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Norecopa is Norway's National Consensus Platform for the 3Rs (*Replacement, Reduction and Refinement* of animal experiments). Norecopa was established in 2007 on the advice of a Government Report on Animal Welfare, but with funding for only one member of staff. Norecopa has therefore continually sought additional funding for its activities.

Norecopa maintains a website which currently consists of 9,600 pages of 3R resources, receiving approx. 350,000 hits per year.

Several datasets are embedded in the website, including:

- A Refinement Wiki
- An overview of alternatives/supplements to animals in education and training
- An overview of literature within Laboratory Animal Science and related fields
- A collection of international guidelines for animal experiments
- Several literature collections produced by the EU Commission

Norecopa has also produced the PREPARE guidelines for planning experiments involving the use of animals. The PREPARE checklist has been translated into 34 languages. Norecopa has also recently produced a unique and comprehensive slide deck describing the development and significance of the 3R concept, which (so far) has been translated into French and Spanish. Norecopa also arranges international consensus meetings on aspects of animal research. One result of these has been the publication of guidelines for severity classification of procedures used on fish in research.

Norecopa wishes now to raise funds to redesign the landing site of norecopa.no, to make it more appealing to those who are not already familiar with the large number of resources available.

Norecopa would like to invite you to contribute towards these running costs.

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