



# European Animal Health & Welfare Research

COLLABORATIVE WORKING GROUP

Presentation of the  
**Collaborating Working Group on  
Animal Health and Welfare  
Research (CWG AHW)**

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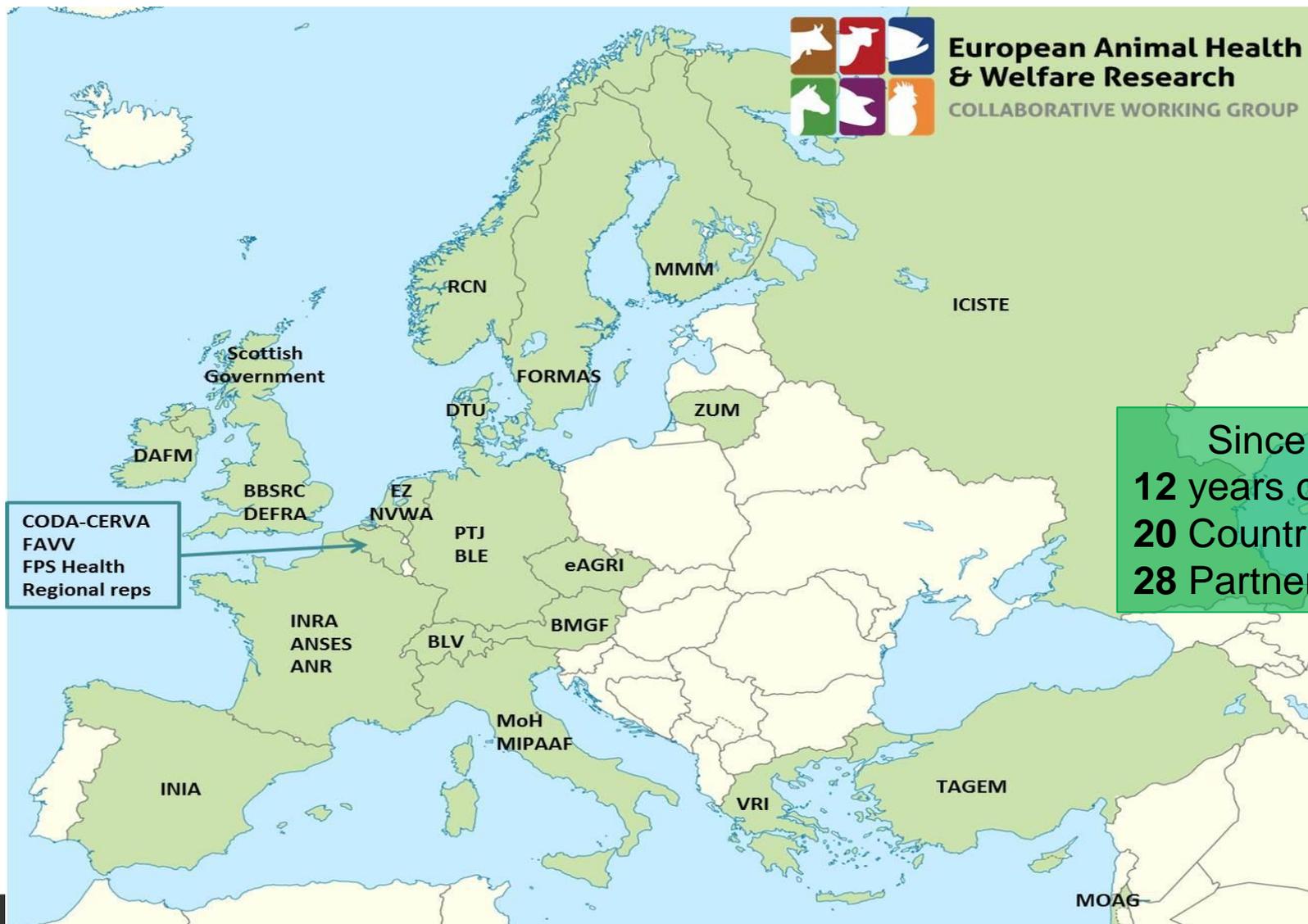
# Aim and scope

Provide a forum leading to improved collaboration on research prioritisation and procurement, creating the necessary critical mass and focus to deliver the **animal health and welfare research needs** of our policy makers and the European livestock industry.

