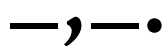


Annual Report

2022



European Institute
for Animal Law & Policy

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Introduction

Since 2021, the European Institute for Animal Law & Policy has been the foremost Brussels-based nonprofit Think Tank working to improve the lives of animals through law and policy. The Institute was launched in response to the European Commission's announcement that they would be revising EU animal welfare legislation in the coming years.

The Institute grew 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 the European Institute for Animal Law & Policy achievements of this second year and the prospects for the year to come for the Institute. In addition to advising clients on animal law and policy issues, the Institute further conducted its own public interest missions unilaterally, as well as collaboratively with other animal protection organizations.

By design, the Institute creates many avenues for collaboration. The projects led by the Institute in 2022 will continue bringing 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

27 February 2023

2022 was a momentous year on many fronts, with the tragic and ongoing war in Ukraine, to the intensification of climate change-related events.

Currently, at the EU, the long-awaited revision of animal welfare legislation is entering its final phases. There remain many areas of this legislation which may still yet be subject to popular and legal influence, but as for identifying some core shortcomings of current animal welfare legislation, the European Commission, in their legal assessment of EU animal welfare laws, has made the same observations that we did in our 2022 White Paper, "[For a More Humane Union: A Legal Assessment of EU Farm Animal Welfare Laws.](#)" It was apparent to the Commission, and to us, that legislation on the welfare of farm animals in the EU has not been adequate to protect farm animals due to significant inconsistencies in the drafting of this legislation, and due to shockingly low animal welfare standards mandated by the legislation.

The next important juncture in the revision of EU animal welfare legislation will come in October of this year, when the European Commission publishes its revision proposals. These revision proposals are expected to encompass four regulations, including one on consumer information and animal welfare, which could pave the way for yet another voluntary label, when the efficacy of such labels has never been demonstrated, and, to the contrary, their tendency to contribute to humane-washing has been well-documented. On a more positive note, the new regulations are expected to grant minimum protections for fish, and improve the treatment of terrestrial animals by prohibiting the use of cages; however, there remains uncertainty as to the details of these new measures.

Therefore, our work will enter a critical phase over the next 15 months, with the Commission's revision proposals expected in the fall, and the 2024 EU elections taking place the following spring."

With our colleagues across professions and disciplines, we aim to work as diligently as possible in the year ahead to ensure that farm animals are treated as sentient beings, and not just tradable products.

And while our focus remains on farm animals, the Institute will also work to ensure that the EU keeps their promises for wild animals, including those kept in captivity. It is our opinion that the EU can and should strengthen regulation in the trade and keeping of wild animals by entertainment corporations and private individuals.

At the beginning of what is now our third year of operation, it is our privilege to work on behalf of animals with such dedicated colleagues and supporters. Thank you for all the work you do and for your contributions to create a more peaceful, just world for humans and non-human animals alike.

With my very best regards,

Alice Di Concetto,

Chief Legal Adviser
The European Institute for Animal Law & Policy
Brussels, Belgium



2022 by the number

25

clients

including 3 clients we helped *pro bono*

10+

presentations at conferences

1

first in-house event

3

Research Notes

200+

hours
of *pro bono* work

1. The European Institute for Animal Law & Policy

1.1. The Origin Story

The European Institute for Animal Law & Policy launched in March of 2021, less than one year after the European Commission announced their plans to revise EU farm animal welfare legislation. The Institute 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 the Institute had tapped into a need that was great. A steady stream of animal protection NGOs and public administrations have 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.

The European Institute for Animal Law & Policy conducts its own strategic public interest missions unilaterally, as well as collaboratively with other animal protection organizations.

By design, the Institute creates many avenues for collaboration with academics, policymakers, and advocates who wish to influence the way EU laws are drafted, for a brighter, more humane future for animals and the planet.

1.2. Services & Areas of Expertise

• Research Services

The European Institute for 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 the clients' needs. Formats include memoranda, reports, white papers, and oral presentations.

• Public Affairs

The European Institute for Animal Law & Policy provides strategic expertise to assist clients 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 clients to our vast network of professionals within the industry and the EU institutions. The European Institute for Animal Law & Policy also advises clients on how to build the most effective advocacy pleas and how to pitch them to stakeholders.

