

Common Statement of
the Committee of Veterinary Sciences and Reproductive Biology Polish Academy of Sciences,
the Committee of Animal Sciences and Aquaculture Polish Academy of Sciences,
and the Division II of Biological and Agricultural Sciences Polish Academy of Sciences regarding
the consequences to the development of scientific research after the adoption of the ECI
European “Citizen's” Initiative - “Save cruelty-free cosmetics – committing to a Europe without
animal testing”.

The adoption of this initiative, irrespectively the number of European citizens who have signed it, will be particularly dangerous for conducting further scientific research for the life, health and wellbeing of humans and animals, and for preserving the natural environment in Europe. Important European initiatives such as the European Green Deal, the development of regenerative agriculture, the adaptation to climate change, the research on combating infectious and noninfectious diseases of humans and animals require the use of different species of experimental animals to gain novel biological knowledge, validate scientific hypotheses and perform biomedical tests seeking for new therapies and diagnostic tools. We also emphasize the growing risk of intellectual drainage and scientific research by non-European institutions. In solidarity with the other scientific institutions of the European Community in the current context, we strongly advise against 1) a ban on the use of animals and animal testing in research, 2) a revision of the 2010 directive on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes and 3) an action plan with milestones of full substitution of animals in research.

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