



## **Expert Conference**

**“Time to Act - A Mandatory Identification and Registration (I&R) for dogs and cats in Germany and Developments in the European Union”**

### **Abstract: Contemporary responsible ownership in Europe – for companion animals too**

Despite calls by the European Parliament and various civil society initiatives, welfare of pets (companion animals) is currently still not the subject of EU legislation. National laws on animal welfare vary widely across the Member States, therefore a new unified approach is needed in order to improve animal welfare regulations in the EU. During his speech, Petras Auštrevičius will provide an overview of current issues related to the protection of animals that are currently being discussed by the European Parliament. Also, he will outline his proposals for concrete regulations towards ensuring animal welfare and filling the principle of responsible ownership in Europe with live – such as Identification and Registration.