

# European Reference Centre for the Welfare of Poultry and other small farmed animals

## Small farmed animals welfare Centre

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# EU Reference Centres for Animal Welfare

Art. 95 of 'The Official Controls Regulation':

"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"

# Main Target groups and objective

- Target groups: Competent Authorities, Policy Workers and 'support bodies' from MSs: science, training, communication
- Objectives: to support implementation of welfare legislation in an harmonized way through MSs, in farms, during transportation and slaughtering for: **poultry & other small farmed animals.**



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## Two Centres



Since October 2018



Presented just after



Small farmed animals welfare Centre

From February 1st 2020



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# EURCAWs Main Activities

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Art 96 of 'The Official Controls Regulation':

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



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### EURCAW on Poultry and other small farmed animals



Activity 1: Coordinated assistance  
Coordinator: ANSES

Activity 2: Animal welfare assessment and improvement  
Coordinator: IRTA

Activity 3: Scientific and technical studies  
Coordinator: ANSES

Activity 4: Training courses  
Coordinator: IRTA

Outputs:  
Research findings and Innovations

Knowledge

Activity 5: Dissemination  
Coordinator: IZSLER

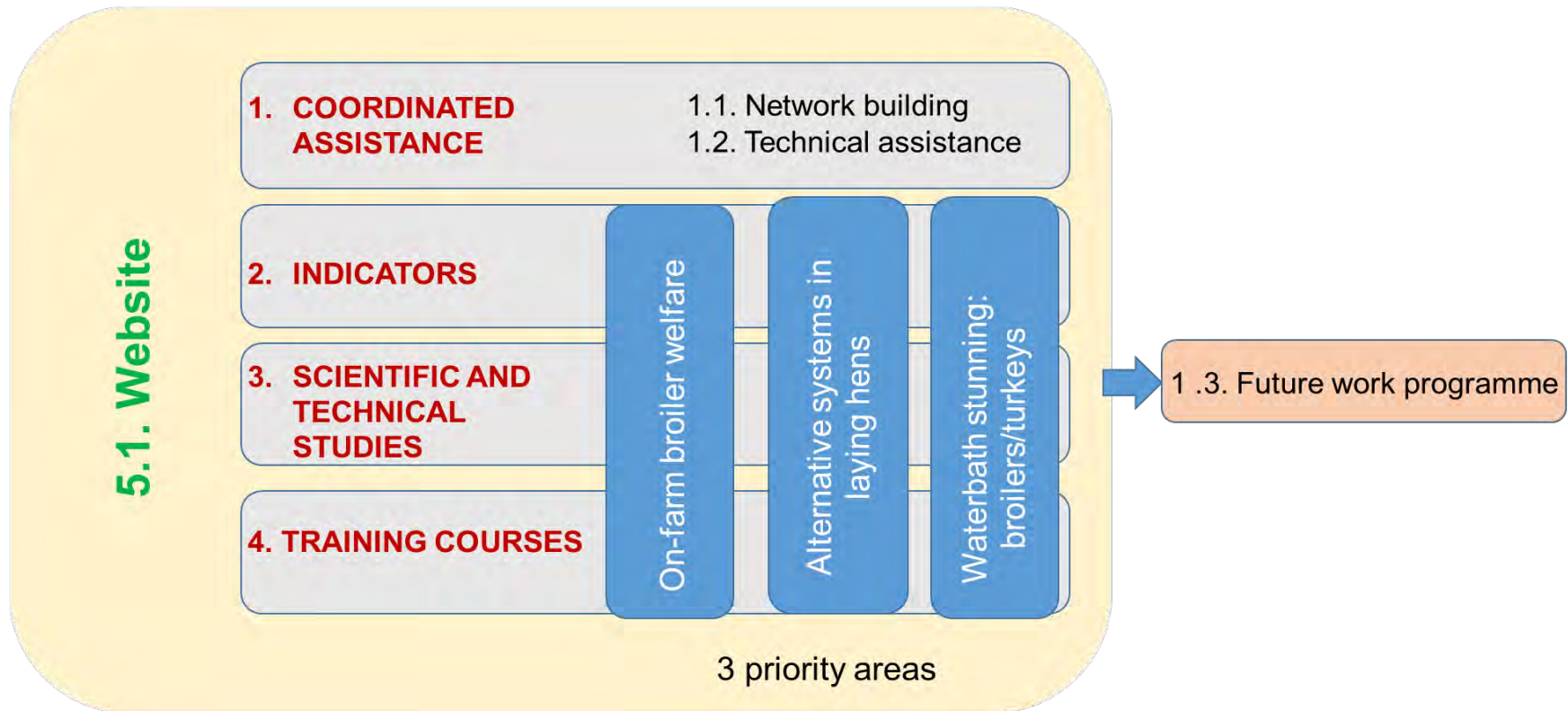
## Priority areas

1. Welfare of broilers on farm.
2. Welfare of laying hens in alternative systems.
3. Assessment of welfare during electrical waterbath stunning for broilers and turkeys.
4. Assessment of welfare during transport to slaughter of broilers, turkeys and spent hens (i.e. laying hens at the end of their production cycle).
5. On farm killing of spent hens.



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# YEAR 2020





# 1. Coordinated assistance

- Central contact point for scientific and technical information requested by Competent Authorities of MSs (e.g. 'Questions to the Centre')
- Networking across supporting bodies, CA's and policy workers in MSs
  - Existing networks
  - National ref centres
- Development of the work programme 2021-2022

## 2. Animal welfare indicators

- For the 3 first priority areas in 2020
  - Compiling a list of legal requirements to check during officials controls
  - Identify relevant welfare indicators to verify compliance with the legal requirements identified
  - Propose validated indicators and methods for assessment

## 3. Scientific and technical studies

- To provide scientific and technical expertise on the official controls and the implementation of the legislation related to poultry.
- To identify the gaps of knowledge and the bottlenecks regarding legislation and formulate different topics for scientific and technical studies.
- To develop in the framework of the Centre some scientific studies designed to answer questions raised in activity 2.

## 4. Training and education

- To review and assess the existing training courses and materials in use at BTSF, member state or other levels (e.g. national and regional training courses)



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## 5. Dissemination via the website



Answer to technical  
and scientific queries

September 2020



Indicators and  
methods for  
assessment of  
welfare

December 2020



## Priority of the Centre in 2020

- Build the Centre: Meeting with EU competent Authorities in **september or october 2020**
- Work on indicators to be used to perform **official controls on the legal requirements** regarding boiler chicken, laying hens and slaughter (water bath stunning) legislation

We are seeking for inputs of competent authorities and supporting bodies of MSs regarding their main concerns about the 5 key priority areas

