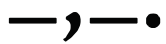


Annual Report

2021



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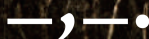
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Introduction

The European Institute for Animal Law & Policy is a nonprofit Think Tank created in 2021 in response to the announcement by the European Commission – the EU's executive branch – to revise EU animal welfare legislation.

The European Institute for Animal Law & Policy was born out of a small consultancy firm, also created in 2021, Animal Law Europe, the first and only consultancy in Brussels to deliver legal expertise for animal advocates, animal protection organizations, and public administrations.

This report presents Animal Law Europe's achievements of this first year and the prospects for the year to come for the European Institute for Animal Law & Policy.

In addition to continuing advising partners on animal law and policy issues, the European Institute for Animal Law & Policy will further conduct its own strategic public interests missions unilaterally, as well as collaboratively with other animal protection organizations.

By design, the Institute will create many avenues for collaboration. The projects led by the Institute in 2022 will bring together academics, policymakers, and advocates who wish to influence the way EU laws are drafted -- ultimately moving the agricultural industry away from factory farming, towards a brighter, more humane future for animals and the planet.

Letter from the Founder

December 20th 2021

In the fall of 2020, I was in a time of professional uncertainty. My career had come to a crossroads, and I had to choose what type of advocacy I wanted to pursue. I had to determine which of my skills could best serve the animal protection movement.

Since early in my studies, I have identified the law as the most impactful tool to achieve positive changes for animals. However, after returning to Europe from several years of research in the US, I gradually noticed a striking trend. While the animal protection community in Europe sought more legal reforms, a great many lawyers in the movement - oftentimes women - possessed valuable legal skills that were not being fully utilized.

That the European continental legal system does not rely on litigation as much as Anglo-American jurisdictions partly accounts for this situation. However, even in Europe where public affairs remains the privileged way to obtain legal changes, a refined understanding of existing laws and a deep knowledge of policy-making procedures are required. Further, the EU presents an additional challenge because our Union is not exactly (yet?) a federation, but still produces an immense body of rules shaping national laws down to the smallest details – all the while continually testing the boundaries of its competence in many policy domains.

After carefully examining this legislative terrain, I determined that I would be the most useful to the movement by providing an expert understanding of the technicalities of the law, coupled with my analysis of the law from a critical legal perspective. I would also like to continue to develop my institute as a place for collaboration and mentorship, so that I can help legal professionals achieve the maximum impact for the animal protection movement.

At a challenging time for humanity – exacerbated by our failure to treat other animals in a respectful way – I decided that there was no better moment to start implementing what I had been reflecting upon for years.

Prior to my launch last spring, I was highly encouraged that two nonprofit organizations and one national ministry reached out to me not only with encouragement for the project, but with a request that I take them on as my first partners. I would like to thank them and the many others who have joined me on this journey.

I feel privileged to be working with you toward our mutually held mission, vision, and values.

With my very best regards,

Alice Di Concetto,
Founder and Legal Advisor
The European Institute
for Animal Law & Policy
Brussels, Belgium



This First Year in Numbers

17

partners, including 5
we helped *pro bono*

4

Research Notes

160+

Hours of *pro bono* work

9

Media appearances

10+

Presentations at
conferences

1. Launch of Animal Law Europe & The European Institute for Animal Law & Policy

The Origin Story

Animal Law Europe launched in March of 2021, less than one year after the European Commission announced the revision of EU farm animal welfare legislation. Animal Law Europe thus became the first and only consultancy in Brussels to deliver legal expertise for animal advocates, animal protection organizations, and public administrations.

Right away, without paid advertising of any kind, it became clear that Animal Law Europe had tapped into a need that was great. A steady stream of animal protection NGOs and public administrations reached out to request help with disparate types of projects, though all related to law and policy: drafting amendments, reports on specific legal issues, input on lobbying strategies, advice on which regulations to amend, determining national versus EU competence, etc.

Following the establishment of Animal Law Europe, founder and legal advisor Alice Di Concetto has the goal of extending the work she has undertaken so far, in addition to launching other research projects that will ultimately lead to better treatment for animals through law and policy.

