

Dear Members of the European Parliament

I am sending this letter to you, because I hope, that you can improve something and stop a terrible injustice.

On January 22 we demonstrated in front of the European Parliament for those, who can not speak for themselves.

We were there for those, who have to suffer unbelievable atrocities and whose cries are not being heard.

Therefore, we ask you, the Members of the European Parliament, to listen to us.

I demand an end to Animal transports, especially the ones crossing European borders.

According to a decision by the European Supreme Court from 2015, all transported animals are under the protection of the European Animal Welfare Act until they reach their final destination.

But this law is constantly violated. If the European Legislation can not protect the Animals born and raised in the European Union and guarantee their safety and welfare during transportation when leaving European ground, it must stop these transports at once.

If this law has no power at all to avoid the unspeakable violence that animals have to bear before being killed in the local slaughterhouses in countries like Egypt, Turkey, Lebanon and others, it must forbid these transports at once.

Hell on earth is a poor description when speaking of atrocities like gouging the Animals eyes out while they are still alive, cutting their legs, punching them, inflicting all sorts of pain on them and killing them while they are still conscious and in a way which is often enough opposed even to the islamic rite of slaughtering.

What is going on there, is the complete opposite of all the efforts being undertaken in many European countries in order to guarantee a least painful death possible for an animal destined to die in a slaughterhouse.

We can not change what is happening in non European countries - unfortunately. We can only pray and hope with all our hearts, that one day mankind will no longer ignore the suffering of our brothers and sisters, who have been on this planet a long time before us. But we can change what is happening to the animals from the European Union, if we put an end to animal transports into these countries. It is the duty of the European Legislation to apply their rules for the protection of Animals which reflect the five freedoms for animals first presented 1979 in the UK:

Freedom from hunger and thirst, freedom from discomfort, freedom from pain, injury and disease, freedom to express normal behavior and freedom from fear and distress.

But how can these be possibly put into action, if the transportation of dairy cows, some of them even pregnant, up to five thousand kilometers and more to Kazakhstan or Turkmenistan is allowed?

According to the five freedoms, the European Legislation also has to reconsider the transportation of animals over thousands of kilometers within its borders.

Calves are transported from Germany to Spain in order to be raised and bred there and are then transported to Italy to be killed in a local slaughterhouse. Does this plain

folly make any sense? It does, when it comes to money. This is the only reason for a system which has become insane. The Meat Industry is responsible for this insanity and furthermore a Legislation, which does allow for this. Calves, having suffered already from the trauma of being wrested away from their mothers a few hours or a day after birth, are sent on a long and exhausting journey and, sadly, often enough die before they even arrive at their final destination.

The day must come, when humanity will awake and understand - not only with the mind, but also with the heart: that the exploitation and killing of the weaker ones on this planet, simply because they cannot fight for their rights, is not, by no means, the right thing to do.

Often enough, history has shown us that certain actions from the past now qualify as crimes, even if they weren't perceived as such by the majority or a jurisdiction then.

The Atlantic Slave Trade persisted for nearly four hundred years and is one of the darkest chapters in human history. Chained, with almost no space to move, under insupportable conditions and often destined to die during the journey, African men and women were transported to North America, the Caribbean Islands or South America to live as slaves for the economic welfare of their conquerers.

What happened then was an unspeakable cruelty and shame and is regarded as an injustice today, but it wasn't then.

Among all living creatures, the human being differs mainly for one important thing: responsibility. But nowadays humanity outstands for a *lack* of responsibility and we simply can not continue like this.

The earth is soaked with the blood of billions and billions of animals being slaughtered each year for human greed and ignorance.

The Meat Industry has an enormous impact when it comes to hunger and starvation of people in poorer countries, when it comes to challenges like earth warming and others connected with the environment.

As Members of the European Parliament you must know these facts and you have the power to change things along with the rising awareness of any single citizen.

And this rising awareness of the injustice and suffering that is inflicted on Animals is becoming stronger and stronger. The movement of compassion is growing and growing every day with people who do not longer close their eyes or keep their hearts shut.

Dear Members of the European Parliament: What will you tell your children one day? Will you say: „I had the power to stop this insanity but I didn't do it. I could have had an influence to implement a new law, which would have reduced the suffering of animals, who feel the same pain as human beings, but I obeyed to the law of capitalism.

I had the ability to change something in order to prevent the negative consequences of the meat industry, but its economic growth seemed more important than its atrocities.

I had to ignore all this, because we had to keep the economy going and growing.“

Please, Members of the European Parliament: You are well aware of the devastating shadows casted by an industry who does not care at all about sentient beings or planet Earth.

Please, Members of the European Parliament: Do take care. Do make laws which guarantee dignity and less harm to sentient beings and which protect our planet.

Please, Members of the European Parliament: Open your hearts and show empathy towards the animals and open your eyes to the injustice, which they have to endure.

As a European citizen I ask *you* to give a Voice to those, who can not speak for themselves.

Please do put an end to an avoidable suffering.

Yours truly,