

**Question for written answer E-000766/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Free access for children to an activity involving animal cruelty

In 2018, the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child warned the Spanish state about the participation of children in bullfighting. In 2023, it passed General Comment No 26, in which it calls for children to be protected from exposure to all forms of violence, including violence inflicted on animals.

Valencia Provincial Council organises a 'children's area' which children of any age can access free of charge and unaccompanied by their families. In the area, they can witness animal cruelty and injured people, such as participants in the event themselves¹.

In view of the above:

1. Does the Commission consider that these events are in line with the EU strategy on the rights of children and adolescents?
2. Does the Commission intend to make recommendations in this regard to comply with the Convention on the Rights of the Child?
3. Is the Commission aware that, according to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child recommendations, children's fundamental rights are being breached?

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¹ https://www.eldiario.es/comunitat-valenciana/valencia/menores-corridas-toros-diputacion-valencia-ofrece-palco-infantil-gratis-plaza-feria-fallas_1_10911113.html