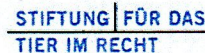
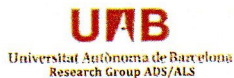


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CONCLUSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE

The principle of Art 13 TFEU shall be respected not only in formulating legislation but also in implementing and enforcement.

Inadequate enforcement is a problem in almost every animal welfare related EU legislation.

The enforcement part of the Animal welfare strategy 2012-2015 is welcome as the conference discussed a broad variety of enforcement problems and –crucially - solutions.

The conference highlighted the need for a common European understanding of animal welfare and an enhanced culture of compliance and enforcement.

The conference highlighted the urgent need for

- Better regulation in particular clearer and more precise legislation
- EU Commission to develop an enforcement strategy including
 - o a communication strategy
 - o developing networks (a EU network of animal welfare lawyers and commissioners was established in the framework of the conference)
 - o Education, information and training
 - o Considering NGOs as partners
 - o Providing adequate resources at the EU and national level
 - o Requiring full compliance with intermediate stages of legislation enforcement
- Key supporting mechanism for improved compliance is transparent information for consumers including labelling and traceability