The best way to achieve these goals, Alice has determined, will be for the consultancy to evolve into a nonprofit. The European Institute for Animal Law and Policy launched in December of 2021 in the heart of Europe.

As a nonprofit, The European Institute for Animal Law & Policy will be able to conduct its own strategic public interests missions unilaterally, as well as collaboratively with other animal protection organizations.

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Services & Areas of Expertise

• Research Services

The European Institute of Animal Law & Policy provides top-notch legal research services in French and English, under the form of hourly consultations and weekly to monthly research projects.

Deliverables are tailored to partners' needs. Formats include memoranda, reports, white papers, and oral presentations.

• Public Affairs

The European Institute of Animal Law & Policy provides strategic expertise to assist partners in implementing legal and regulatory reforms.

We identify upcoming reform opportunities and map out relevant actors whose actions can affect lawmaking ("stakeholders"). We then connect our partners to our vast network of professionals within the industry and the EU institutions. The European Institute of Animal Law & Policy also advises partners in building advocacy pleas and pitching them to stakeholders.

• Training

The European Institute of Animal Law & Policy's core mission is to empower its partners through training and education. Training solutions are custom-made, for all levels and all group sizes.

Available courses include animal law and European law classes for all levels, as well as practical sessions that would teach professionals how to navigate the EU institutions and its law-making process.

Our goal is to make our partners more performant in their daily work in the short term, and fully autonomous in the longer term.

• Monitoring

We provide monitoring services to EU Public Affairs professionals.

Our targeted updates include ongoing and prospective public consultations, court rulings (European Court of Justice, European Court of Human Rights, and national courts when relevant to EU law), scientific publications, industry and NGO campaigns, and calls for contributions to publications or events.

Mission and Values

MISSION

The European Institute of Animal Law & Policy's mission is to improve the treatment of animals through law and policy, encouraging and participating in lawful and non-violent methods of change.

The European Institute of Animal Law & Policy firmly believes that knowledge is power, and so strives to empower different actors – nonprofits, public administrations, and academics – to act for animals through expertise and education.

VALUES

• Animal Protection

The European Institute of Animal Law & Policy assists on projects which carry the ultimate goal of improving the treatment of animals. Our consultancy does not collaborate on projects that contribute to further commodification of animals, nor do we contribute to humane-washing initiatives that stymie systemic change for animals.

• Diversity and plurilingualism

The European Union has 27 member States and 24 official languages. It is common for professionals in EU public affairs to be multilingual, with a passive command of additional languages. Yet, English is frequently taken up as the most common working language in Brussels. This contributes to the exclusion of populations who have limited abilities in English. For this reason, The European Institute of Animal Law & Policy encourages its contacts to express themselves in their native language if they prefer, or by using additional languages besides English. To the best of its abilities, The European Institute of Animal Law & Policy offers services in Italian, Spanish, and Portuguese, in addition to English and French.

• Education and accessibility

The European Institute of Animal Law & Policy creates accessible educational experiences for learners at any stage of education. Our mission is to empower partners through world class trainings in animal law and EU public affairs.

The European Institute of Animal Law & Policy further strives to make their contents accessible to people with disabilities. Please [get in touch](#) if you have suggestions on how to make our work more accessible to all.

• Anti-oppression and inclusiveness

As a female-founded consultancy, we stand against oppressive behaviors. The European Institute of Animal Law & Policy does not work on projects that contribute to further marginalization of racial and ethnic minorities, low-income communities, members of the LGBTQIA+ community, or other historically oppressed groups. We also do not associate with organizations that fail to ensure a safe and healthy working environment for their staff. The European Institute of Animal Law & Policy further promotes the visibility of all institutional actors, regardless of their size or influence, in addition to individual professionals, regardless of career stage.

• Cross-disciplinarity and solidarity

The European Institute of Animal Law & Policy aims to contribute to the institutionalization of animal protection objectives by building bridges between and within nonprofit actors, academics, for-profit actors, and public administrations. We believe in the power of synergies and discourage unjustified competitive behavior between actors.

