

# The International Culture of Care Network

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## Background

Recital 31 of the Directive 2010/63/EU states that breeders, suppliers and users of research animals should have an animal-welfare body which fosters a **climate of care** and provides tools for implementation of the 3Rs. Many user establishments use the phrase 'Culture of Care' on their websites, but no clear definition of this exists.

## The aims of the Culture of Care Network

To provide a forum for the quick and efficient dissemination of ideas and efforts to create a culture of care

To promote a mindset and behaviour that continuously and proactively works to advance laboratory animal welfare and the 3Rs

To aim for more than a culture of compliance

To encourage a culture of challenge, rather than accepting established practice

**The experience gained by the network will be useful for the review of Directive 2010/63/EU, which is due by November 2017.**



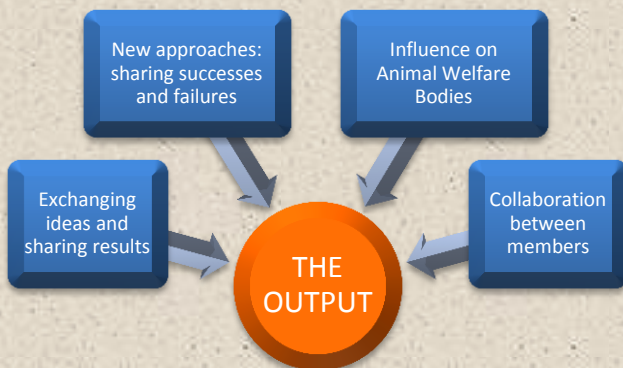
## Our members

The network consists of people with a large range of backgrounds:

- Laboratory animal scientists & technicians
- Laboratory animal veterinarians
- Members of Animal Welfare Bodies & National Committees
- Representatives of National competent authorities
- Communications experts
- Members of animal welfare organisations

This diversity of competency and perspectives ensures that the network encourages a culture of care both for the animals used in research and those working with them.

We are currently 28 members in 14 countries.



## Interested in joining?

Members are expected to work actively with Culture of Care. Please contact Thomas Bertelsen ([tsbt@novonordisk.com](mailto:tsbt@novonordisk.com))

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