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A network of funding agencies to support research on Animal Health and Animal Welfare in Europe

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ANIHWA ERA-Net (2012-2015)
http://www.anihwa.eu
Scope

Enhance transnational cooperation and coordination of national research programmes and research funding in:

- **Animal Health**, including
  - emerging and major infectious animal diseases,
  - zoonoses, antimicrobial resistance, production diseases and disease resistance.

- **Animal Welfare**, including
  - welfare related to health/disease,
  - welfare measures, housing, husbandry and environment challenges, early life influences, development and animal management on farm to slaughter.

- **Integration** of research related to animal health and animal welfare issues
Objectives

- Opening and extending the scope of the network on animal health (previous ERA-Net EMIDA) to integrate the animal welfare research community as well as to include aquatic animals in the target species.
- Extending the cooperation between existing and new partners from member states and associated countries.
- Achieving a broader network of funding agencies and extending the cooperation between them.
- Strengthening collaborative research through generic and focused calls for transnational research projects by increasing coordination of national research programmes.
Partners: 30 Institutions from 19 countries

- Austria
- Belgium
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Ireland

- Israel
- Italy
- Lithuania
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- United Kingdom

+ few other countries as observers
5 Work-Packages

- WP1: Project coordination, management, communication and dissemination
- WP2: Mapping collaborations and analysis of existing national research infrastructures and programmes
- WP3: Gap analysis and research framework development
- WP4: Joint transnational research calls
- WP5: Sustainability including funding structures and policy development
5 Work-Packages

- WP2 Mapping
- WP3 Gap and SRA
- WP4 Calls
- WP5 Sustainability

WP1 Management
WP1 - Project coordination, management, communication and dissemination

- Objectives
  - Support the coordination and management of the ERA-Net and inform the European Commission on the progress
  - Promote the project and spread its outputs to stakeholders and the wider public
  - Expand the consortium to new member states and associated countries (as observers or partners).
  - Encourage European funding agencies and research teams to invest in cutting edge research to the benefit of Animal Health and Animal Welfare
WP2 - Mapping of research infrastructures

- Objectives
  - ANIHWA database: Identify common research requirements and emerging needs in health and welfare by analysing existing research from scientific publications (partners & thematic),
  - AWA’ database: Increase exchange of information through the establishment of a common open web-based animal welfare archive for mapping of existing research programs, funds and capacities,
  - Explore links between animal health and animal welfare.
WP3 - Gap analysis and research framework development

- Objectives
  - Develop gap analyses followed by a questionnaire and a workshop
  - Establish a transnational joint research framework, enabling to act on:
    - Ultra-short basis (emerging)
    - Short basis (transform the research project data mapping from WP2 to recommendations for priorities for calls to be implemented in WP4)
    - Medium-term basis (position paper on research needs in Animal Health and Welfare will be produced for further consideration in WP5 (Strategic Research Agenda)
WP4 - Joint transnational research calls

- Objective: Preparation of dedicated strategic research agenda thorough assessment of the funding mechanisms with joint transnational research calls.

Each country allocates a certain funding amount → Virtual Common Pot → Each country funds their own researchers
WP5 - Sustainability including Funding structures and Policy development

- Objectives
  - Develop a stand-alone sustainable structure for the coordination of research on health and welfare
  - Facilitate knowledge transfer through the dissemination of funded projects output and to monitor the impact
  - Sustain the development of a long-term Strategic Research Agenda covering health and welfare
  - Identify synergies within European national funding bodies and the potential for coordination outside Europe
  - Facilitate the development of collaborative funding with livestock industry
WP4 - Joint transnational research calls

- The first call will be launched the 17th September 2012
- 4 topics
  - Promoting research on the interface between animal health and welfare
  - Development of knowledge which may lead to tools for diagnosis and disease prevention, including vaccines
  - Improvement of preparedness for emerging and exotic diseases by epidemiological approach to risk pathways identification
  - Antimicrobial and anthelmintic resistance, and development of alternative curative and preventive therapies
Thank you for your attention