• Training

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

Available courses include animal law and European law classes for all levels, as well as practical sessions on how professionals can navigate the EU institutions and understand the law-making process in the EU.

Our goal is to make our clients 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.

2. Clients and Projects

1.3. Mission and Values

1.3.1. MISSION

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

1.3.2. VALUES

- **Animal Protection:** The European Institute for 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 for Animal Law & Policy encourages its contacts to express themselves in their native language if they prefer, or by using additional languages other than English. To the best of its abilities, The European Institute for Animal Law & Policy offers services in Italian, Spanish, and Portuguese, in addition to English and French.

- **Education and accessibility:** The European Institute for Animal Law & Policy creates accessible educational experiences for learners at any stage of education. Our mission is to empower clients through world class training in animal law and EU public affairs. The European Institute for 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 for 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 for 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 for Animal Law & Policy aims to contribute to the institutionalization of animal protection objectives by building bridges between and with nonprofit officials, academics, for-profit actors, and public administrations. We believe in the power of synergies and discourage unjustified competitive behavior.

2.1. Clients

The European Institute for Animal Law & Policy provided services to many organizations seeking to advance the treatment of animals in the law, including:

- **Four Paws** (Austria): The Institute collaborated with Four Paws International on the production of a [Guidance Document](#) to improve compliance with new EU rules on antimicrobials use through enhanced farm animal welfare standards. With contributions by Alice Di Concetto, LL.M, Dr. Paul Llonch, Dr. Eva Mainau, Dr. Xavier Manteca, and Dr. Deborah Temple.
- **Animal Society** (Germany) and **L214** (France): The Institute collaborated with L214 in forming a coalition of 18 EU-based animal advocacy organizations to obtain an EU ban on the systematic killing of chicks. This collaboration resulted in the publication of a white paper by the Institute and L214, and an additional report by Animal Society.
- **Fish Etho Group** (Spain): The Institute delivered a lecture on EU animal law, and fish in EU law, as part of a training on fish welfare.
- **The Collier Foundation** (UK): The Institute continued working extensively with the Collier Foundation to build the [Collier Animal Law Forum \(CALF\)](#), an interactive database that collates and analyses various laws and policies that impact farmed animals.
- **AAP Foundation** (The Netherlands): The Institute currently provides legal expertise and project management services to achieve restrictions on the trade, sale, and private ownership of exotic animals.

2.2. Pro Bono

The Institute also provided *pro bono* services to organizations and individuals involved in animal protection, including:

- A comprehensive mapping of companion animal protection rules in several EU Member States to support reform proposals at national level.
- The building of an online EU animal law code for and with [the Fondation Droit Animal, Ethique & Sciences](#) (Foundation for Animal Law, Ethics & Sciences).
- Strategic advice and drafting support to German organization [Animal Society](#) for their public affairs activities at EU level.
- Comparative legal research on humane-washing litigation efforts in the EU and the US for [InfoTrack](#), a French nonprofit advocating against humane-washing.

3. Collaborations and Internships

In 2022, the European Institute for Animal Law & Policy had the pleasure of working with:



Ilyana Aït Ahmed

Ilyana Aït Ahmed joined the Institute as a Summer Intern in 2022. During her internship, Ilyana conducted legal research on humane-washing litigation in the US and the EU, as well as on companion animal welfare legislation in the EU Member States. Ilyana had the opportunity to present her work on humane-washing litigation at the 2022 Canadian Animal Law Conference, together with Prof. Aude-Solveig Epstein (“False Advertising Litigation: Protecting Animals through Consumer Protection”).

Ilyana further completed research on early French animal protection laws, work that has since resulted in the publication of an article co-authored with Irina Jameron, “On the History and Legacy of the Grammont Act, France’s First Animal Protection Law,” which was published in English in the UK Journal of Animal Law and in French in the Review of the French Foundation for Animal Law.

A dual French-Algerian citizen, born and raised in Morocco, Ilyana is currently completing her final year of law school at Sciences Po Paris. Ilyana won first place at the French Animal Rights Moot Court Competition (2022), and she has also been a regular contributor to the quarterly review of the French Foundation for Animal Law, Ethics, and Sciences. Ilyana holds a bachelor’s degree in Political Science and Middle East Studies from Sciences Po Paris.



