

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Are there any other views on the Strategy that you would like to share? Please note



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Ultimately, consumers are becoming more sensitised to food related issues and are increasingly scrutinising animal welfare issues related to the products they buy. Farmers, food processors and retailers are responding to consumer concerns in these areas and adapting to consumer demands in this regard, irrespective of and ahead of policy changes.

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