
'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.

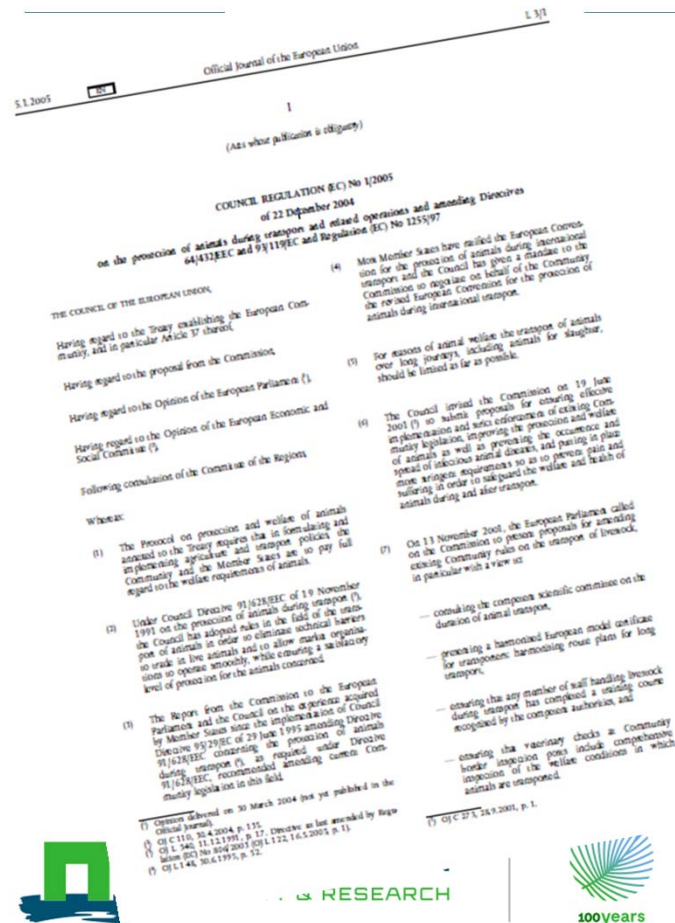


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Art. 95: "The Commission shall, by means of implementing acts, designate European Union reference centres for animal welfare that shall **support the activities of the Commission and of the Member States**"



Pilot with focus on pig welfare



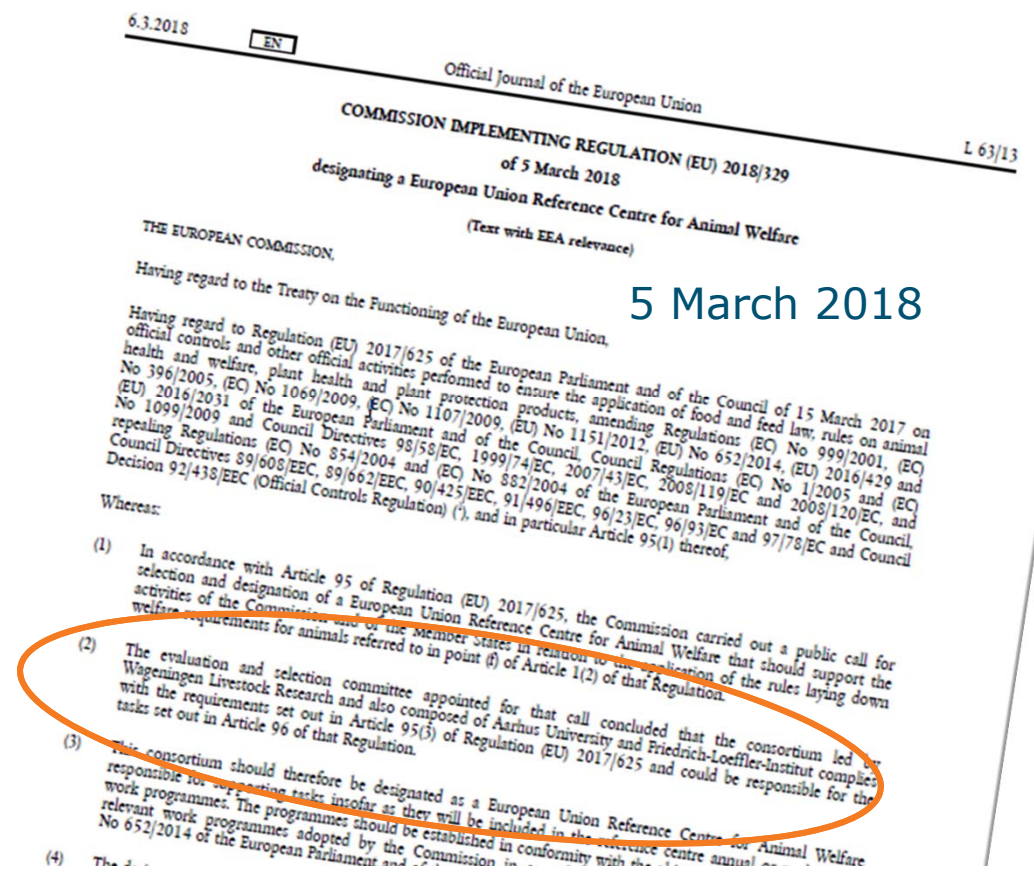
- On-farm pig welfare: e.g. Directive 2008/120/EC
- Animal transport: Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005
- Protection of animals at the time of killing: Council Regulation (EC) No 1099/2009