Irina Jameron

Irina Jameron joined the Institute as a Junior Summer Intern in 2022. During her internship, Irina conducted research on the use of animals in the fashion industry, and assisted with the Institute’s research work on humane-washing and companion animal welfare legislation.

Irina’s work resulted in three publications in the Review of the French Foundation for Animal Law; one article on cruelty free and vegan labels in the cosmetic industry, one article on the welfare of goats (co-authored with Muriel Le Loarer), and another article entitled “On the History and Legacy of the Grammont Act, France’s First Animal Protection Law” (co-authored with Ilyana Aït Ahmed), which was also published in English in the UK Journal of Animal Law .



In the summer of our team spent a day volunteering at the Animaux en péril farm sanctuary in Meslin l'Évêque, Belgium.



Anatole Poinot

Anatole Poinot is the Institute’s in-house editor for the publication of a book featuring contributions on farm animal law. Prior to joining the Institute, Anatole completed an internship at the French National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and Environment (INRAE) on the challenges of agroecological transition.

Anatole obtained a Master’s degree in European Law with a specialisation in Agricultural and Agri-Food Law from the Sorbonne Law School (Paris, France) in 2021, in addition to completing a Master’s degree in agroecology at the AgroParisTech school of agronomy (Paris, France) in 2022.



Mila Arabadzhieva

Mila Arabadzhieva contributed to the Institute as a Legal & Policy Adviser from December 2022 to February 2023, following an eight-month internship with us. During her time at the Institute, Mila conducted research on the topics of EU Wildlife Law and Member States’ National Strategic Plans under the new CAP. Mila also worked on legal mapping projects on chick killing and the force-feeding of animals, as well as on companion animal legislation in EU Member States. Lastly, Mila assisted with the Institute’s newsletter, as well as with public affairs consultation activities on the topic of outdoor farming of pigs.

Mila graduated from the Sorbonne Law School (Paris, France) in 2022, obtaining a Master’s degree in European Law with a specialisation in Agricultural and Agri-Food Law. Mila holds a bachelor’s degree in International Relations from Sofia University “Saint Kliment Ohridski” (Sofia, Bulgaria).

4. Publications

4.1. Newsletter

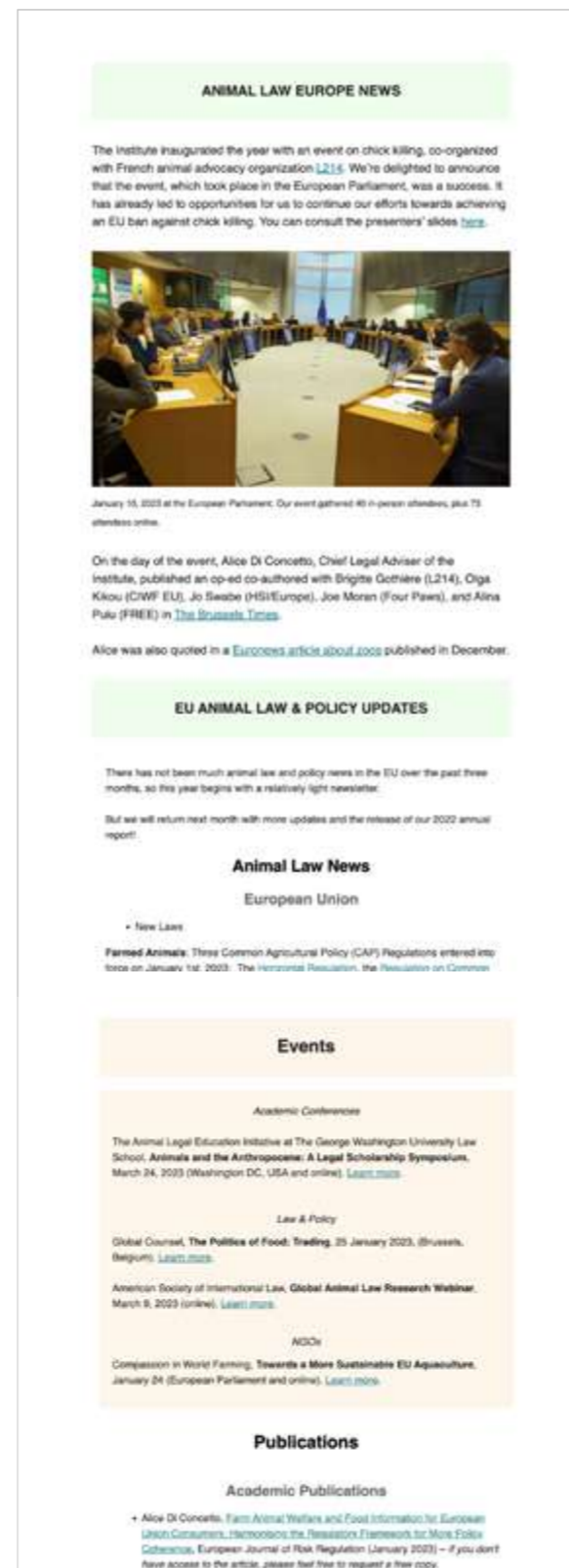
The European Institute for Animal Law & Policy publishes a quarterly email newsletter. Each newsletter is divided into different sections:

