



ECCVT Press Release

The veterinary sector speaks with One Voice to update EU Directive on minimum veterinary training standards

The European Coordination Committee on Veterinary Training (ECCVT) warmly acknowledges the exceptional response of 109 replies coming from educational establishments, veterinary associations, and individual veterinarians across Europe to the recent public consultation on the Commission Delegated Directive amending Directive 2005/36/EC as amended by Directive 2013/55/EU, concerning the minimum training requirements for veterinary professionals.

Thanks to the unified voice of our profession, the minimum training requirements have been updated with some of the latest developments in the field of veterinary medicine. More specifically, the new version of the Directive includes:

- Expanded clinical responsibilities for professionals, with **pain assessment**, sedation, and euthanasia more explicitly described.
- It also now encompasses the need for competences in **biosecurity** and **One Health**.
- Additional professional skills with a focus on **communication, teamwork, and practice management**.
- **Digital competences** to meet current and future technological needs.

While ECCVT regrets that the Directive still does not fully align with the ESEVT Day One Competences ([Annex 2 of SOP](#)) and its list of subjects to be taught, the new version represents a significant improvement.

ECCVT expresses deep appreciation to all contributors who responded to the consultation using the coordinated feedback document. This collective action highlights our profession's commitment to excellence and proactive collaboration.

Together, we continue to advance veterinary education and practice across Europe.

Notes for editors:

The European Coordinating Committee on Veterinary Training (ECCVT) is a platform where academia ([EAEVE](#)), veterinary specialists ([EBVS](#)), veterinary students ([IVSA](#)) and the veterinary profession ([FVE](#)) exchange and coordinate their views on veterinary education. More information can be found on the ECCVT website: <https://eccvt.fve.org/>