

Short biography

Alice Di Concetto is a lecturer in animal law at the Sorbonne Law School. She additionally founded the European Institute for Animal Law & Policy, where she serves as a European animal law specialist to major EU-based animal protection nonprofits and public administrations.

Over the past two years, working in public affairs, Alice has achieved the inclusion of additional provisions in favor of farm animal welfare in the EU Green Deal.

Prior to her arrival in Brussels, Alice completed a two-year appointment as a fellow in the Animal Law & Policy Program at Harvard Law School.

Her publication record includes several law review articles in legal journals, including the French Review of Animal Law.

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Abstract

The Revision of EU Farm Animal Welfare Legislation: Taking Stock of Animal Welfare Laws

Many advocates worldwide have often viewed the EU's animal welfare legislation as a model. Yet, industrial farm animal agriculture has now become the EU's default way of producing animals for consumption purposes.

Against the backdrop of the Covid-19, the EU's executive branch acknowledged the shortcomings of its farm animal welfare legislation. EU authorities further identified the need to shift to more plant-based diets as part of the Green Deal.

These reforms could pave the way to systemic change in the legal treatment of animals in Europe, and bring EU law significantly closer to its constitutional mandate of "paying full regard to the welfare requirements of animals." However, despite these encouraging signs, animal sentience is still not the *ratio legis* of these reforms.

After presenting EU farm animal welfare legislation, its limits, and reform opportunities, my presentation will question the effectiveness of animal welfare laws in ending the commodification of animals.