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Subject: Animal experiments: additional breeding of animals

According to the Commission report of 7 February 2020 on the implementation of Directive 2010/63/EU on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes in the Member States, in addition to the 10.9 million reported uses of animals, $12^{0}597^{0}816$ animals were bred and killed, but not used in procedures.

This means that in 2017, a total of 23.5 million animals were killed for scientific purposes across the EU.

Can the Commission explain how it is reducing the number of animals being bred for scientific purposes but not used in procedures?