

**Priority question for written answer P-003732/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Right of access for parliamentarians in laboratories carrying out experiments on animals

In a resolution of 16 September 2021, Parliament called for an end to animal testing and for the use of new testing methods to be encouraged.

In the same vein, a European Citizens' Initiative (ECI) on compliance with the ban on animal testing for cosmetic products, entitled 'Save Cruelty Free Cosmetics', has gathered over 1.4 million signatures in Europe.

A right of access to farms supplying animals and laboratories using animals could be envisaged in order to check their compliance with the requirements of Directive 2010/63/EU on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes.

The purpose of such a right of access would be to verify, as a minimum, compliance with the conditions in which the test animals are kept and the care afforded to them. Promoting transparency in these establishments can only improve the treatment of animals.

1. Will the Commission take into account the ECI referred to above, including, where appropriate, in the context of a revision of Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009 on cosmetic products and of Directive 2010/63/EU?
2. Would it consider introducing a right of access for national and European parliamentarians and animal welfare associations recognised as a public service?

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