

***Animal Welfare
Law on its way in
2010***

EU treaty on Animal Welfare, Stopping Jewish Sacrifices in 2010?

- **Dan 9:27** And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease
- The following link is about the EU Action Plan for Animal Welfare that is intended to "improve the protection and welfare of animals" by 2010.
http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/welfare/work_doc_strategic_basis230106_en.pdf
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- The European Commission's activities in this area start with the recognition that animals are sentient beings. http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/welfare/index_en.htm
- *****
- Improving animal welfare: EU Action Plan adopted
<http://www.welcomeurope.com/default.asp?id=1300&idnews=2597>
- *****
- Jewish sacrifice "Shechita" guaranteed under EU Law (since Israel is a partner to the EU ENP it seems to be obligated to have permission from EU to do its animal sacrifices - and what the EU gives it can also take away)
- <http://www.cer-online.org/en/DisplayRelease.asp?ID=26>
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on a Community Action Plan on the Protection and Welfare of Animals 2006-2010

Strategic basis for the proposed actions

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Animal Welfare - Introduction

The European Commission's activities in this area start with the recognition that animals are sentient beings. The general aim is to ensure that animals do not endure avoidable pain or suffering, and obliges the owner/keeper of animals to respect minimum welfare requirements.

The international importance of this issue and the commitment of the Community in raising awareness on the issue worldwide were highlighted in an [address](#) delivered by Commissioner Byrne to the first OIE Global conference on animal welfare on 23 February 2004.

In a [speech](#)  to the European Parliament's Intergroup on Animal Welfare on 8 June 2005 Commissioner Markos Kyprianou provided an update of progress regarding the Commission's initiatives to promote animal welfare. At the Agriculture and Fisheries Council meeting of 21-22 December 2004 Commissioner Kyprianou also announced the Commission's intention to develop a European Action Plan on Animal Welfare. At the inaugural meeting of the new Advisory Group on the Food Chain and Animal and Plant Health of 5-6 July 2005 stakeholders were invited to submit their views and comments on the Commission's initiative by September 2005. A public internet consultation has also been launched on this issue.

On 30 March 2006, the first [EU-level conference on animal welfare](#) was held in Brussels, hosted by the Austrian Presidency. The conference provided the Commission with the opportunity to present its Animal Welfare Action Plan to Member State representatives, international partners and a broad array of stakeholders from across the food chain

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Improving animal welfare: EU Action Plan adopted

Concrete measures to improve the protection and welfare of animals over the next five years are outlined in a new Action Plan on the protection and welfare of animals, adopted by the Commission today.

The Action Plan aims to ensure that animal welfare is addressed in the most effective manner possible over the coming years, in all EU sectors and through EU relations with Third countries.

Related EU Grant Loans Programme(s):

-  Grants for information and awareness actions in the field of European agricultural policy
-  Grants for European NGOs active in the protection of the environment and the animal protection

For the period 2006-2010, five main areas of action are set out to meet this objective: upgrading minimum standards for animal welfare; promoting research and alternative approaches to animal testing; introducing standardised animal welfare indicators; better informing animal handlers and the general public on animal welfare issues; and supporting international initiatives for the protection of animals. Detailed background on each area of action is outlined in the Action Plan, in the accompanying impact assessment and Commission working document, along with an indicative timetable for the planned initiatives.

The Action Plan, which was called for by the European Parliament and the Council, aims to clarify

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EU Law Guarantees Shechita Rights

Brussels - 15-Sep-05

A top-level delegation from the Conference of European Rabbis met with Mr Franco Frattini Vice President of the European Commission and Commissioner for Justice Freedom and Security on Wednesday September 14 at the European Commission in Brussels.



During the meeting, Vice President Frattini pledged EU support for combating anti-Semitism in Europe and for protecting Jewish religious rights.

The Vice President assured the CER delegation that he regards attempts to restrict Jewish ritual slaughter (shechita) as contraventions of EU law and said he would be contacting the Belgian Interior Minister over the issue following attempts in the Belgian Senate to place restrictions on shechita in Belgium.

Mr Frattini said he was concerned that EU member states had failed to agree on framework legislation within the bloc to combat racism, anti-Semitism and xenophobia and that he would be presenting new proposals in this area with a view to adopting new EU-wide legislation on this issue during the EU's Austrian presidency in the first half of 2006.

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