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**Subject:** Increasing the number of people who are sensitive to animal welfare considerations in committees monitoring animal testing

Articles 36 to 38 of Directive 2010/63/EU on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes govern the authorisation and evaluation of projects involving animal testing. In particular, they deal with the establishment of competent authorities designated by Member States to carry out the obligations of that directive.

In France, animal testing ethics committees have been set up to assess proposals for projects involving such testing.

However, these committees very rarely reject the research proposals submitted to them. In 2017, none of the 3 708 research proposals submitted to these committees was refused.

This is owing to the unbalanced composition of the committees; most members are themselves involved in testing procedures. Therefore, independence and impartiality are inadequately guaranteed.

In the context of recasting Directive 2010/63/EU, would the Commission consider requiring the competent authorities designated by the Member States to include a greater proportion of people who are sensitive to animal welfare considerations?

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