Main Target Audience

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

Designation





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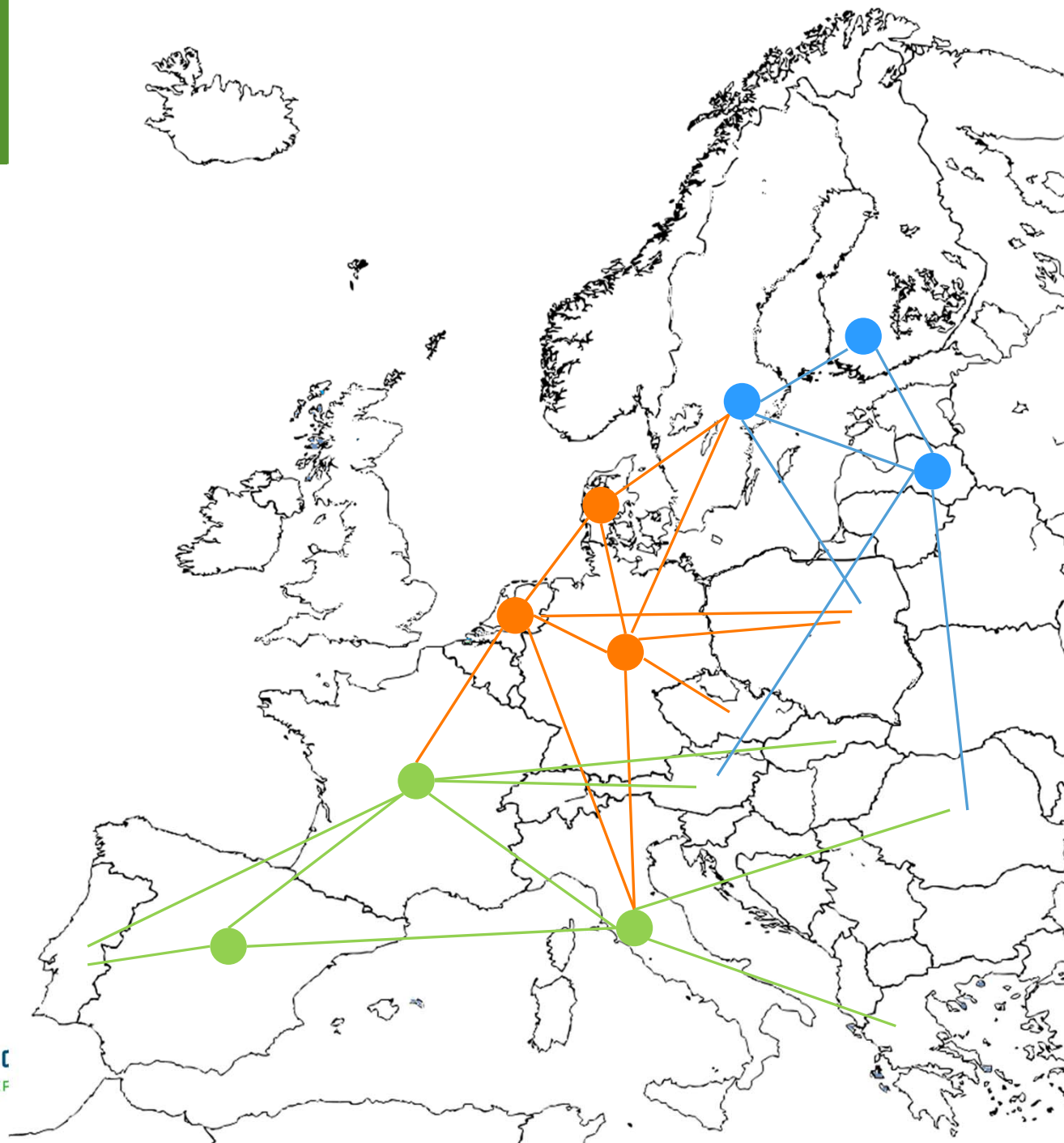
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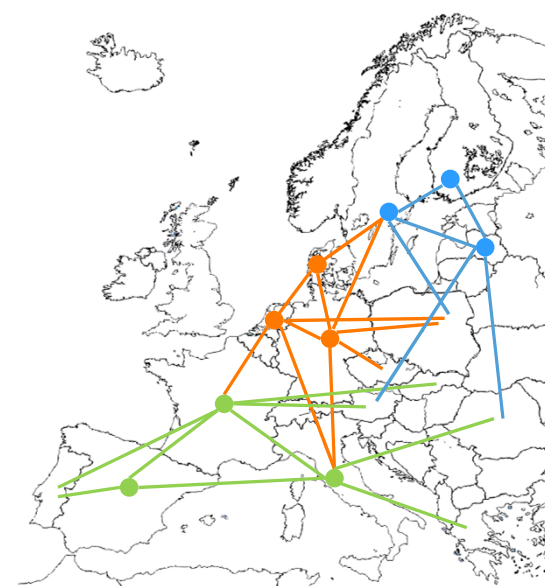