- **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 calls for contributions** relevant to all animal law and policy communities and stakeholders (private sector, academia, and NGOs).

The audience for this newsletter is comprised of academics, animal advocates, think tank researchers, politicians, and students. With hundreds of current subscribers, the readership of our newsletter more than doubled from 2021 to the end of 2022.

In 2023, one of The Institute's projects will be to conduct an assessment of the newsletter's readership needs, and to transition the newsletter from quarterly to monthly frequency, featuring even more in-depth information by collaborating with other animal law organizations and specialists from around the EU.

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RESEARCH BRIEF

This quarter's research brief is [our latest White Paper](#), which we presented at the European Parliament last week: "Chick and Duckling Killing: Achieving an EU Prohibition." This White Paper was published in collaboration with L214 and co-authored by **Alice Di Concetto** (The European Institute for Animal Law & Policy), **Olivier Morice** (L214), **Matthias Corion** (Leuven University), and **Simão Santos** (Leuven University).

Download the white paper

Chick and Duckling Killing: Achieving an EU-Wide Prohibition

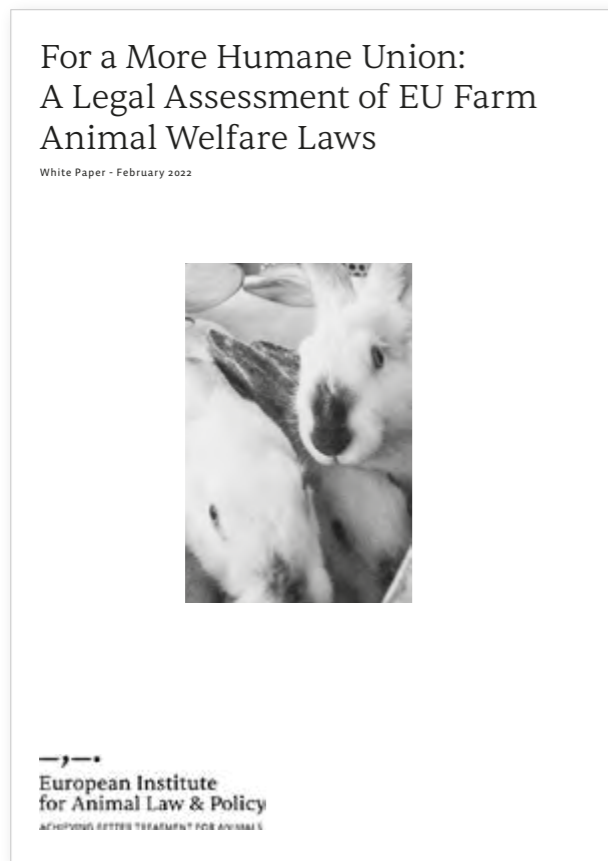
WHITE PAPER — JANUARY 2023

Alice Di Concetto, Olivier Morice, Matthias Corion, Simão Santos



ANIMAL LAW EUROPE NEWS

The Institute inaugurated the year with an event on chick killing, co-organized with French animal advocacy organization [L214](#). We're delighted to announce that the event, which took place in the European Parliament, was a success. It has already led to opportunities for us to continue our efforts towards achieving an EU ban against chick killing. You can consult the presenters' slides [here](#).



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4.2. Research Notes and White Papers

Each newsletter contains a Research Note or a White Paper. Notes are short research or practical notes of 20 pages max. They are informative and meant to demystify a particular aspect of EU law and policy as it relates to animals. White Papers can be longer and are intended to provide a deeper dive into a specific topic, including legal and policy reform proposals, and are disseminated beyond the newsletter's readership.

