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to the Commission**

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Subject: Ill-treatment, killing, and exploitation of animals for entertainment

Bullfighting is part of the tradition in some Member States. The question of bullfighting – or, more accurately, bull-killing – and the cruelty inflicted on other animals for entertainment are controversial issues of which the European public are becoming increasingly more aware. That point aside, even human participants in these forms of entertainment sometimes get hurt. In bullfighting, the animals used are maltreated before the fight and then ruthlessly killed in front of the spectators; this is done in such a way that they do not die immediately, but only after enduring needless suffering. Bearing in mind that this issue has repeatedly been a subject of political debate and prompted initiatives in the non-governmental sector:

What is the Commission's current position on bullfighting and cruelty to animals for entertainment?

Does the Commission have any measures or recommendations to encourage changes in the law in Member States where bullfights are legal or to harmonise European legislation on that point and as regards ill-treatment and exploitation of animals for entertainment?