



USE OF WILD ANIMALS IN CIRCUSES: TIME FOR A CHANGE

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Over the last few years, hundreds of European municipalities and 18 EU Member States have adopted limitations for using wild animals in circuses on the ground of public security, animal health, conservation, ethics and welfare.

This trend is a reflection of the decreasing public support in using live animals, particularly non-domesticated species, for public entertainment. The conference will present an innovative Italian study on the socio-economic impact of banning the use of animals in circuses. During the event, an analysis of the consequences of using wild animals in circuses from a veterinary, ethologic and public security point of view will also be presented. In addition, opportunities for preserving the cultural value of the circus art without compromising animal welfare will be explored.

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Opening Speech by Marlene Mizzi MEP (S&D)

Conclusions of Study on Socio-Economic Impact of Proposed Italian Ban on Use of Animals in Circuses

Gaia Angelini, Campaigner for Wild Animals - LAV
Sergio Vistarini, Researcher - Censis Foundation
Cristiano Turchetti, Analyst - Censis Foundation

Opportunities for the Contemporary Circus in the Context of the Creative Europe EC Programme

Gloria Lorenzo Leronés, European Commission – DG Culture and Creativity, EAC.D2
Creative Europe

The Future of Circus Art

Stéphane Segreto-Aguilar, Coordinator – Circostrada, European Network for Circus Art and Street Art

Big Top Label for Circus Quality (video–message)

Istvan Ujhelyi MEP (S&D)

FVE Position on Use of Animals in Travelling Circuses

Nancy De Briyne, Deputy Executive Director - Federation of Veterinarians of Europe

EU Member States Choosing to Ban Use of Wild Animals in Circuses: Belgian Case

Michel Vandenbosch, President - GAIA

Why Europe Needs an EU-Wide Ban on the Use of Wild Animals in Circuses

Ilaria Di Silvestre, Programme Leader Wildlife - Eurogroup for Animals

Debate

Closing Remarks by Marlene Mizzi MEP (S&D)