

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-002089/26
to the Commission
Asger Christensen (Renew)
(20 May 2026)**

Subject: Future regulation of fur farming in the EU

There is still a lot of political debate and uncertainty surrounding the future regulation of fur farming in the EU. Several Member States and stakeholders have also emphasised the need to ensure high standards of animal welfare, disease control and traceability in the sectors concerned, which continue to operate under strict regulation in Europe.

In the light of the foregoing:

1. How does the Commission assess the risk that a blanket EU ban on fur farming would lead to production being moved to third countries with lower standards of animal welfare, disease control and traceability?
2. In its further efforts on this issue, will the Commission consider an approach that is based on common European minimum standards, verifiable animal welfare protocols and strict regulation, rather than a blanket ban at EU level?
3. Can the Commission provide information on the expected timeline for the forthcoming communication on the future regulation of fur farming in the EU?

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**Answer given by Mr Várhelyi on behalf of the European Commission
(10 July 2026)**

A thorough analysis, assessing the various impacts of different scenarios, with or without equivalent measures on imports of fur and fur products, is performed, as part of an external study commissioned by the Commission.

However, at this stage, it is not possible to inform about any measure(s) that will be retained, since the Commission is still preparing the follow-up Communication replying to the European Citizen's Initiative 'Fur Free Europe' ⁽¹⁾. The process is ongoing, and it is the Commission's intention to finalise soon the text of the communication.

⁽¹⁾ https://citizens-initiative.europa.eu/fur-free-europe_en.