The topic of this year's Research Notes and Special Reports was on farm animals:

1. The first publication of the newsletter was our first-ever White Paper entitled **"For a More Humane Union: A Legal Assessment of EU Farm Animal Welfare Laws."** This White Paper advocates for a complete change in the way EU animal welfare legislation is discussed, drafted, and implemented; and offers solutions to address the particular issues posed by low-quality legal drafting and the over-complicated procedures to amend secondary and tertiary legislation. The White Paper features:

- An overview of the evolution of EU farm animal welfare laws over the past five decades
- Detailed explanations on the roles that various actors and institutions, such as the European Food Safety Authority or the European Court of Justice, play in shaping these laws.
- Factsheets summarizing the different rules in each of the farm animal welfare laws.
- Factsheets detailing the different shortcomings that can be found in these acts, followed by a list of recommendations on how to redress such shortcomings in the course of the next revision.

The Institute received excellent feedback on this White Paper, and we were extremely pleased to learn that it has become a reference for many law professors, who have included it in their syllabus when teaching about EU animal law.

2. The second publication was a Research Note on the topic of **"Animal Welfare Standards in the EU Organic Certification,"** and was co-authored with Dr. Eugénie Duval (University of Essex) and Dr. Benjamin Lecorps (University of Bristol).

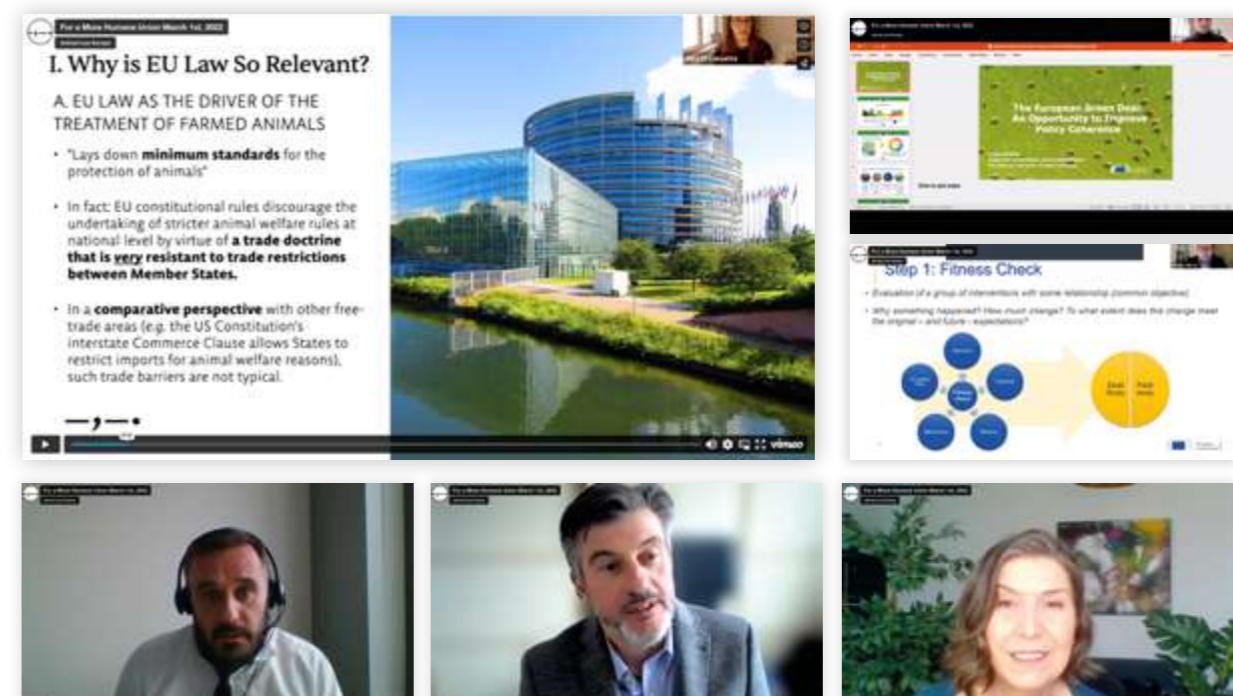
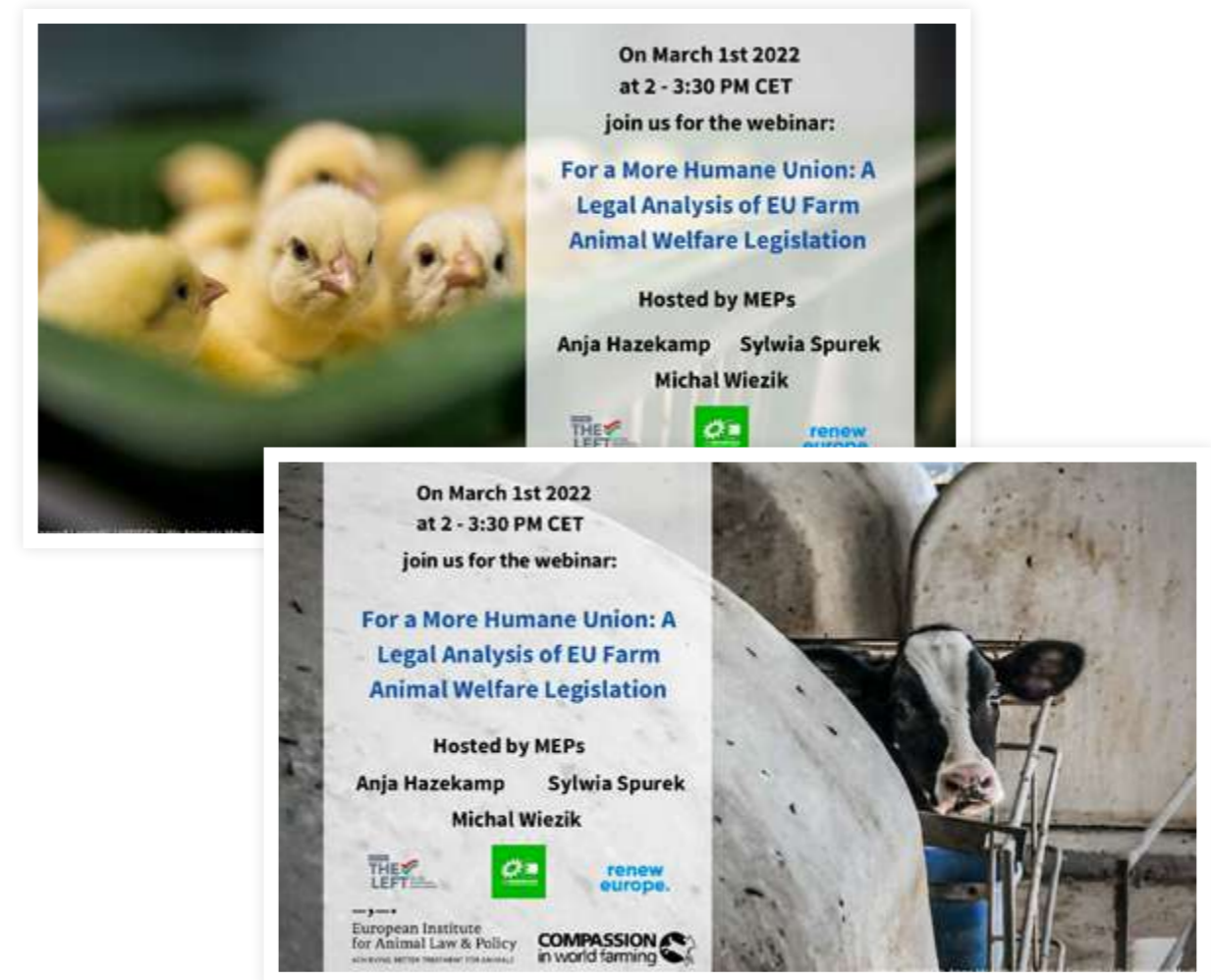
3. The third and final publication of the year was a **White Paper on chick and duckling killing,** co-authored with Olivier Morice (L214), Matthias Corion (Leuven University), and Simão Santos (Leuven University). This White Paper presents solutions to achieve a prohibition on the killing of chicks and ducklings in EU law.