The scope is comprehensive of **emerging and major infectious diseases, production diseases and animal welfare of production animals** in the EU together with capacity and capability (**including infrastructural aspects**).

This **includes fish and bees and those conditions which pose a threat to human health**, but excluding food safety issues and diseases of wildlife (except reservoirs of infection for humans or production animals).

# CWG AHW members



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CODA-CERVA  
FAVV  
FPS Health  
Regional reps

Since 2005  
12 years of activity  
20 Countries  
28 Partners



# SCAR-CWG AHW

The CWG-AHW history is a good example on how SCAR works, defining and adjusting the needs and on this basis deciding the creation of new groups.

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- Initially CWG AH (including production diseases)
  - **EMIDA eraNet**
  - CWG AH-W (triggered by Animal Production situations)
  - **ANIHWA EraNet**
  - The need on enhancing Sustainability of the Animal Production Systems leads to the creation of a new CWG-GROUP: CGW-SAP



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## CWG AHW Working groups

Currently there are these subgroups active within the CWG AHW:

- Animal Health (= plenum)
- Animal Welfare (2009 - )
- Strategy & Foresight (= SFU, 2015- )

Particularly on SFU origin:

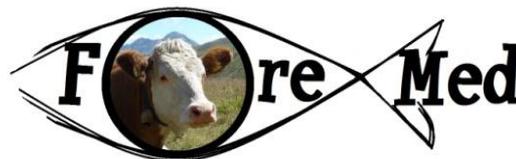
CWG SubG + EMIDA WP4 → Foresight & Programming Unit → Strategy & Foresight Unit

(2007-11) (2012-15) (2015- )

