

# EU Reference Centre for Animal Welfare 2018 Work Plan

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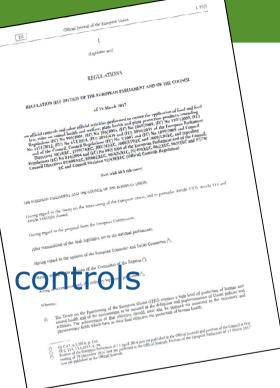
# **Background**

Regulation (EC) 2017/625 on official

Article 95 – Designation of centres

Article 96 – Tasks of centres

• 5 March 2018 – Designation of the first centre (Commission implementing Decision 2018/329)







### Responsibilities and tasks

- a. providing scientific and technical expertise (...), where appropriate in the form of coordinated assistance, to relevant national support networks and bodies (...)
- b. providing scientific and technical expertise for the development and application of the **animal welfare indicators** (...)
- C. developing or coordinating the development of **methods for the assessment** of the level of welfare of animals and of **methods for the improvement** of the welfare of animals;
- d. carrying out scientific and technical studies on the welfare of animals used for commercial or scientific purposes;
- e. conducting **training courses** for staff of the national scientific support networks or bodies referred to in point (a), for staff of the competent authorities and for experts from third countries;
- **f.** disseminating research findings and technical innovations and collaborating with Union research bodies



#### 1<sup>st</sup> Reference Centre

- Consortium of 3 national bodies:
  - Wageningen Livestock Research (NL)
  - Aarhus University (DK)
  - Friedrich Loffler Institut (DE)
- Designated for 5 years: 2018 2022
  - Focus on the welfare of pigs
  - On farm, transport and killing
  - Related to official controls of EU legislation





#### Work Plan 2018

- From 1<sup>st</sup> October 31 December 2018
- 5 areas of work linked to Article 96
  - Coordinated Assistance (a)
  - Animal Welfare Indicators (b) (c)
  - Scientific and Technical Studies (c) (d)
  - Training courses (e)
  - Disseminating Research and Innovations (f)





#### **Coordinated Assistance**

Establishing a network of national support bodies

List of national bodies and a protocol of coordination

• A strategic plan for the period 2019-2022

Key options for future activities with objectives, priorities and indicative timeframe per activity





#### **Animal Welfare Indicators**

- Inventory of needs regarding animal welfare indicators
- ➤ List of indicators used to assess pig welfare along the food supply chain
- List of methods of assessment to verify compliance
- ➤ Areas of future work for developing indicators and methods of assessment





#### **Scientific and Technical Studies**

- Inventory of needs regarding scientific and technical studies
- > Overview of ongoing scientific and technical works
- > List of knowledge gaps to ensure compliance
- ➤ list of possible future scientific and technical studies to be coordinated by the Centre





## **Training Courses**

- Establishing a Training & Education Network
- > List of national training bodies
- Inventory of needs regarding training in Member States
- Ongoing training activities performed by EU (BTSF) and national training bodies
- > Areas of future works for developing training activities and materials





# Dissemination Research and Innovations

- Inventory of needs regarding dissemination
- ➤ A dissemination plan with target groups, communication techniques
- Website and leaflet
- ➤ operational website and a hand-out leaflet with basic information on the Reference Centre





#### **Conclusion**

- $\square$  2018 = **planning** the next four years period
- ☐ Essential to ensure **strong cooperation** with Member States scientific support bodies
- ☐ **EU added value** = complement ongoing Member States support bodies activities
- ☐ **EU added value** = directly assist Member States without or little support bodies





# Thank you for your attention!

