

Acronym project

AWARE

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The goal of the Coordination and Support Action of the 7th Framework Programme AWARE is to promote integration and increase the impact of European research on farm animal welfare (FAW). It will do so through the development of Europe-wide networks of scientists, lecturers and students, and by establishing a network of stakeholders active in FAW knowledge transfer and implementation.

AWARE actions will be organised in four mutually supportive Work Packages (WPs):

- **WP 1 'Research'** will enhance the integration of FAW research by fostering collaboration based on mutual recognition and by enhancing networking and proposal writing skills in motivated researchers throughout the enlarged Europe.
- **WP 2 'Education'** will promote cross-fertilisation in FAW university education, thus enhancing opportunities for young scientists in new and candidate countries to start research in FAW.
- **WP 3 'Awareness and Implementation'** focuses on enhancing public awareness, promoting implementation of EU policies, and facilitating uptake of FAW research.
- **WP 4 'A Mobility Desk'** facilitates mobility of researchers and students.

First three Work Packages proceed in four steps:

1. Mapping
2. Establishing networks
3. Improving skills
4. Developing strategies for ongoing integration

Two horizontal activities support the WPs:

1. The Communication module supports internal and external communication;
2. Management takes care of project management and effective communication with the Commission.

AWARE will increase the European research capacity in FAW activities, through integrating the underutilized human and knowledge potential in the new and candidate countries.

The project will result in faster and more comprehensive FAW knowledge transfer across Europe.

It will also build for the future by drawing young scientists into FAW research and providing a base for harmonized implementation of FAW legislation in the enlarged EU.



Participants of the kick off meeting in Prague, March 22-23 2011



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Project Hubs

Contacts between the different countries in the AWARE project are organised through eight so-called 'Hubs'. Each Hub is represented by a partner institute who takes a leading role in the collection of data or the organisation of events in their region. Each region consists of three to six European countries.

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