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FVE Working Group

Veterinary Statutory Bodies

Terms of reference (2016 – 2017)

Background

There is a raising awareness on the role of Veterinary Statutory Bodies play for the profession and the whole society. The cross borders mobility of veterinarians and the role of veterinary professionals in ensuring animal health and welfare, food safety and consumers protection are a crucial matter for veterinary regulators.

Veterinary Statutory Bodies make sure that knowledge, skills and behaviour of veterinary professionals are maintained and implemented. They also regulate the access to the profession (registration and license to practice) and the provision of services. Effective Veterinary Statutory Bodies contribute to a good governance of the Veterinary Services.

The FVE Board of Directors therefore decided to make a call for the setting up of an FVE Statutory Bodies working group; the Working Group will consider and take into account the amount of the work already undertaken.

Composition of the Working Group

The Working Group will consist of a maximum of 6 experts, nominated by FVE member organizations and appointed by the FVE Board of Directors. Members will be appointed for a period of **two years**. Thereafter they can be re-appointed once. A chairperson will be appointed by the FVE Board. The chair will be responsible for chairing the meetings, leading the discussions, maintaining contact with the secretariat and, as appropriate, assisting in external communications, and for making progress reports and a final report to the Board of Directors.

Tasks

- To assist FVE Board in finalizing the self assessment scheme for veterinary regulators, review the OIE comments, collect and analyse the information provided by FVE members and thereafter draft a full report;

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- Monitoring the implementation status of the Professional Qualification Directive (Directive 2013/55/EU amending Dir. 2005/36/EC) as regards the Annex V and list of competences and the alert mechanism;
- To assist FVE Board in acting as a facilitator for the exchange of information between National Competent Authorities, Veterinary Statutory Bodies and the EU Commission specifically as regards the Single Market strategy and all issues related to access to and the exercise of regulated professions;
- To support the Board in assisting European Countries and FVE members with the development of their regulations on the provisions of veterinary services and with regard to the role of para-professionals;

Secretarial support

Secretarial support (organizing meetings and teleconferences, writing minutes, circulating documents, etc) will be provided by the FVE secretariat.

External Communication

External Communication related to FVE policies shall only take place after consultation with the FVE Board or the Executive Director.

Costs

It is foreseen that the Working Group may have (up to) 2 physical meetings each year as well as telephone conferences.

Further communication will as much as possible take place via e-mail and/or teleconferences.

Costs for the physical meeting(s) such as travel and accommodation costs, meeting room will be borne by FVE in accordance with the FVE rules on reimbursement.

The Board may decide to invite the chair of the Working Group to attend other meetings, such as a meeting of the Board or the General Assembly, to report on the groups progress. Costs associated with such visits will also be borne by FVE.

Estimated annual budget (TBC) Euros per year.

The group may invite external experts to its meetings. In case costs arise out of such invitations, the invitation will be made after consultation with the FVE Executive Director.