

Committee of Inquiry on the Protection of Animals during Transport (ANIT)

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Parliament's research capacities within the Directorates-General for Parliamentary Research Services (EPRS), Internal Policies (IPOL) and External Policies (EXPO) stand ready to support the work of the new Committee of Inquiry on the Protection of Animals during Transport (ANIT) and its Members. This selection of publications and online resources has been prepared for ANIT's constituent meeting.

[European Commission follow-up to European Parliament requests, 2017–2019](#)

Study by Milan Remáč, June 2020

This study presents a comprehensive overview of non-legislative resolutions adopted by Parliament between January 2017 and May 2019 on the basis of own-initiative reports – including on the topic of animal transport – in the light of the response provided by the Commission and the subsequent follow-up documents and related actions undertaken by the Commission up to 1 January 2020.

[The Farm to Fork strategy implications for agriculture and the CAP](#)

In-depth analysis by Albert Massot-Martí, May 2020

This publication outlines the objectives of the F2F strategy and analyses its Draft Action Plan, the related policy actions and their implications for the CAP. One of the key initiatives affecting livestock farming foresees the revision of the EU legislation on animal welfare, including on animal transport and slaughter of animals. This note provides a short summary of this policy action and addresses the relationship between the F2F strategy and the CAP national strategic plans.

[Inquiries by parliaments – The political use of a democratic right](#)

Study coordinated by Eeva Pavy, March 2020

Conducting in-depth investigations is an ancient and essential right of parliaments in Europe. Yet, despite a provision of the Lisbon Treaty, Parliament still has limited institutional capacity to conduct inquiries. The study discusses the theoretical basis of parliamentary investigation, compares recent committees of inquiry and develops recommendations for upgrading Parliament's capacity.

[The European Parliament's right of inquiry in context – A comparison of the national and European legal frameworks](#)

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The study provides an analysis of Parliament's right of inquiry as it stands after the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty, and examines how it has evolved since it was first introduced. It also compares Parliament's right of inquiry with the investigatory powers of other EU institutions and bodies, and with the rules governing the right of inquiry of Member State parliaments.

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[Committees of inquiry in national parliaments – A comparative survey](#)

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The study looks into the legal and administrative framework in which parliamentary committees of inquiry operate in the EU Member States. It focuses on the investigative powers these committees have at hand to assist national parliaments in exercising parliamentary control. It also examines the role of Member States' parliamentary committees of inquiry in guiding the action of the government, enhancing transparency and eradicating contraventions and maladministration.

[EU trade and transport of live animals](#)

'At a glance' note by Rachele Rossi, February 2020

This short note gives a compact overview of the EU legislative framework on the protection of animals during transport, the scope of EU transport and the economic value of EU trade in live animals, and Parliament's position to date.

[Regulation \(EC\) No 1/2005 on the protection of animals during transport and related operations](#)

European Implementation Assessment Study by Alina Dinu, October 2018

This European Implementation Assessment (EIA) looks, from a desk-research-based perspective, at the general implementation of Regulation (EC) 1/2005, with a focus on data recording, as well as at compliance with the technical rules as set out in Annex I on fitness for transport. This EIA does not therefore represent an overall and comprehensive evaluation of the regulation. Our findings, based on existing data, reveal a mixed picture of implementation, with progress visible but also problematic issues and areas where further progress is needed in the future.

[Animal welfare in the European Union](#)

Study coordinated by Ottavio Marzocchi, January 2017

This study finds that EU animal welfare policy and legislation has not only helped animals, but has also had much positive influence in the world and on the EU's image. However, most kinds of animals kept in the EU and some of the worst animal welfare problems are not covered by legislation. A general animal welfare law and specific laws on several species are therefore necessary in many trade-related laws as well as in animal-specific laws.

[EU animal welfare strategy, 2012-2015: State of play and possible next steps](#)

Briefing by Beata Rojek, October 2016

This briefing summarises the EU strategy on animal welfare for the 2012-2015 period. It provides an overview of the EU legal framework, the actions listed in the strategy and the positions of the Council, the Parliament and stakeholders at that moment.

Further online resources

What Europe does for me: [People concerned about hen welfare](#), [People concerned about the welfare of meat chickens](#), [Farm animal welfare defenders](#), [People concerned about animal welfare at slaughter](#), [People concerned about the welfare of pigs](#)

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