2. Partners and Projects

Partners

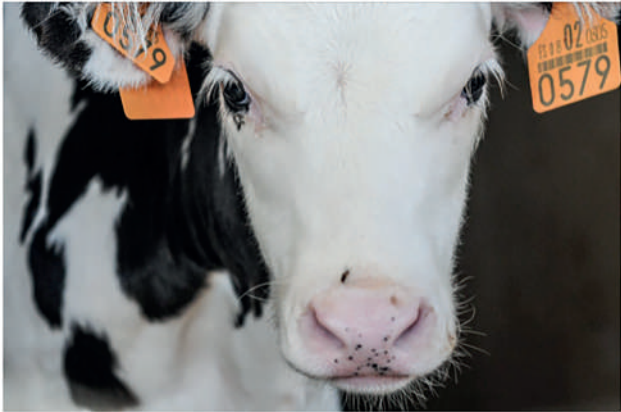


Animal Law Europe provided services to many organizations seeking to advance the treatment of animals in the law, including:

- The Aquatic Life Institute: Animal Law Europe provided consulting services, including strategic and legal advice related to the treatment of aquatic animals in EU law and policies.
- The Coller Foundation: Animal Law Europe worked extensively with the Coller Foundation to build the Coller Animal Law Forum (CALF), an interactive database that collates and analyses various laws and policies that impact farmed animals.
- Compassion in World Farming EU, which offered the following remarks about our relationship: "We are very happy with Animal Law Europe's work. Our cooperation has been excellent; they listened carefully to the feedback we provided and delivered an end-product to our utmost satisfaction, accommodating our requests and demonstrating flexibility, as needed, throughout the period of provision of services. The results of their work reflect professionalism, expertise and thorough knowledge in the broad field of animal welfare. We would very much recommend ALE to everyone who is thinking of using their services."
- Rethink Priorities, an international research organization that conducts critical research to inform policymakers and major foundations about how to best help people and nonhuman animals in the present and the long-term future.

Pro Bono

Animal Law Europe provided pro bono services to organizations involved in animal protection, including:

- Mapping of live bait-fishing rules in several EU Member States for the French organization Paris Animaux Zoopolis.
- The building of an online EU animal law code for and with the Fondation Droit Animal, Ethique & Sciences (Foundation for Animal Law, Ethics & Sciences). We further provided a legal analysis of draft executive orders implementing European animal welfare legislation into French law.
- Strategic advice and drafting support to French organization L 214 for their lobbying activities at EU level.
- Strategic and legal advice, in addition to administrative, management, and communications support to InfoTrack, a French nonprofit advocating against humane-washing.



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Hello <<FIRST NAME & LAST NAME>>

Greetings and happy New Year to all of our subscribers in Europe and the world!

This coming March, Animal Law Europe will celebrate its first full year of operation. While we are grateful to mark this milestone, we are also looking forward to the year ahead, which will see us continue to grow and evolve. Beginning in March, Animal Law Europe will transition from a consultancy to a nonprofit think tank: The European Institute for Animal Law & Policy.

EU ANIMAL LAW & POLICY UPDATE

Animal Law News

European Union

- New Laws

The Whistleblower Directive entered into force: [Directive \(EU\) 2019/1937 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2019 on the protection of persons who report breaches of Union law](#) (Whistleblower Directive) entered into force on December 17th. The Directive establishes rules and procedures for individuals who report information they acquired in a work-related context on breaches of EU law in key policy areas, including protection of the environment, public health, safety, and consumer protection.

The new [EU Organic Regulation](#) also entered into force on January 1st, 2022.

- Proposals

[Proposal for a Regulation on Deforestation-Free Products](#) (published on November 17th): The proposal aims to regulate imports to the EU to reduce the deleterious impacts of the expansion of agricultural land for the production of commodities such as cattle. A research paper commissioned by the European Commission found that beef imports represent one of the largest shares of EU-driven deforestation.


[Proposal for an Environmental Crime Directive](#): The Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the protection of the environment through criminal law and replacing Directive 2008/99/EC (published on December 15) directs Member States to adopt rules regulating the placing on the market of products which cause or are likely to cause death or serious injury to any person; or substantial damage to air, water, or soil quality; or to animals or plants as a result of "the product's large-scale use."

THE WINTER EDITION OF THE NEWSLETTER IS OUT!

