

To: **European Commission**

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Dear Directors,

We, the undersigned Members of the European Parliament, would like to reaffirm our strong support for the **European Commission's Roadmap to phase out animal testing for chemical safety assessment** ("EC Roadmap"), and to underline the critical importance of its timely and effective implementation upon publication in early 2026.

We have noted with concern that the **2026 Commission Work Programme** does not make reference to the EC Roadmap, an essential component of the EU's broader objectives under the **Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability (CSS)**. Together with the REACH revision, which is also omitted from the 2026 work programme, these initiatives are central in ensuring that the EU continues to progress towards a future where safety assessments are carried out through advanced, human-relevant, non-animal methods.

The EC Roadmap represents a shared commitment between the European Commission, the European Parliament, and citizens to achieve a science-based and sustainable transition. Successful delivery of the EC Roadmap will contribute directly to meeting the objectives of the **2021 European Parliament Resolution on phasing out animal testing**, as well as to honouring the commitments made in response to the **European Citizens' Initiative "Save Cruelty Free Cosmetics-Commit to a Europe without Animal Testing"**, which gained 1.2 million valid signatures.

We therefore respectfully urge the Commission to:

- **Maintain and reinforce** its commitment to the implementation of the EC Roadmap. Implementation must strictly follow after the Roadmap is published in early 2026. Among key elements, a clear governance and implementation plan, with timelines, funding schemes, resources for EU agencies to facilitate necessary exchanges, as well as effective monitoring tools to track progress, should thus be proactively addressed by the EC.
- **Ensure coherence** between the EC Roadmap and the forthcoming **revision of REACH**, to reflect the objectives set under the Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability, namely to support innovation to reduce dependency on animal testing while ensuring the highest levels of protection of human health and the environment and improving the quality and efficiency of chemical hazard and risk assessments. The need for alignment must also extend to other upcoming policy and legislative initiatives within the chemical framework.
- **Ensure clarity and transparency** on the next steps to phase out the use of animals for chemical safety assessment, including key milestones, engagement of stakeholders, and allocation of adequate resources to support the transition.

In doing so, the Commission will contribute to keeping the EU at the forefront of scientific excellence and innovation, while upholding the values and expectations of its citizens and advancing safety assessments that offer better protection for people, animals and the environment.

We remain committed to supporting the Commission in this work and stand ready to collaborate in achieving our shared goal of a modern, ethical, and competitive European research and regulatory system.

Yours sincerely,

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