

EU poll on cages for hens — Austria

Survey conducted by Savanta, commissioned by Humánný pokrok on behalf of the animal protection organisations publishing it · fieldwork in Austria 11–24 September 2026 (survey period 11–29 September) · Austria: n = 1,000 adults aged 18+, weighted · 25 EU countries, 25,080 respondents in total

Q2. “When should the last hen leave the last cage in the EU?”

As asked in German: “Wann soll die letzte Henne den letzten Käfig in der EU verlassen?” — Hätte schon geschehen sollen · Bis 2030 · Bis 2035 · Bis 2040 · Bis 2045 · 2050 oder später · nie · Weiß nicht

65%

of people in Austria say the last hen in the EU should **already** be out of the cage — the most common answer in all 25 countries

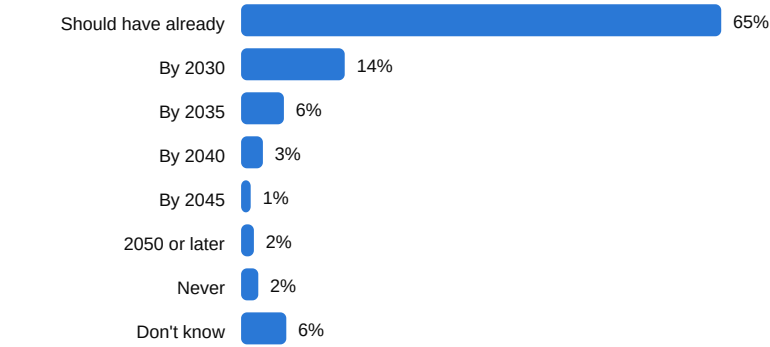
85%

want the last hen in the EU out of the cage **by 2035 at the latest** (91% of those with a view; 6% don't know)

5%

would accept cages still in use in **2045 or later**, or never ending (1% chose 2045 itself)

Answers in Austria (weighted %)



Austria against the EU

Q2	Austria	EU (18+ weighted)	Rank
Should have already	65%	52%	1 / 25
By 2030 at the latest	80%	69%	1 / 25
By 2035 at the latest	85%	75%	1 / 25
2045 or later, or never	5%	7%	19 / 25
Don't know	6%	16%	25 / 25

Rank 1 = highest share among the 25 countries. EU figure: Savanta All Countries tables, each country weighted to its adult population (Eurostat, 1 January 2025).

By group in Austria (weighted %; n = unweighted respondents)

Group	n	Should have already	By 2035 at the latest (of those with a view)	2045 or later, or never	Don't know
All respondents	1,000	65%	85% (91%)	5%	6%
Men	487	55%	81% (87%)	8%	7%
Women	511	75%	89% (95%)	3%	6%
18–34	260	51%	80% (88%)	5%	10%
35–54	339	69%	86% (91%)	6%	5%
55+	401	72%	88% (93%)	5%	5%
City	370	65%	81% (90%)	7%	10%
Town or suburb	250	64%	87% (91%)	4%	4%
Rural area or village	380	68%	88% (92%)	5%	4%

Groups marked * have 75 or fewer respondents and should not be quoted. Differences under about 8 points between groups within a country are within the margin of error. Figures are rounded half up from the weighted value; cumulative shares are computed before rounding, so they may differ by one point from the sum of rounded answers. In the German questionnaire the options “in a city” and “in a town or suburb” used the same word for city and town; read the two together as “urban” and compare only with “rural area or village”.

Methodology

Savanta conducted fieldwork between 11 and 29 September 2026 in 26 European Union member states. In each country, an online survey was completed by approximately 1000 adults aged 18 and over, recruited through Savanta's panel partners. Samples were drawn to be nationally representative using quotas on gender, age and settlement area. Data were weighted by gender, age and settlement area so that each national sample reflects the adult population of that country. Cyprus was not covered by the survey. In Malta, the number of completed interviews was not sufficient for robust analysis, and Malta is therefore excluded from the published results, which cover 25 countries. Savanta is a member of the Market Research Society (MRS) and of the British Polling Council (BPC) and abides by their rules. EU-wide figures are weighted by each country's population aged 18 and over (Eurostat, population on 1 January 2025), so that each country counts in proportion to its adult population; Malta is excluded. Statements of the form ‘in X of 25 countries’ are simple country counts. The survey's first question, a support/oppose item on ending the use of cages, is not reported: respondent-level checks showed that a large share of respondents had read its answer options as referring to cages rather than to ending their use, and Savanta's review concurred. The margin of error for a national sample of about 1,000 is approximately ±3 percentage points at the 95% confidence level; for sub-groups it is larger. Full data tables are available on request.

Prepared from Savanta's tables, respondent-level data file and questionnaire exports, 6 October 2026 (pack v2). Other questions of the survey are released in later stages.