5 JANUARY 2022

Welcome to our fourth quarterly newsletter! This quarter's research note is about "Regulating the Use of Antibiotics in EU Animal Agriculture," as the new regulatory framework on antimicrobials will enter into force on January 22, 2022. This research note is the result of a fruitful collaboration with The Jeremy Coller Foundation.

[read more](#)



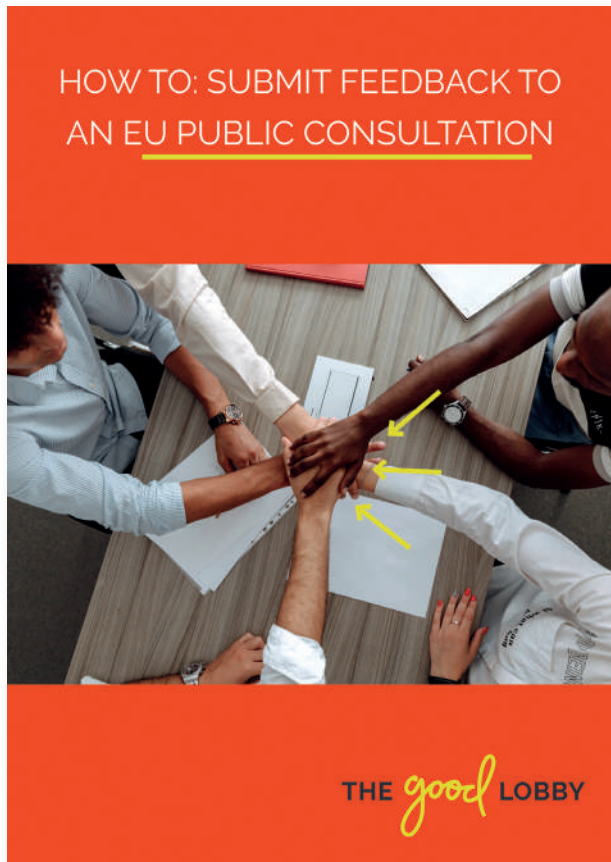
3. Newsletter

The European Institute of Animal Law & Policy publishes a quarterly email newsletter. Each newsletter is divided into different sections:

- **Animal law news in the EU**, which includes the most recent developments in EU law and EU Member States law (including new legislation and court rulings).
- A selection of **international animal law news**.
- **Events, publications, and call for contributions** relevant to all animal law and policy communities and stakeholders (private sector, academia, and NGOs).

The audience for this newsletter is comprised mostly of academics, animal advocates, think tank researchers, politicians, and students. With hundreds of current subscribers, the readership of this newsletter continues to grow.

In 2022, one of The Institute's projects will be to make the newsletter even more comprehensive by collaborating with other animal law organizations and specialists based in EU Member States.



4. Research Notes

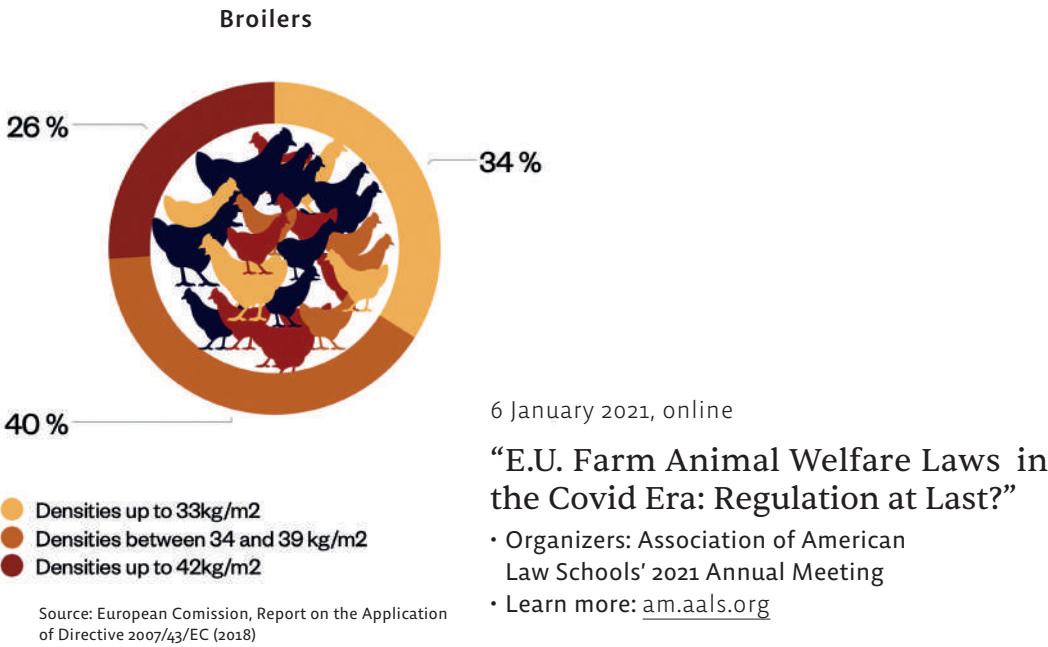
Each newsletter contains a Research Note, short research or practical notes at a maximum of 15 pages long. They are informative and meant to demystify a particular aspect of EU law and policy as it relates to animals.

