



European Coordination Committee on Veterinary Training Update on activities

The ECCVT meeting took place on 21 September in Brussels under the chairmanship of the EBVS President, Prof Dominiek Maes. ECCVT members exchanged their views on different matters of importance for the veterinary profession and veterinary training.

The [updated Standard Operating Procedures \(SOPs\)](#) of the European System of Evaluation of Veterinary Training (ESEVT) were unanimously adopted in the last EAEVE General Assembly, which took place in Uppsala-Sweden. The updated SOPs ensure compliance with both the requirements of the European legislation and the [European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education \(ENQA\)](#). Now, EAEVE is working intensively on Self-Evaluation Report and proceeds with the application for ENQA accreditation and full-membership.

A joint statement on [Education and Training requirements for veterinarians in Laboratory Animal Science and Medicine \(LASM\)](#) was formally agreed during this meeting. ECCVT member organisations concluded that the ESEVT minimum requirements, as laid down in the SOPs, guarantee that graduates from approved/accredited

Veterinary Establishments fulfil the requisites of Designated Veterinarian (entry level) as stated in Directive 2010/63/EU.

Committee Members keep on exchanging about 3Rs (Replacement - Reduction – Refinement) and use of animals for scientific purposes as well as core principles for the establishment of new veterinary schools.

ECCVT Activities

- ESEVT
- Quality Assurance of LASM training & Day-1 competences of veterinarians
- OIE recommendations on veterinary training
- VETCEE

ECCVT members looked into the OIE recommendations from the 4th Global Conference on Veterinary Education. ECCVT members especially welcomed the acknowledgement of the value of One Health in veterinary education, of the need for education of teachers as

well and the recommendation towards evaluation of continuing education for the veterinary profession.

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 welcomed the VETCEE approval of a new post-graduate programme in Laboratory Animal Science and Medicine from the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB) in Spain.

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