



## FVE Working Group

### Veterinary Statutory Bodies

*Terms of reference 2022-2024  
(Two-years mandate)*

#### Members

Albania  
Austria  
Belgium  
Bosnia-Herzegovina  
Bulgaria  
Croatia  
Cyprus  
Czech Republic  
Denmark  
Estonia  
Finland  
France  
Germany  
Greece  
Hungary  
Iceland  
Ireland  
Italy  
Latvia  
Lithuania  
Luxembourg  
Malta  
Netherlands  
Montenegro  
North Macedonia  
Norway  
Poland  
Portugal  
Romania  
Serbia  
Slovak Republic  
Slovenia  
Spain  
Sweden  
Switzerland  
United Kingdom

#### Observer

Armenia  
Ukraine

#### Sections

UEVP  
Practitioners

EASVO  
State Officers

UEVH  
Hygienists

EVERI  
Veterinarians in  
Education, Research  
and Industry

#### **Background**

Veterinary Statutory Bodies aim to keep the veterinary profession at the possible highest standard in delivering quality services for the interest of the animals, the owners and the whole society throughout their capacity and authority. Veterinary Statutory Bodies supervise the access to (registration) and the practise of the veterinary profession.

They also ensure a proper continuing professional development throughout the whole veterinary career and are often involved in keeping the knowledge, skills and behaviour of veterinary professionals up to date throughout the provision of CPD and post-graduate training. Effective Veterinary Statutory Bodies contribute to a good governance of the Veterinary Services.

The FVE Board of Directors has decided to launch a call for the setting up of a new FVE Statutory Bodies working group for a 2-year-mandate (September 2022-September 2024)

#### **Composition of the Working Group**

The Working Group shall consist of a maximum of 7 experts, nominated by FVE members and appointed by the FVE Board of Directors.

Members of the working group will be appointed for a period of 2 years.

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 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 and the issues related to access to and the exercise of the profession;
- To assist FVE members with the development of their regulations on the provisions of veterinary services and the role of veterinary para-professionals;

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- To update the veterinary telemedicine policy brief throughout a FVE members survey and FVE partners (e.g., AVMA, CVMA).  
To issue an up-to-date policy paper on Veterinary Telemedicine;
- To further investigate and set up ad-hoc collaboration/working party with AVMA and CVMA colleagues aiming to shape policy and recommendations on the shortage of veterinarians in all the sectors;
- To follow up and lobby on the amendments related to the minimum training for veterinary professionals regarding Directive 2005/36/EC;
- To monitor the UK/Northern Ireland situation and evolution in relation to the recognition of veterinary diplomas, services provisions and assist the FVE members.
- To liaise where necessary, with VetCEE in recognizing continuous training for veterinarians at the EU level.

### **Secretarial support**

Support in organizing physical or remote meetings, writing minutes, circulating documents 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 at least two (2) physical/remote meetings per year. Further communication will as much as possible take place via e-mail and/or video calls. 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 group progress. Related costs will also be borne by FVE.

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.