In 2021, the research notes were on topics related to the European Green Deal:

- The first publication of the newsletter was a Manual on “How to Contribute to a Public Consultation” in preparation of the European Commission’s public consultation on the revision of animal welfare legislation. This manual prompted the interest of The Good Lobby, which offered to collaborate with Animal Law Europe by way of promoting the Manual and by including it their resource kits for nonprofits.
- The second Research Note was on Food Labeling and Animal Welfare.
- The third Research Note was on Animals in the EU’s Agricultural Policy, and detailed the different measures in support and against animals in the newly reformed Common Agricultural Policy.
- The fourth and last research note of the year was on the new regulatory framework of antimicrobials use in EU agriculture, in collaboration with the Jeremy Collier Foundation, and co-authored by Grace Martin.

5. Events

For its launch year, Animal Law Europe founder Alice Di Concetto participated in many events to bring the animal advocacy and animal law communities up to speed to the rapidly evolving changes in EU animal law & policies.



28 May 2021, online

“Animal Welfare and Consumer Information” (in French)

- Organizers: Université de Nantes Law School
- Learn more: univ-droit.fr

2021



4 September 2021, Munich, Germany

“Pitfalls and Potentials of Solidarity in Animal Activism”

- Organizers: Munich School of Philosophy
- Learn more: hfph.de

11 March 2021, online

“Animal Welfare Measures in the EU Green Deal: Just Words?” (in French)

- Organizers: Journée Interdisciplinaire de la Condition Animale
- Learn more: jicanimale.fr

3 June 2021, online

“Animal Welfare in the Common Agricultural Policy” (in French) in the presence of the French Minister for Agriculture, Julien Denormandie

- Organizers: The Sorbonne Law School
- Learn more: eventbrite.fr

3 June 2021, online

Short presentation on the Coller Animal Law Forum, a collaboration between The Jeremy Coller Foundation and Animal Law Europe

- Organizers: The Jeremy Coller Foundation
- Learn more: rethinkingprotein.com

10 September 2021, online / London, United Kingdom

“The Revision of EU Farm Animal Welfare Legislation: Taking Stock of Animal Welfare Laws”

- Organizers: UK Centre for Animal Law
- Learn more: alaw.org.uk



2 October 2021, online

“The Revision of EU Farm Animal Welfare Legislation: Taking Stock of Animal Welfare Laws”

- Organizers: Canadian Animal Law Conference
- Learn more: canadiananimallawconference.ca



7 October 2021, Barcelona, Spain

“The voices of Europe on interspecies ethics”

- panel moderated by the Spanish Minister of the Universities, Dr Manuel Castells
- Organizers: Spanish Ministry of Universities
- Learn more: cccb.org



8 October 2021, Science Po - Paris

Panel presentation about how law graduates can use their degrees for public interest work

- Organizers: Science Po Law School
- Learn more: Open to SciencesPo.fr alumni only.



