

# 'EURCAW'

## European Reference Centre for Animal Welfare

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# The Official Controls Regulation

**Recital 73:** "...**competent authorities** should have access to consistent technical data, research findings, new techniques and expertise ..."

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



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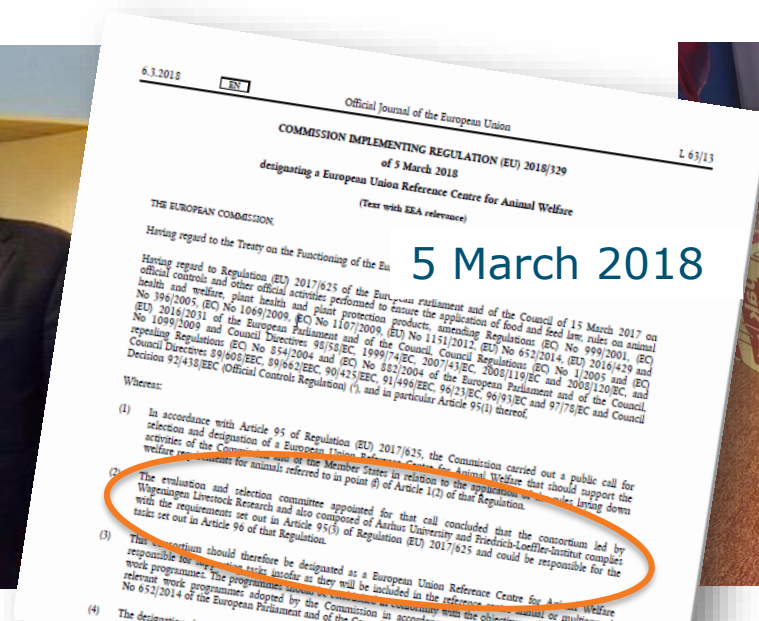
# The Netherlands, Denmark and Germany submitted a joint application



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## 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



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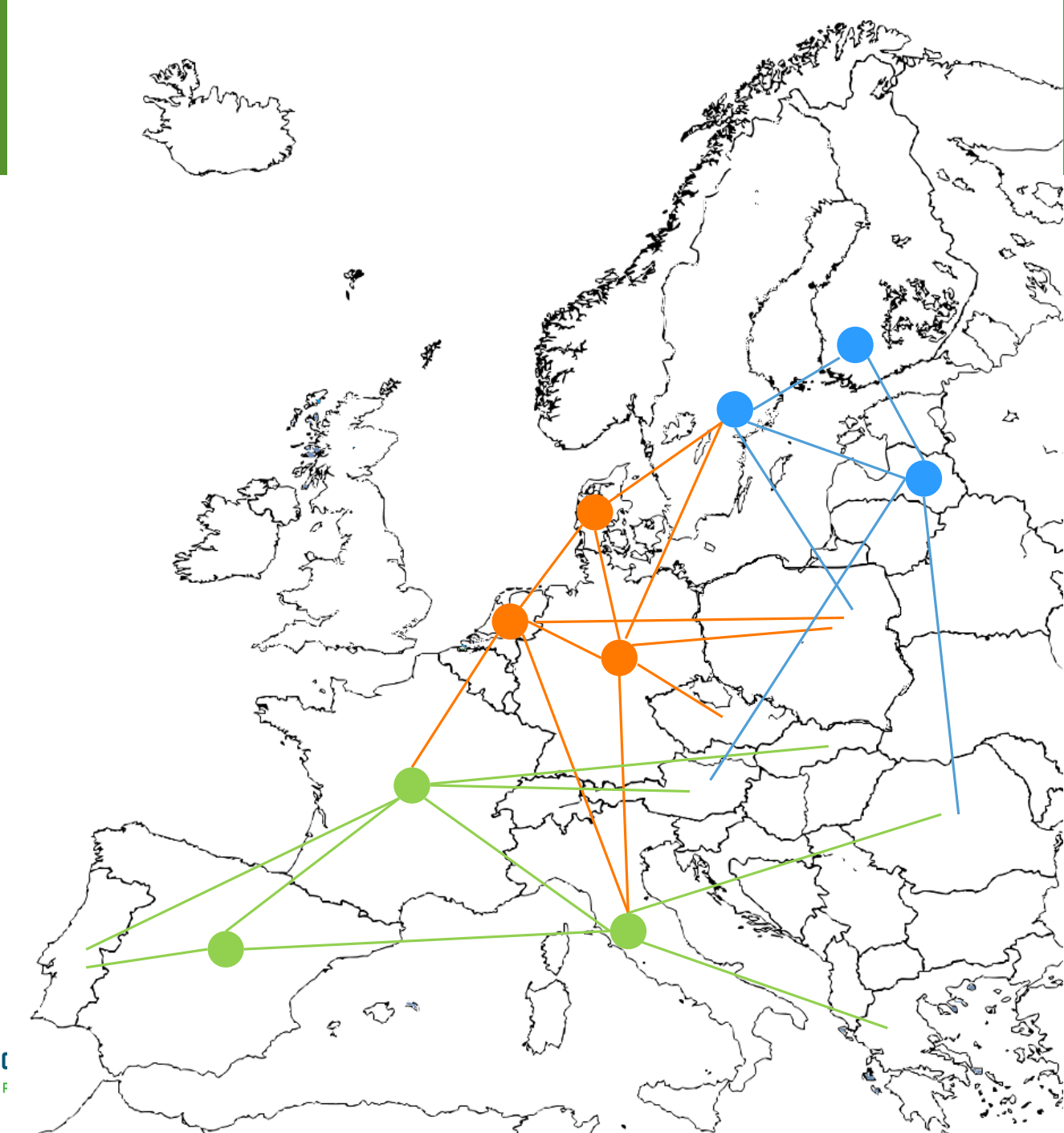
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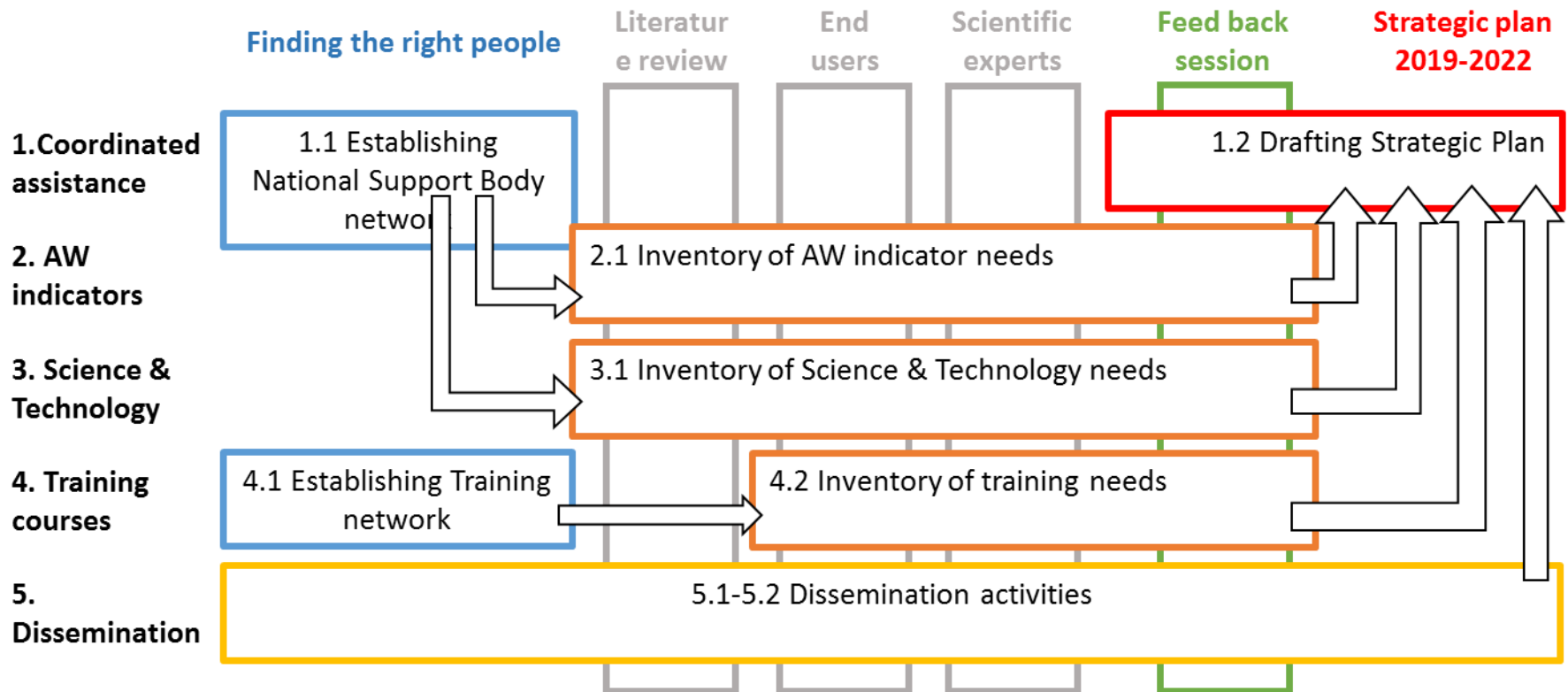




