



REPORT OF MEETING WITH EC DG SANTE AND COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

MEETING ON 8 MARCH 2018, BRUSSELS

On 8 March 2018, Interbull Steering Committee members Sophie Mattalia and Marija Klopčič and Interbull Centre Director Toine Roozen attended a meeting in Brussels with EC's DG Sante and the EU Member states' Competent Authorities. A presentation by the Interbull Centre Director on Interbull and Interbull Centre activities was well received, and followed by some good discussion. It gave Interbull also a (first) opportunity to discuss the EURC and Interbull Centre with the Competent Authorities, and there was an interest to do this more often.

Take home messages from the meeting:

1. Competent Authorities had a general lack of knowledge regarding to Interbull activities. The current, and future, meetings are very useful for a better mutual knowledge.
2. Meetings with the competent authorities: the idea was also to have a clear idea of the priorities for the EU commission/DG Sante (they should be able to decide on the priorities of activities paid by EU independently to other Interbull activities). For instance, if there are some questions on breeds that are not presently included in the international evaluations, needs helps to qualify a new breeding society etc.
3. Relationship with Breeding Societies (BS): Although there was no clear decision on whether the EURC should work directly with the breed societies at all, the indication is that:
 - i) the EURC continues to work with the (current) genetic evaluation centres; and
 - ii) the EURC, Competent Authorities and DG Sante will need to develop a closer relationship, so that there is also this official, governance route with countries (i.e. through the meetings mentioned in point 1)
4. The idea of 'using' the ICAR Certificate of Quality as part of the standardisation process for countries/societies was raised by Spain...
5. Other opportunities raised were to work more as a data hub, and then implementation for EU Research (similarly to our involvements in ReDiverse and GenTORE), work with small populations, and develop further validations (i.e. For beef)...
6. After the meeting the following points were discussed by Sophie, Marjja and Toine:
 - iii) clearly identify within present activities of Interbull what is relevant regarding to EU fees and present them within next Interbull activities report ;
 - iv) In a next meeting : propose activities (new + already done within the present ITB activities), a work plan, in order to make them validate.