

**Question for written answer E-001088/2023  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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**Subject:** State of play with regard to the plans to ban cages in livestock farming in the EU

In the Farm to Fork strategy, the Commission undertook to overhaul the EU's animal welfare legislation. In addition, in response to 'End The Cage Age', a European Citizens' Initiative, the Commission is to review the existing rules on the keeping of animals in cages and the use of farrowing crates for sows.

In view of the current economic situation, legislative changes in the field of animal welfare should be introduced gradually and prudently, and priority should be given to ensuring that transition periods in future animal welfare legislation are long enough to allow livestock farming in individual EU Member States to be brought into line with the new requirements.

In view of the above:

1. What is the extent of the changes to EU legislation governing the minimum housing conditions for farm animals?
2. How long will the transition period be for complying with the new rules?
3. Will the Commission produce an expert study assessing the potential impact that an increase in the minimum housing conditions for cattle, pigs and laying hens would have in the dairy, beef, pork and egg production sectors?

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