Question for written answer E-002757/2025/rev.1
to the Commission
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Subject: The common agricultural policy enables animal cruelty

The aim of the common agricultural policy (CAP) is to support the production of high-quality food while preserving natural resources and financially supporting farmers who meet specific criteria, such as environmental standards. However, the CAP also supports the rearing of bulls for bullfighting. Instead of securing sustainable food production in line with the European Green Deal, CAP funds are being used to facilitate animal suffering for the entertainment of a small minority. This directly contradicts the purpose of the CAP and undermines EU animal welfare legislation.

A portion of EU agricultural subsidies under the CAP supports the breeding of bulls used in bullfighting, particularly in countries such as Spain, Portugal and France. Breeders of fighting bulls receive subsidies through area- and livestock-based payments, without restrictions on the intended use of the animals. Citizens have the right to know how much money they are contributing to supporting bullfighting.

1. How will the Commission ensure that the upcoming CAP reform takes animal welfare into account?

2. How does the Commission plan to end animal cruelty, in particular cruelty related to bullfighting?

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