# EURCAW Main Activities (art. 96)

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

# EURCAW Workplan 2018



# 1. Coordinated Assistance

What do we aim for in 2018?

- To list the support bodies on pig welfare of all EU members states
- To establish a protocol of exchange of information between EURCAW and the support bodies

Which direction are we heading?

- Do **not add new networks**, but **take part and support them**
- **Guides to Good practices**: husbandry, transport, slaughter
- **A Handbook for inspectors**

## 2. Animal Welfare Indicators

What do we aim for in 2018?

- A list of indicators currently used by CA's
- A description and priority of areas of future work

Which direction are we heading?

- Set of **standardised validated indicators**, in particular regarding **'open norms'**
- List of possibilities for **automated data collection** and sharing in the chain
- Indicators of future welfare problems (**welfare risks**)

## 3. Scientific and Technical Studies

What do we aim for in 2018

- Main knowledge gaps to ensure compliance
- A list of topics for scientific and technical studies

Which direction are we heading?

- **Benchmarking / mapping welfare** status of Europe
- Demonstration: analysing & presenting **demo farms**
- Filling gaps in knowledge: **tail docking, CO2 stunning, transport space allowance, piglet & sow mortality, on farm killing**

## 4. Training & Education

What do we aim for in 2018?

- A list of relevant national training bodies
- A protocol of information exchange and coordination between the Centre and these bodies.

Which direction are we heading?

- Close **collaboration with BTSF**
- **Contact details** of national training organisations
- Describe and evaluate **training activities and materials**
- **Standard setting** for training activities

## 5. Dissemination

What do we aim for in 2018?

- To identify suitable ways of disseminating findings and innovations

Which direction are we heading?

- Developing & maintaining a website or '**EURCAW portal**'
- **Database** on pig-welfare docs related to the legislation
- Organisation of **webinars**

## What's next?

### Unit F2 meeting in Grange 26-28 November

- To engage in the Pig sub-group discussions on 26<sup>th</sup>
- To get feed-back on our draft strategic plan (in the meeting on rearing pigs with intact-tails)

Finalising the work plan, and if approved:

**EURCAW will be 'Open for business' from**

**January 2019 onwards**

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