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Dear Commissioner Vella,

Article 10 of directive 2010/63/EU on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes foresees that the Commission shall conduct a feasibility study, published no later than 10 November 2017 to assess the animal health and welfare in the framework of this directive. As for article 58, it foresees that the “Commission shall review this Directive by 10 November 2017, taking into account advancements in the development of alternative methods not entailing the use of animals”.

One year before the time laid down in the directive, we are sending you this letter to asking you for more information on the review process that the Commission intends to carry out in the course of 2017, regarding the timetable as well as the format of the procedure.

We would also like to alert you to the fact that several stakeholders have notified to us that many provisions of the directive are not properly applied in some member states. Moreover, we have found that financial, technical and legislative means lack to fully comply with recital 10 of this text that foresees “full replacement of procedures on live animals for scientific and educational purposes as soon as it is scientifically possible to do so.”

Thus we also would like to ask you, dear Commissioner, to provide us with figures on the implementation of Directive 2010/63/ EU and more specifically on the evolution of the practice of animal testing in the European Union since 2010.

We thank you for the attention you will give to this request and wish to assure you, Mr Karmenu Vella, of our perfect consideration.

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