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**Towards a EU Animal Welfare Law? Animal Testing in the Context of the European Union:
Reflections on the Directive 2010/63/EU and Its Transposition in Germany and in Italy**

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Directive 2010/63/EU on the Protection of Animals used for Scientific Purposes – which replaces the former Directive 86/609/EEC – provides a common framework on animal testing in the European Union. Its adoption raised a fierce debate in European countries, and in particular in Italy and in Germany, between opponents and supporters of experiments on animals. The overall objective of this project, after an analysis of the content of the Directive, is to investigate some issues concerning its transposition in selected EU countries. Its goal is to evaluate the different legislative paths adopted and highlight the topics (i.e. research on Non-Human Primates – NHPs) that determined major difficulties in the transposition process. The research concepts stem from the recognition that Animal Welfare has become a key concern for EU institutions and that Directive 2010/63/EU is a significant step in the consolidation of an ‘EU Animal Law’ based on shared and common principles amongst EU Member States.



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