

**Question for written answer E-005308/2018**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Bullfighting and EU farm subsidy

In Spain, the so-called bull festivals are held, where bulls are forced to run in the streets among large crowds of people. In addition to these bull festivals, bullfighting is also common in Spain. Bulls are sent out in the arena just to entertain spectators by the brutal slaughter and slow, bleeding to death of the animals. This is contrary to the values of the EU, as it amounts to animal cruelty, and here animal welfare is obviously completely absent.

Does the Commission agree that bullfighting is animal cruelty? And has the Commission investigated the bulls' conditions before, during and after they end up in the arena, in order to assess the scope of animal cruelty?

Does the Commission have a comprehensive view of whether some EU farm subsidies ends up with Spanish farmers, who breed bull calves for the purpose of exposing them to animal cruelty?

Does the Commission have any initiatives underway to stop bullfighting and bull festivals, for example, by removing the EU farm subsidy from this line of Spanish agriculture?