14 October 2021, online

Coller Animal Law Forum Launch Event

- Organizers: The Jeremy Coller Foundation
- Learn more: calf.law



16 October 2021, online

“Animals and the E.U. Green Deal: Rethinking our Relationship to Sentient Beings in European Law”

- Organizers: US Animal Law Conference
- Learn more: animallawconference.org



12 October 2021, online

“Advocates for Animals Talks to... Alice Di Concetto”

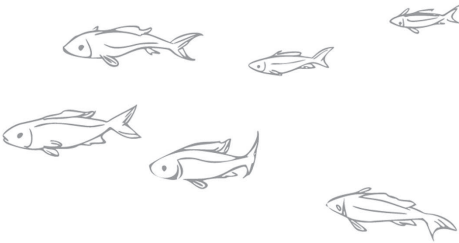
- Organizers: Eddie Bowles, attorney at law and co-founder of Advocates for Animals
- Learn more: eventbrite.co.uk

6. Media

Despite its small size and young age, Animal Law Europe was featured in many media outlets in 2021.

Le Monde

Un collectif de chercheurs et de membres d'associations appelle à interdire l'usage de poissons vivants comme appâts dans la pêche de loisir. Outre la cruauté de cette pratique, elle ferait peser de graves menaces sur la biodiversité par l'introduction d'espèces exotiques ou la diffusion de virus.



3 April 2021
« La pratique de la pêche au vif n'est plus conforme avec le droit »
• Type: Op-Ed
• Source: [lemonde.fr](https://www.lemonde.fr)

29 September 2021
“The worst horrors of factory farming could soon be phased out in Europe”
• Type: Quote
• Source: [Vox.com](https://www.vox.com)

1 March 2021
Interview in French with Alice Di Concetto
(Science Po Law School Clinical Project)
• Type: Interview
• Source: [SciencesPo.fr](https://www.sciencespo.fr)

22 April 2021
Panel discussion
in French with Alice Di Concetto, French Representative Bastien Lachaud, Professor Romain Espinosa (CNRS) and Marion Wintergerst (Compassion in World Farming France)
• Type: Web Series
• Source: [La France Insoumise Web TV](https://www.lafranceinsoumise.com)

The Brussels Times



In 1991, the EU adopted legislation laying down minimum standards for the protection of pigs, becoming one of the few jurisdictions in the world to ensure such standards for pigs on farms. However, despite the Pigs Directive having been revised twice since then, pigs in the EU are subject to horrendous living standards.

19 November 2021
“30 years after EU Pig Welfare Legislation, will the EU finally step up to protect pigs?”
• Type: Op-Ed, with Olga Kikou, Head of the EU Office, Compassion in World Farming
• Source: [The Brussels Times](https://www.thebrusselstimes.com)

14 October 2021
« Alice Di Concetto : Juriste en droit de l'animal : se spécialiser dans un domaine où tout est à faire »
• Type: Podcast interview
• Source: [Outside the Lex](https://www.outsidethelex.com)

23 November 2021
How ‘Landless’ Pig Farms Break Animal Welfare Rules and Get Away With It
• Type: Quote
• Source: [Sentient Media](https://www.sentientmedia.org)

4 November 2021
“5 Key Things to Know About Animal Law”
• Type: Podcast interview
• Source: [Ctrl Alt Meat](https://www.ctrlaltmeat.com)



22 October 2021
“Why policy is impeding our transition to a sustainable food future”
• Type: Op-Ed
• Source: [Politics.co.uk](https://www.politics.co.uk)