5. Events

5.1. The Institute's Event: For a More Humane Union, March 1st 2022

The day of the publication of our White Paper, "For a More Humane Union: A Legal Assessment of EU Farm Animal Welfare Legislation," The Institute hosted a launch event – our first event – co-sponsored by Compassion in World Farming EU and three political parties of the European Parliament (NGL/The Left, The Greens, and Renew). 185 attendees from 31 different countries, mostly within the EU, joined us for this special event, and we also had attendees from the Americas (including Chile, Brazil, Bolivia, and Peru), the Middle East (Israel and the UAE), and India. The replay gathered an additional 54 viewers in 2022.

The event gathered three Members of the European Parliament and two European Commission officials, along with several lawyers specializing in EU animal law. Additionally, we received support from two seasoned moderators, Elliot Teperman (The Coller Foundation) and Eddy Wax, a journalist at Politico Europe, each of whom moderated a panel.



5.2. Other Events

Throughout 2022, the Institute’s founder and chief legal advisor, Alice Di Concetto, participated in many events to bring the animal advocacy and animal law communities up to speed with the rapidly evolving changes in EU animal law and policies.

11 February 2022, online

“Bilan et perspectives au niveau européen des mesures relatives à la protection animale” (in French)

• Organizers: Barreau de Paris



21 July 2022, online

“EU Farm Animal Law”

• Organizers: UK Centre for Animal Law and the Universities Federation for Animal Welfare
• Learn more: martinsact200.co.uk

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16 September 2022, Online

“EU Plant-Based Food Policy” (roundtable)

• Organizers: European Vegan Summit
• Learn more: vegansummit.eu

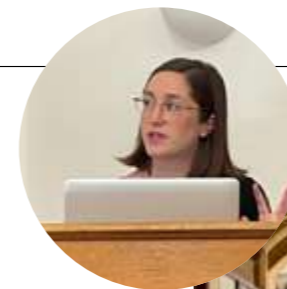
26 March 2022, online

Conservation and Animal Protection in EU Wildlife Law: A Persisting Dichotomy” (with Mila Arabazhieva)

• Organizers: Vermont Law School
• Learn more: VermontLaw.edu



Saturday, March 26
19:30 to 22:00 Beijing Time
7:30 to 10 a.m. EDT



8 and 10 August 2022, Oxford, UK

“Implementing Public Policy on Animals” (roundtable) and “EU Farm Animal Law: Addressing the Gap Between Policy Rhetoric and Regulatory Action”

• Organizers: Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics
• Learn more: oxfordanimaethics.com

18 September 2022, Cambridge, UK

“Animals Under a Welfarist Regime: EU Farm Animal Law”

- Organizers: Cambridge Centre for Animal Rights Law
- Learn more: animalrightslaw.org



18 September 2022, Toronto, Canada

“How Litigation and Consumer Protection Laws Can Reduce Animal Suffering” (Ilyana Ait Ahmed)

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

25 November 2022, Paris, France

“La place de l’animal dans la ressource” (in French)

- Organizers: Université de Paris VIII
- Learn more: academieduclimat.paris

18 November 2022, Metz, France

“Droit pénal et droit de l’animal : enjeux éthiques” (in French)

- Organizers: Université de Lorraine
- Learn more: univ-droit.fr

1 December 2022, Paris, France

“Protecteurs ou prédateurs? Les hommes face à l’enjeu de la protection des animaux” (roundtable) (in French)

- Organizers: Ecole Normale Supérieure
- Learn more: Ecole Normale Supérieure



6. Media

The European Institute for Animal Law & Policy was regularly featured in the media in 2022.

28 February 2022 — Article

“Les campagnes de promotion de viande et de lait en UE” (in French)

• Source: [Fondation Droit Animal, Ethique & Sciences](#)

28 February 2022 — Article

“Le nouveau cadre réglementaire sur les antibiotiques” (in French)

• Source: [Fondation Droit Animal, Ethique & Sciences](#)



2022

11 January 2022 — Quote

“In Europe, Authorities Struggle to Enforce Animal Protection Laws”

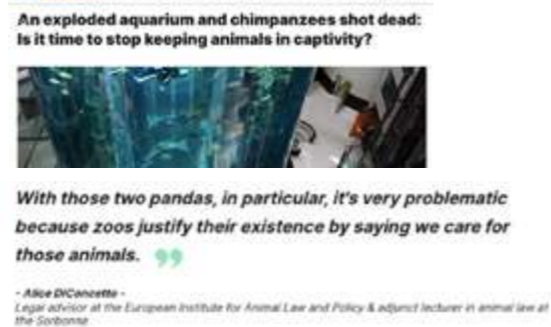
• Source: [Sentient Media](#)



21 December 2022 — Quote

“An Exploded Aquarium and Chimpanzees Shot Dead: Is It Time to Stop Keeping Animals in Captivity?”

