

Knowledge and training resources











Roles & Tasks of the EURCAWs









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EU Reference Centers for Animal Welfare

Art. 95 of 'The Official Controls Regulation':

"The Commission shall, by means of implementing acts, designate European Union reference centers for animal welfare that shall support the activities of the Commission and of the Member States"











EU Reference Centers for Animal Welfare

Since October 2018

Since June 2021

Since February 2020



















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Main role

- → to assist the NCAs in performing better official controls and enforce EU animal welfare rules
- → to provide scientific information on:
 - On-farm welfare: e.g. Directive 95/58/EC
 - Animal transport: Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005
 - Protection of animals at the time of killing:
 Council Regulation (EC) No 1099/2099











Target groups

 Competent Authorities, Policy Workers and their 'support bodies': science, training, communication

This means we cannot formally respond to questions from farmers, NGO's or other stakeholders in the livestock production chain.









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