



How the National AWB Networks Have Built Together a European Network

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Conflict of Interest Disclosure



☒ I have no potential conflict of interest to report.

Legal requirements



- (a) advise the staff dealing with animals on matters related to the welfare of animals, in relation to their acquisition, accommodation, care and use;
- (b) advise the staff on the application of the requirement of replacement, reduction and refinement, and keep it informed of technical and scientific developments concerning the application of that requirement;
- (c) establish and review internal operational processes as regards monitoring, reporting and follow-up in relation to the welfare of animals housed or used in the establishment;
- (d) follow the development and outcome of projects, taking into account the effect on the animals used, and identify and advise as regards elements that further contribute to replacement, reduction and refinement; and
- (e) advise on rehoming schemes, including the appropriate socialisation of the animals to be rehomed.





Background



FELASA Congress 2022 – Marseille

- session discussed how national Animal Welfare Body (AWB) networks or similar are a powerful way of promoting a good Culture of Care

Group has been established with the overall aims

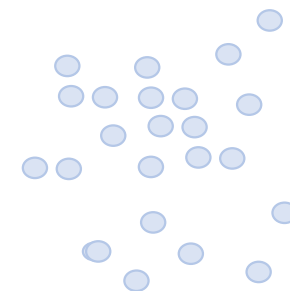
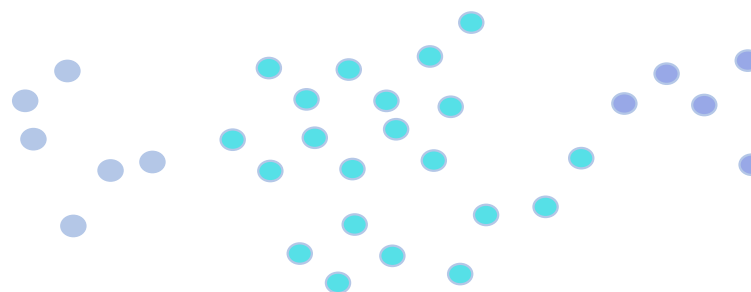
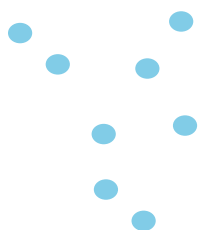
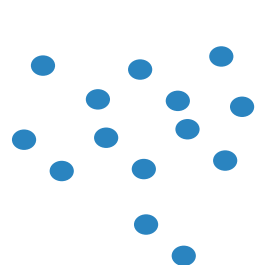
- encouraging establishment more national AWB networks
- developing national AWB networks

Core group included Belgium, Denmark, France, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, The Netherlands and UK

