

**Question for written answer E-002870/2014  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Inhumane slaughter of EU animals in third countries

The Commission's animal welfare strategy emphasises the importance of making progress at an international level, stating in particular that the Commission will 'examine how animal welfare could be better integrated in the framework of the European neighbourhood policy'.

1. What steps has the Commission taken to examine how animal welfare could be better integrated in the framework of the European neighbourhood policy?
2. The shocking conditions in which EU animals are slaughtered in Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, West Bank and Gaza have recently been revealed. EU animals are suffering dreadfully during slaughter in these countries, which need assistance to understand how changes in layout, infrastructure and personnel behaviour can improve animal welfare. Such changes are often simple and inexpensive. Is the Commission prepared to give practical assistance to these countries so that they can improve their slaughter standards?