• Source: [Euronews](#)



22 September 2022 — Quote

“Switzerland Could Be the First Country to Ban Factory Farming”

• Source: [Time.com](#)

8 June 2022 — Op-Ed (co-signed)

“La pêche commerciale en France doit s’attacher à réduire les souffrances évitables des poissons”

• Source: [Le Monde](#)



26 September 2022 — Article

“Restrictions in the Trade of Wild Animals Originating from Illegal Imports” (C-659/20 (Perroquets Ara hyacinthe))

• Source: [EU Law Live](#)



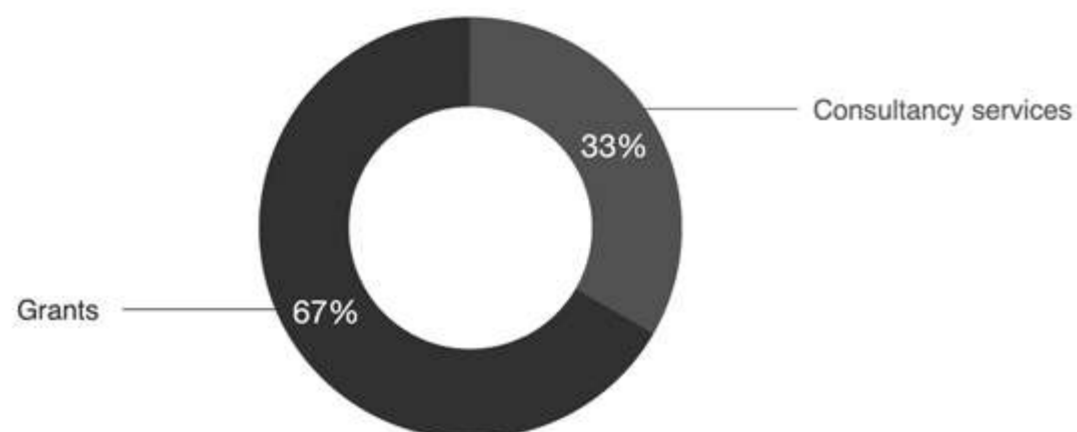
12 October 2022 — Quote

“Profession: Lobbyiste pour les animaux” (in French)

• Source: [Le Parisien](#)

7. Sources of Funding

The European Institute for Animal Law & Policy relies upon two main sources of funding, and we would like to thank our donors and clients for their continued trust in our work.



8. The Year Ahead

8.1. Advocacy

- **Legal analysis of neglected animals: aquatic animals and insects**

The European Institute for Animal Law & Policy will publish a series of reports on the treatment of aquatic animals, primarily wild-caught and farmed fish, as well as insects in EU law and policy.

- **Animals in the clothing industry**

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 into ESG regulations.

more animal law data and information, presented more frequently, so that our readers may count on a most timely resource to inform their policies and campaigns. And in response to another helpful reader request, the Institute will also develop a searchable archive for those who wish to consult past issues. Lastly, the newsletter will 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 present the work of these advocates to a more international audience.

- **Publication of a French-language animal law anthology, featuring chapters by different authors**

The European Institute for Animal Law & Policy will continue working towards the publication of 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 treatment of farmed animals in European law.

8.2. Service to the Animal Advocacy Community in Europe

- **Initiate groundbreaking academic research in animal law & policy**


Our services will include efforts to explore the potential of introducing animal protection issues into EU economic regulations, to further identify opportunities for animal advocates' legislative advocacy strategies and theories of change. The Institute also has plans to organize a conference in the coming year, to assemble the brightest minds in EU economic law and sustainability issues, to gather ideas which would then form the basis of an academic publication under the form of a book chapter.


- **Expansion of the newsletter**

After two years running, one major project of ours in the year ahead is to increase the frequency of our newsletter, moving from quarterly to monthly. By popular demand, the Institute will also furnish

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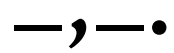
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