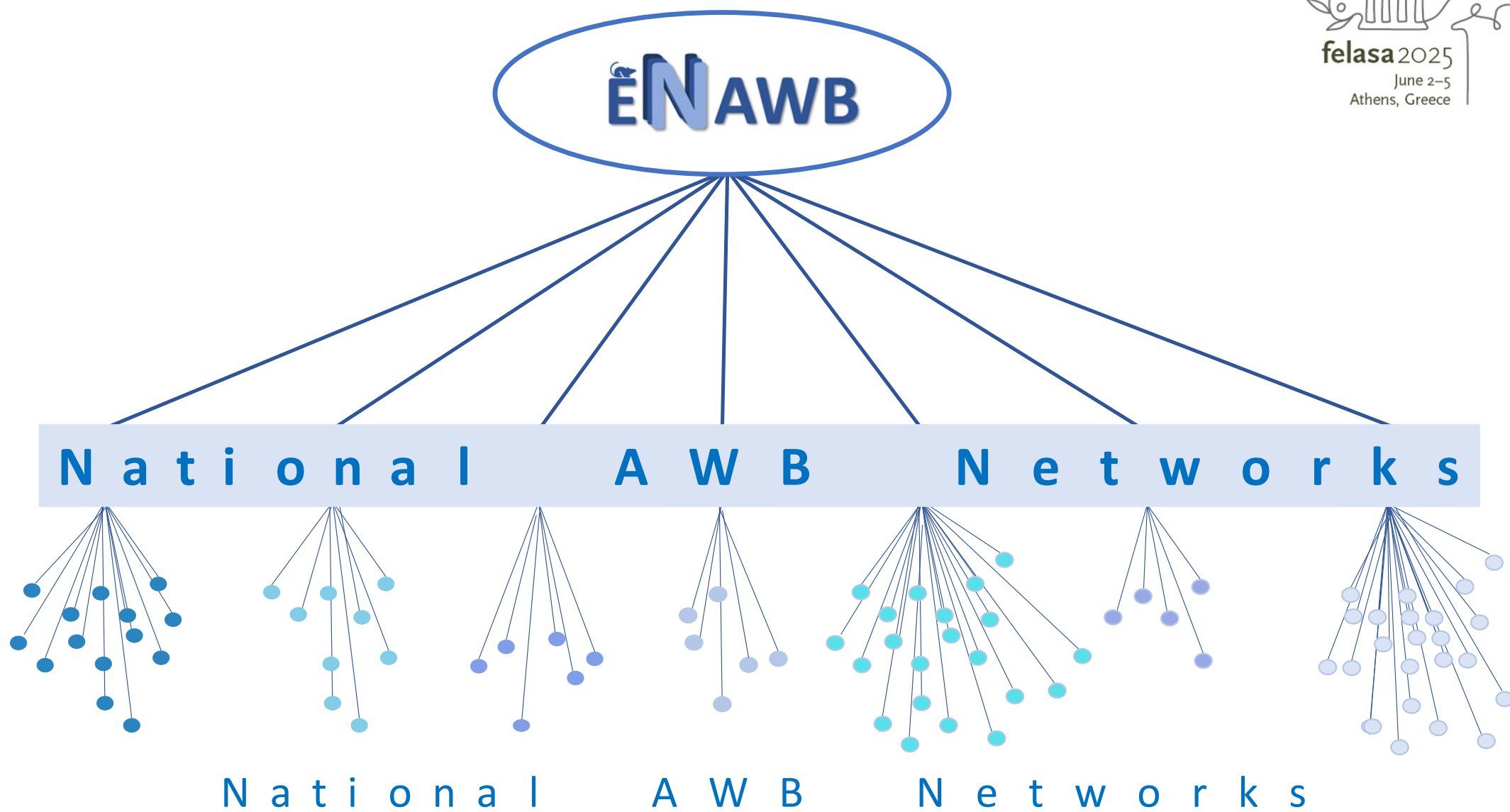
- practical support from the European Commission
- Norecopa - Norway

