



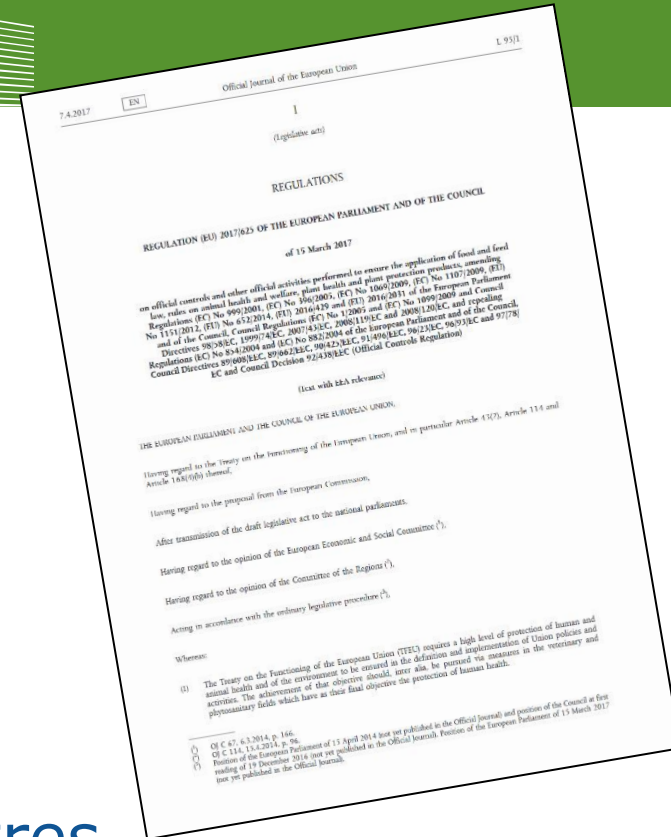
Third EU Reference Centre for Animal Welfare

Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed
19 May 2021

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Directorate for Health and Food Safety

Background

- Regulation (EC) 2017/625 on official controls
- Article 95 – Designation of centres
- Article 96 – Tasks of centres





First EU Reference Centre

Consortium from the Netherlands, Denmark and Germany



Designated by Com. Impl. Reg. (EU) 2018/329

- Designated for 2018 – 2022
- Focus on the **welfare of pigs**
- On farm, transport and killing
- www.eurcaw-pigs.eu



Second EU Reference Centre

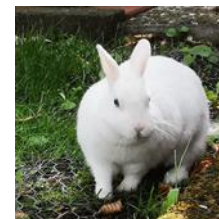
Consortium from France, Spain, Denmark and Italy



ISTITUTO ZOOPROFILATTICO SPERIMENTALE
DELLA LOMBARDIA E DELL' EMILIA ROMAGNA
"BRUNO UBERTINI"

Designated for 5 years: 2020 – 2024

- Focus on the **welfare of poultry and other small farmed animals**
- On farm, transport and killing
- Related to official controls of EU legislation





Third EU Reference Centre for Animal Welfare

**Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2021/755
of 6 May 2021**

Decision – and designation – applicable from 1 June 2021



European
Commission

European Union reference centre for animal welfare for ruminants and equines

Consortium from Sweden, Austria, Greece, France, Ireland and Italy



Swedish University of Agricultural
Sciences and
Swedish Centre for Animal Welfare



University of
Natural Resources
and Life Sciences



Ellinikos Georgikos
Organismos-Dimitra/
Veterinary Research Institute



National Institute for
Agriculture, Food, and
Environment



University College
Dublin



Instituto Zooprofilattico
Sperimentale dell'Abruzzo
e del Molise "G. Caporale"

Designated for 5 years: 2021 – 2026

- Focus on the **welfare of ruminants and equines**
- On farm, transport and killing
- Related to official controls of EU legislation

Health and
Food Safety



EU Reference Centres on animal welfare

Main Activities

(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 INNOVATIONS





Workplan 2021-2022

- **Network building**
- **Central contact point for technical assistance**
- **Identification of relevant welfare indicators**
- **Methods to improve the welfare assessment of animals**
- **Preparation of reports about the gaps of knowledge and open norms**
- **Report with a view of producing practical guidelines for competent authorities**
- **Development of a web-based system for the Training Need Analysis and Audience Profiling**
- **Creation of an engaging and easy-to-use website**





Weblink

Webpage of the EU Reference Centres for Animal Welfare:

https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/welfare/eu-ref-centre_en

Thank you!



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