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to the Commission**

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Subject: Member State competence for animal welfare

There is much European legislation on animal welfare, including numerous regulations and directives on animal welfare during transportation and on slaughter and breeding conditions.

This legislation, however, seems to be incomplete (salmon and duck breeding, for example, are not mentioned) and ineffective. With its ideology of complete free trade, the EU actually makes the situation worse for animals, in particular livestock.

National initiatives, for example protected areas like the Pelagos sanctuary, have been very successful, however. How does the Commission intend to give the initiative with regard to animal welfare back to Member States?