



ECCVT FOCUS 2015

All members of the European Coordinating Committee on Veterinary Training (ECCVT) worked intensively during the last year on all matters related to veterinary education, including assurance of the quality of veterinary training. The “European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education” (EAEVE), the “European Board of Veterinary Specialisation” (EBVS) and the “Federation of Veterinarians of Europe” (FVE) have put together their views on veterinary education and at the beginning of 2015 they urge policy makers and all stakeholders to support harmonisation of veterinary education in Europe, as a prerequisite to guaranteeing the same level of veterinary services across the whole of our continent.

ECCVT Statement on Veterinary Education

Harmonisation of veterinary education: fundamental for establishing EU citizens’ trust in veterinary services

***EAEVE and FVE provide the Standard for undergraduate veterinary education
The European System for the Evaluation of Veterinary Training is the tool***

Directive 2005/36/EC as complemented by Directive 2013/55/EC provides the legal framework for the recognition of professional qualifications. For veterinary surgeons, the list of competencies is amended in line with the latest developments concerning the profession and included in Annex V. However a **Study on Transposition of the Directive on the recognition of professional qualifications** conducted on behalf of the Commission in 2009 clearly indicated that ***“the Member States lack trust in each other’s educational systems and it is important to establish this trust if the Directive is to work properly”***.

In order to address these concerns, the veterinary profession has shown unique responsibility and has established the ***European System for the Evaluation of Veterinary Training (ESEVT) that has been running successfully for nearly thirty years***. EAEVE together with FVE have created a professional peer evaluation system for veterinary educational establishments leading to the establishments’ “Approval” or “Accreditation”. ***ESEVT is based on the principles of the European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA) and it is the only Europe-wide, profession-specific evaluation system. It sets the standard and promotes harmonisation of veterinary training in the European Union and beyond***. That way it provides assurance to the public that they can trust the quality of graduating veterinary surgeons and the services they deliver.

[Read the full ECCVT Statement](#)

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