'EURCAW-Pigs' European Reference Centre for Animal Welfare

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EU Reference Centres for Animal Welfare

LEGAL BASIS The Official Controls Regulation (OCR)

Articles 95 & 96 + Recital 73







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Recital 73: For the performance of official controls in the field of animal welfare, the competent authorities should have access to consistent technical data, research findings, new techniques and expertise necessary for the correct application of Union legislation applicable in the area.







EU Reference Centres for Animal Welfare

Art. 95: "The Commission shall, by means of implementing acts, designate European Union reference centres for animal welfare that shall support the activities of the Commission and of the Member States"









Pilot with focus on pig welfare



- On-farm pig welfare: e.g.Directive 2008/120/EC
- Animal transport: CouncilRegulation (EC) No 1/2005
- Protection of animals at the time of killing: Council Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009



Main Target Audience

• Competent Authorities, Policy Workers and their 'support bodies': science, training, communication







Designation



FRIEDRICH-LOEFFLER-INSTITUT Bundesforschungsinstitut für Tiergesundheit Federal Research Institute for Animal Health







designating a European Union Reference Centre for Animal Welfare

(Text with EEA relevance)

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

5 March 2018

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2017 on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal (EU) 2016/2031 of the European Parliament and plant protection products, amending Regulations (EC) with rules on animal (EU) 2016/2031 of the European Parliament and of the European Parliament and of the Council Council Council Directives 98/58/EC, 19/149/EC (EU) No 652/2014, (EU) No 652/2014, (EU) 2016/429 and Council Directives 39/603/EEC, 89/65/EEC, 99/437/4EC, 2007/43/EC, 2008/119/EC (EU) 2016/429 and Decision 92/438/EEC (Official Controls Regulation) (C), and in particular Article 95(1) thereof,

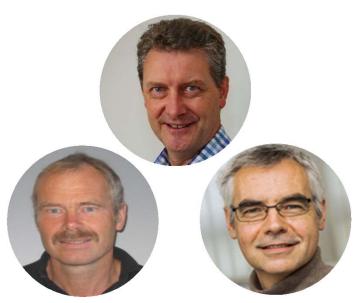
- In accordance with Article 95 of Regulation (EU) 2017/625, the Commission carried out a public call for activities of the Commission of a European Union Reference Centre for Animal Welfare that should support the welfare comments for animals of the Member states in reguon to the Section of the rules larging down and designation of a European Union Reference Centre for Animal Welfare the of the Commission and of the Member states in reason to the election of quirements for animals referred to in point (f) of Article 1(2) of that Regulation.
- The evaluation and selection committee appointed for that call concluded that the consortium led by Wageningen Livestock Research and also composed of Aarhus University and Friedrich-Loeffler-Institut complier tasks set out in Article 96 of that Regulation.

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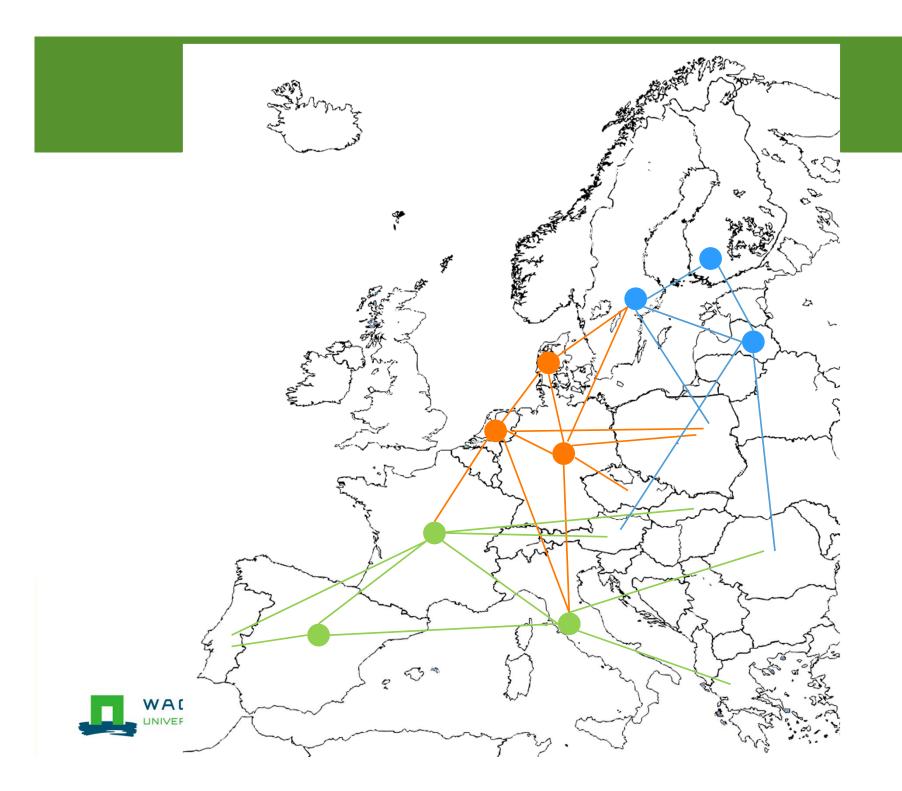
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EURCAW Main Activities (art. 96)

- 1. COORDINATED ASSISTANCE
- 2. ANIMAL WELFARE INDICATORS
- 3. SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL STUDIES
- 4. TRAINING COURSES
- 5. DISSEMINATING RESEARCH AND INNOVATIONS







1. Coordinated Assistance

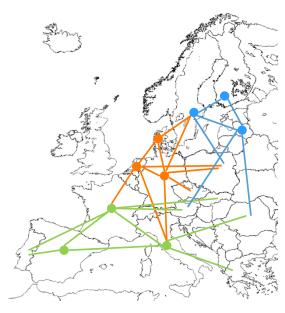
 Central contact point for technical information requested by Competent Authorities



- Networking across supporting bodies,
 CA's and policy workers
 - Existing networks
 - Regional meetings
 - National ref centres









2. Animal Welfare Indicators



- Compiling a list of relevant welfare indicators to verify compliance with legislation
 - Starting with 8 key areas of concern (e.g. stunning effectiveness, space on trucks, tail biting...)
 - Focus on 'open norms'



- The identification of 'Ice berg indicators'
 - Starting with 6 areas of the MS Action Plans (e.g. enrichment material, cleanliness, thermal comfort...)



3. Scientific and Technical Studies

- Existing knowledge of 8 key areas of concern, related to EU pig welfare legislation
 - Review papers and fact sheets







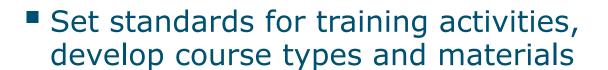






4. Training & Education

 Describe and evaluate training activities and materials use















5. Dissemination















- Dossiers on welfare issues
- Repository (docs, video's, websites)









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