7. Grants

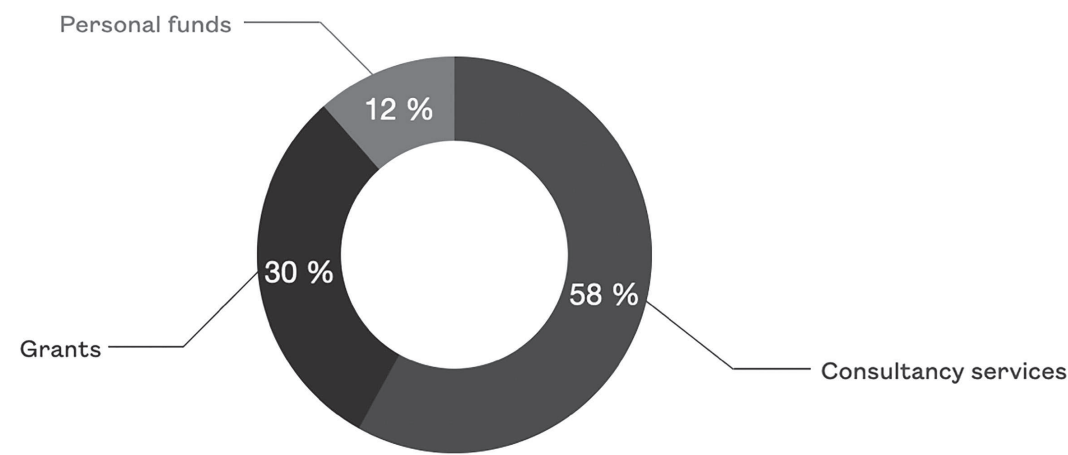
Animal Charity Evaluators

Animal Law Europe received a Movement Grant from Animal Charity Evaluator. The funding will go towards the completion, publication, and presentation of the first comprehensive legal review of the five pieces composing EU Farm Animal Welfare Legislation, with recommendations for reform.

Lewis & Clark Law School's Center for Animal Law Studies - Global Ambassador Program

Animal Law Europe further received a grant to conduct three publication projects: a report on animals in the clothing industry; a collection of student essays on European Union (EU) animal law aspects; and a quarterly publication of a newsletter and Research Notes.

8. Sources of Funding



9. The Year Ahead

Advocacy

• Legal Analysis of EU Farm Animal Welfare Law

The European Institute for Animal Law & Policy chose to organize its first event on the topic of the EU legislation on animal welfare, given that this revision prompted the Institute to come to existence. Slated to take place early in 2022, this event will present the first comprehensive legal review of the five pieces composing EU Farm Animal Welfare Legislation, with recommendations for reform. This launch event will gather experts in EU animal law and policy to raise awareness among policymakers as well as legal services in the EU institutions.

• Humane-Washing in the EU

Faced with a proliferation of animal welfare claims, sometimes under the form of official labels, the European Institute for Animal Law & Policy will further launch a project to raise awareness on the issue of false claims on animal welfare – also known as "humane-washing." The Institute will further explore venues in law to fight this largely and shockingly unregulated phenomenon. In doing so, the Institute will collaborate with lawyers – academics and practitioners – to leverage consumer protection, agricultural legislation to improve information to consumers and investors on the EU market. The Institute will further collaborate with consumer protection and environmental advocates to learn from their past victories in the fight against greenwashing claims.

• Animals in the Clothing Industry

Finally, the European Institute for Animal Law & Policy will publish a report on the regulatory framework governing the treatment of animals used for fiber and leather purposes in EU law. The report will further lay out recommendations for reform of EU law when it comes to enacting bans on fur farming and sales in the EU. The report will further look at how to incorporate the interests of animals to ESG regulations.

Service to the Animal Advocacy Community in Europe

• Expansion of the newsletter

After a first year running, Animal Law Europe's newsletter will professionalize to be as exhaustive as possible in gathering information in the EU Member States related to new legislation and court rulings, and to ensure equal representation of all EU jurisdictions. The European Institute for Animal Law & Policy hopes to overcome language barriers by way of building a robust network of animal lawyers across the Union, as a way to gather information, but also as a way to promote the work they're conducting locally to a more international audience.

• Publication of a French language animal law anthology featuring chapters by authors

By the end of 2022, the European Institute for Animal Law & Policy will help publish an anthology, in French, of the most prominent farmed animal law issues. Departing from the field of animal rights theory, this book will be the first in French to feature a detailed legal analysis of the regulations of the treatment of farmed animal law in European law.



10. My Most Special Thanks

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Agnès for her patience and generosity.

To all the happy animals who populate my life and comfort me.

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Alice Di Concetto for The European Institute for Animal Law & Policy.



Alice Di Concetto

I am a French and US-educated lawyer specializing in animal law. In 2021, I founded the first female-founded consultancy in Brussels, Belgium dedicated to assisting organizations advance the interests of animals in European law and policy.

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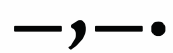
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