Chair - Thomas Bertelsen





Animal Welfare Bodies

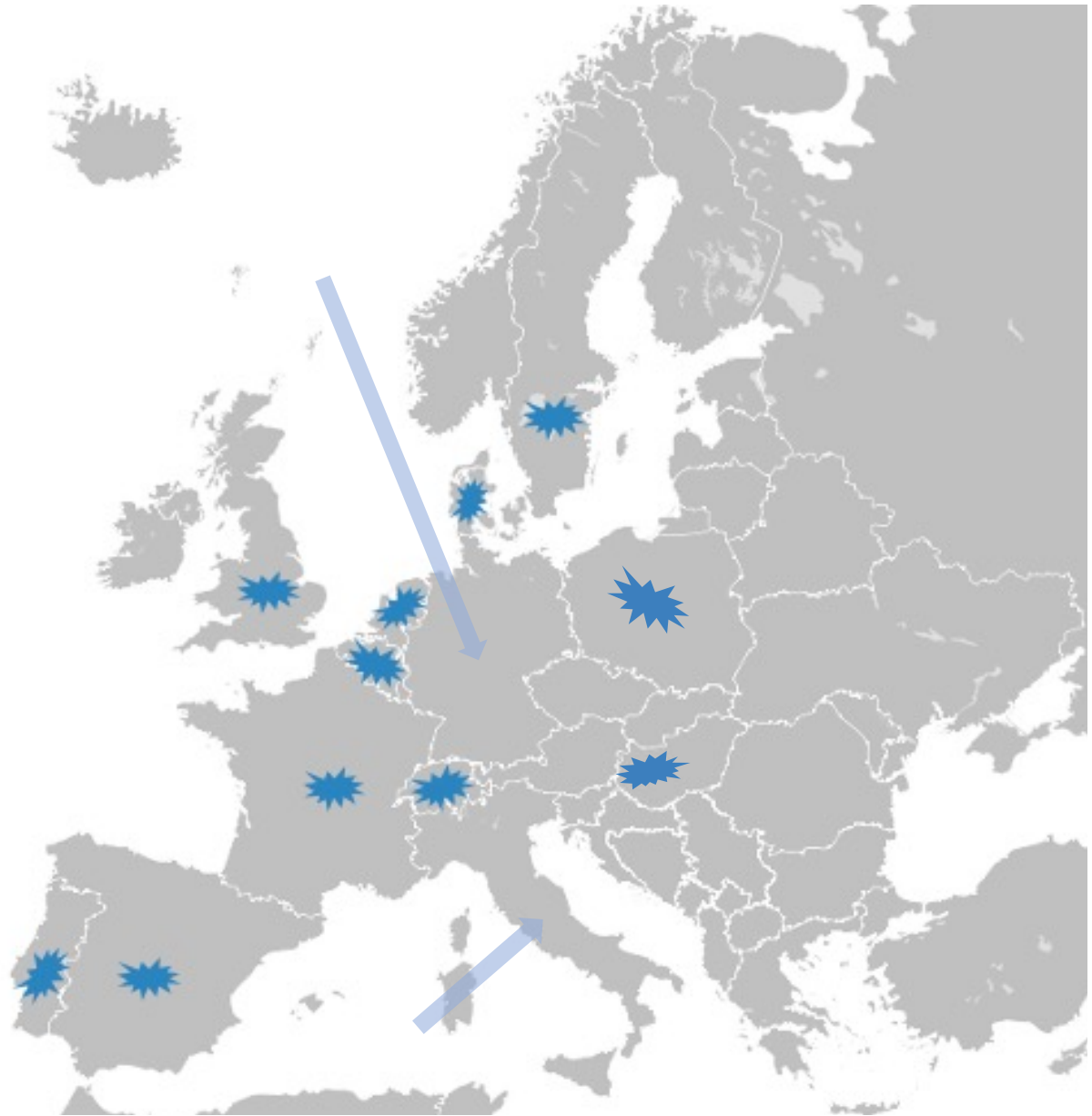




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EINAWB

ENAWB



Structure



- Informal network
- Animal Welfare Bodies national networks or equivalent
- Not duplicating tasks of National Committees
- No membership fees
- If face to face events and/or meetings take place expenses should paid by each member
- National Network represented by 2 contact persons

Objectives



- Help AWBs delivering all their tasks effectively
- Encourage and facilitate establishment of national networks
- Harmonization and alignment of practices and outcomes of AWBs in Europe
- Rapid exchange of information and experiences
- Promote animal welfare and facilitate the sharing of good practices
- To liaise with AW professionals, competent authorities, National Committees and European organizations

Next steps to further development of the network

- Ongoing sharing of the current situations of the AWB networks in the different countries
- ENAWB will produce a resource to help countries set up (or develop) their own national AWB networks
- Presence at conferences and congresses
- Open the door for new members

Current contact representatives

- Ana Isabel Santos
- Björn Lex
- Delphine Denais Lalieue
- Diana Ramirez
- Isabel Blanco
- Györgyi Szabó
- Hernandi Istvan
- Maria Kiersgaard
- Michaela Thallmair-Honold
- Miriam van der Meer
- Nuno Franco
- Penny Hawkins

- PietDierckx
- Sally Robinson
- Sarah Chadwick
- Thomas Steckler
- Vootele Vöikar
- Witold Zakowski

Observer

- Adrian Smith, Norecopa

Support from the EC

- Susanna Louhimies