

**Question for written answer P-000292/2018  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Implementation of Directive 2010/63/EU on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes

In accordance with Article 58 of Directive 2010/63/EU on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes, the Commission published a report reviewing the directive on 10 November 2017. In its report, the Commission notes that a number of inquiries and infringement procedures relating to the implementation of the directive are currently in progress.

Could the Commission provide any information concerning these inquiries and infringement procedures, and specify which Member States are under investigation and why?

The 2015 statistics on the use of animals for scientific purposes in France were recently published, showing that the number of animals used in experimental procedures increased by 7.5% between 2014 and 2015 (1 901 752 in 2015, compared to 1 769 618 in 2014), as did the use of severe procedures, contrary to the objectives of Directive 2010/63/EU. The statistics also appear to uncover a number of infringements of EU law, particularly concerning the requirement to state the origin of animals used.

Could the Commission provide equivalent statistics for all Member States and say what they reveal about Member States' compliance with the provisions and objectives of Directive 2010/63/EU? Could it say what action it plans to take to ensure that these provisions and objectives are met?