EURCAW Main Activities (art. 96)

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
- To identify demonstrator farms, transport companies or slaughter houses

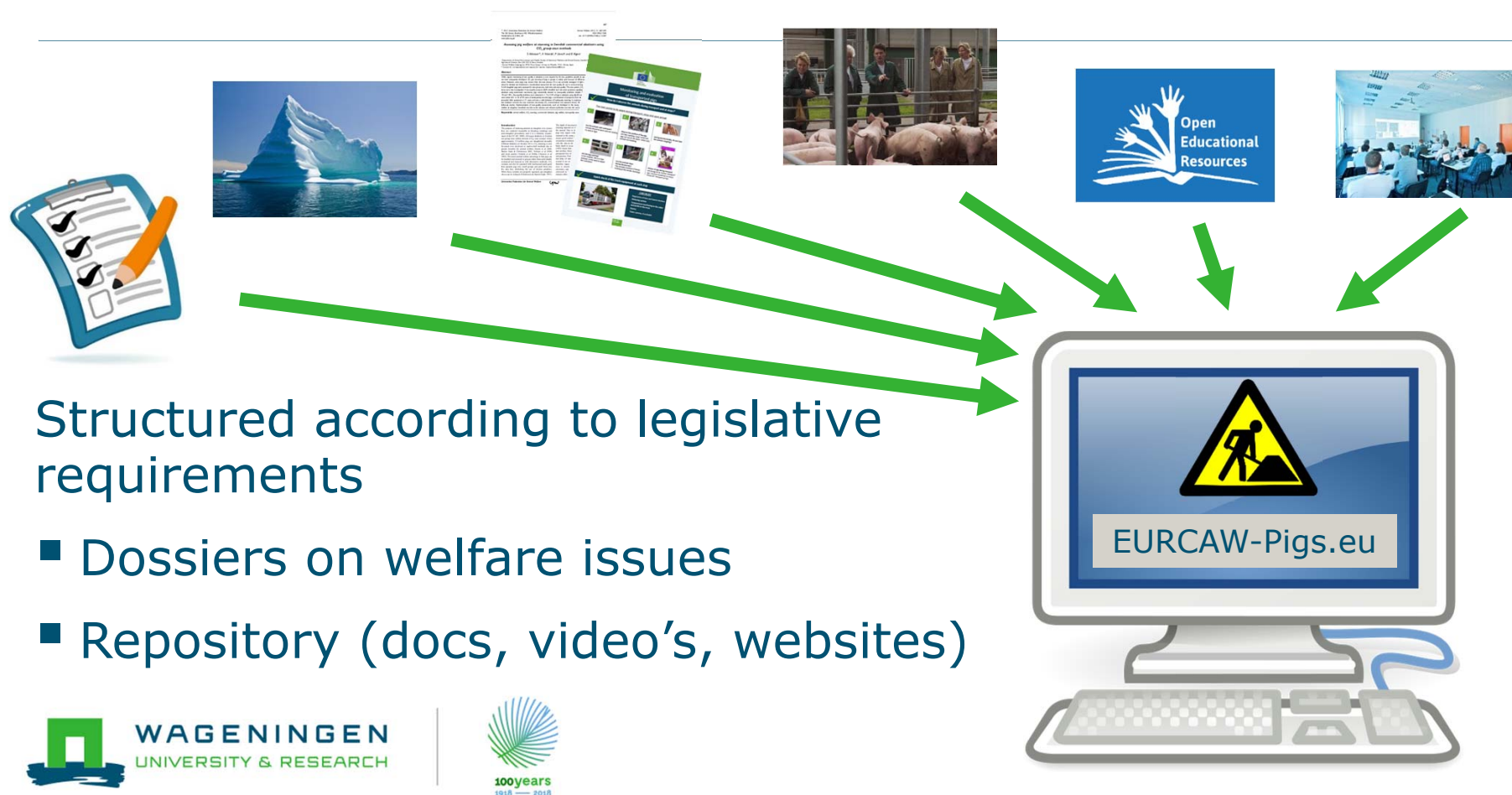


4. Training & Education

- Describe and evaluate training activities and materials use
- Set standards for training activities, develop course types and materials
- To produce guidelines on how to change perceptions and attitudes



5. Dissemination





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