



## European Coordination Committee on Veterinary Training Update on activities

The ECCVT meeting took place in March in Brussels under the chairmanship of the FVE President Dr Rafael Laguens. Two new members joined the Committee on behalf of EAEVE, namely Prof Antti Sukura from Helsinki-Finland and Prof Luis Tavares from Lisbon-Portugal, replacing Prof Laszlo Fodor and Prof Frank Gasthuys, who have both completed their term.

ECCVT is working on a number of opinions with regard to education and training of veterinarians at all levels. Two joint statements were formally agreed in this meeting, one on the [training of Animal Welfare Officer according to Regulation 1099/2009](#) and a [briefing paper on policy on veterinary education](#).

Committee Members

exchanged also their views on teaching of laboratory animal medicine in European veterinary establishments, 3Rs (Replacement - Reduction - Refinement) and use of animals for scientific purposes. Additionally, ECCVT members shared insights on the core principles that should be considered when establishing new veterinary schools. The Committee keeps on working on the development of opinions that will be further discussed in next meetings.

EAEVE and FVE are close to finalise and adopt the updated Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) of the European System of Evaluation of Veterinary Training (ESEVT). The updated SOPs ensure compliance with both the requirements of the European legislation and the European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA). Once the new SOPs are adopted, EAEVE will start working on the

application for ENQA accreditation and full-membership.

Veterinary specialisation in Europe is one of the items that the ECCVT looks into very close. Veterinary specialists are part of the veterinary profession, occupied mainly in academia and practice, but also at posts all over Europe. All three

organisations have established an open dialogue with a view to identify the way forward with regard to clear communication about veterinary specialisation.

ECCVT follows the progress with regard to secondary legislation on the Directive 2013/55 and the developments of the [Veterinary Continuous Education in Europe](#) (VETCEE).

### ECCVT Activities

- Education & training for the Animal Welfare Officer
- Briefing paper on veterinary education
- Laboratory Animal Science and Medicine
- ESEVT – Update of SOPs
- Veterinary Specialisation
- Day-1 competences
- VETCEE

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