



Fur Free Europe

The number of European citizens' initiatives that have successfully reached the required number of support statements for the European Commission to take action, continues to grow. Some have resulted in new legislation, while others have had other meaningful results. All of them have built networks around issues and raised awareness among both citizens and policy makers.

What is the current situation in the EU regarding fur farms?

There are estimated to be around 1 000 active fur farms in the EU for mink, fox and racoon dogs, with approximately 7.7 million animals.

There is currently no specific EU animal welfare legislation covering animals kept for fur production. However, animals at fur farms are covered by EU rules on the protection of animals kept for farming purposes.

ORGANISERS' GOAL



Prohibit by law, throughout the Union, the:

- keeping and killing of animals for the sole or main purpose of fur production.
- placing farmed animal fur, and products containing such fur, on the EU market.

ENGAGEMENT



1,502,319 validated signatures with required thresholds reached in 18 EU Member States.

FOLLOW-UP



In its response to the ECI, the Commission commits to carefully assess the necessity

for and feasibility of a ban on fur farming and the marketing of fur in the EU. On the basis of scientific advice from EFSA [European Food Safety Authority], to be received by March 2025, and further evaluation, the Commission will communicate by March 2026 if it considers appropriate to propose a ban, after a transition period. The Commission will also consider whether to take other measures to ensure the welfare of farmed fur animals.

In the meantime, the Commission is taking several measures in relation to the welfare, public health and environmental impacts of fur farming.



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