Communication and the Culture of Care

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Effective two-way communication between scientists and animal technologists is essential for a good Culture of Care

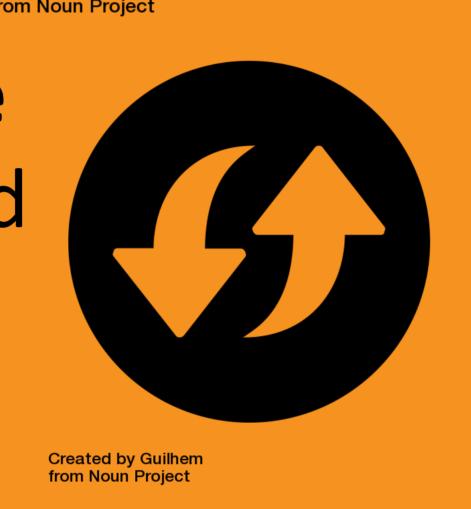
The European Commission suggests the 'development of formal and informal communication channels, for mutual benefit with respect to science and animal welfare' Here are some examples from International Culture of Care network members

Regular meetings

Scheduled meetings for scientists, animal technologists, vets, unit managers and AWB members



Regular refresher/update meetings for all, organised by person responsible for training and competence



Special events

Duo-talks: researcher talks about their science, and animal technologists talk about techniques and animal care within the project

Informal meetings for all, in which anyone can raise welfare issues



Building communication into existing processes

Each study has a prestart and wash-up meeting involving everybody



3Rs improvements
reported to AWB &
shared at external user
meetings



Other ideas

A 'boxless' event: anyone can submit 'out of the box' ideas to improve practice



A staff survey for all
e.g. how much do you
agree with statements such
as 'in our group we listen to
each others' ideas about
animal welfare'