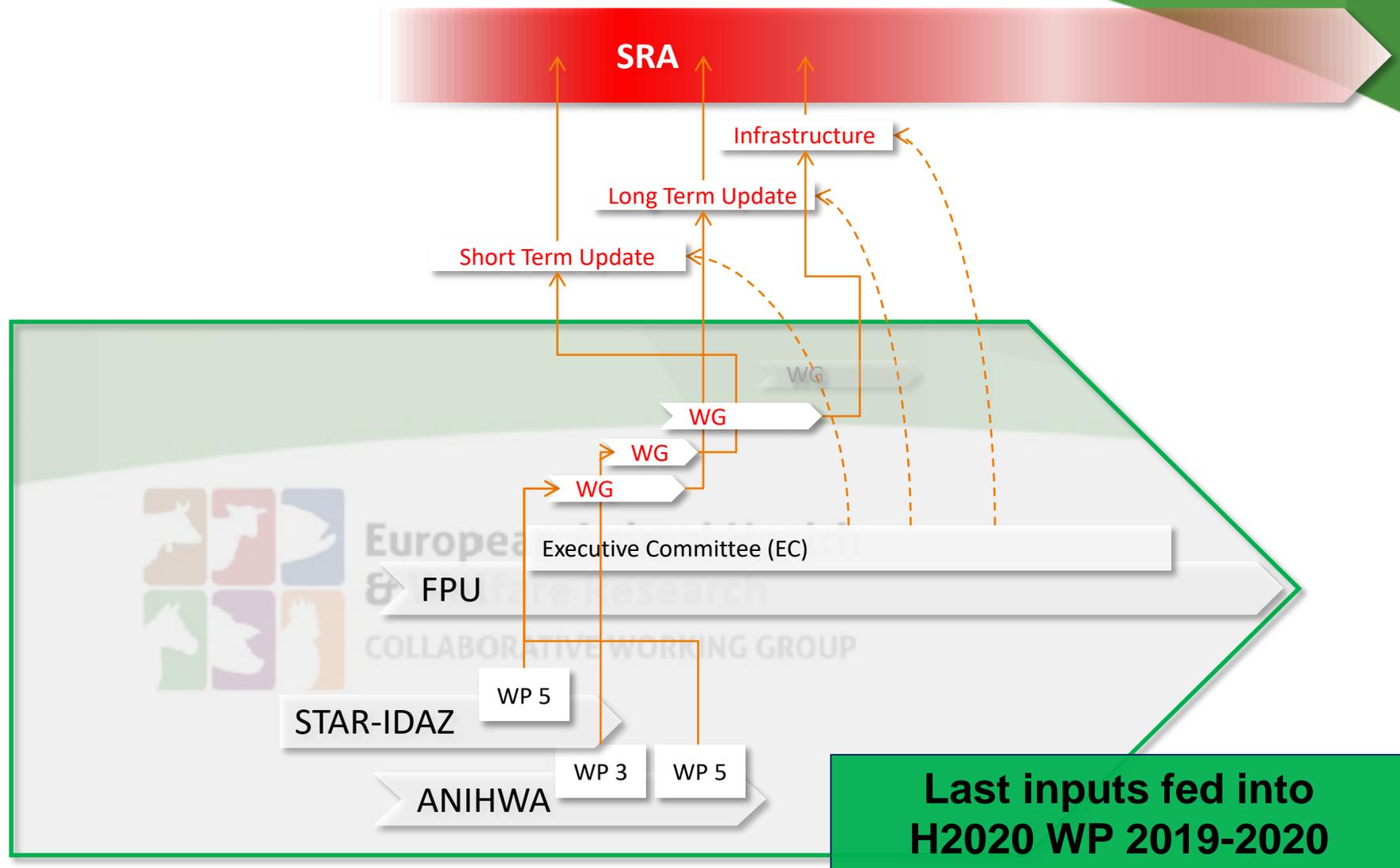
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## Strategic Research Agendas

- Over the past decades, several SRA on animal health were developed in Europe
- The CWG AHW guided and stimulated the creation of some of the very first ones on both AH and AW



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## Setting of the basis for an European SRA on animal welfare

- AW research updating agreed by stakeholders, including farmers, the industry, and researchers
  - Research gap analysis on animal welfare (desk study)
  - Prioritisation by research experts and funders
  - Focus group with the industry to define an Agenda and a roadmap



**Inputs fed into  
H2020 WP  
2019-2020**



# ... THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE



**Title:** **Mid-term foresight exercise for AH research needs**

**Period of activities:** Apr 2017-Feb 2018 by two SFU WGs: SRA short term updating and Trend and developments

**Objective:** An update of the strategic research agenda in animal health. The last one was released as a deliverable of ERA Net ANIHWA 2015.

- **Desk study** (April-June)
- **Questionnaire** to funders and experts for prioritization of Areas
- Developing of **Research Questions** by the SFU and CWG members
- **Consensus workshop** with funders and experts to update SRA (Nov-2017)
- **Final report** delivery (2018)

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## CWG AHW and STARIDAZ support **Veterinary Vaccinology ERA-net Call**

The following interest has been expressed from outside Europe:

- The International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) – Kenya – they are very interested and can commit a minimum of \$3 million per year over the next 5 years.
- Kenya Agriculture and Livestock Research Organisation (KALRO) – interested in taking part and expect to be able to commit €100k
- National Veterinary Research Institute (NVRI) – Nigeria – very interested and would hope to commit €200k – 300k to a call
- National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) – USA – very interested/highly supportive –would probably run their annual call in parallel with a vaccinology topic linked to the ERA-net co-fund call - they could see up to \$8million going into it.
- A global initiative relating to antimicrobial resistance has suggested they would match European funding up to €20 million.



**Thank you for your  
attention!**

