

Education and Training Platform



for Laboratory Animal Science

ETPLAS – Central communication resource

ETPLAS President



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Created in 2014 following the proposal included in the
*Education and Training Framework Document for the implementation of the
European Directive 2010/63/EU*

ETPLAS is a non-profit European organisation dedicated to raising
and harmonizing **education & training standards** in LAS

Provides **resources** for all **stakeholders in LAS education**

From Community to Community

ETPLAS Aims

- To facilitate the process of mutual recognition of education & training in Laboratory Animal Science (LAS)
- To provide a forum for exchanging information on LAS education and training
- To provide stakeholders with information on how to establish training courses
- To conduct related tasks which might further the above aims
- To help to facilitate free movement of personnel involved in LAS

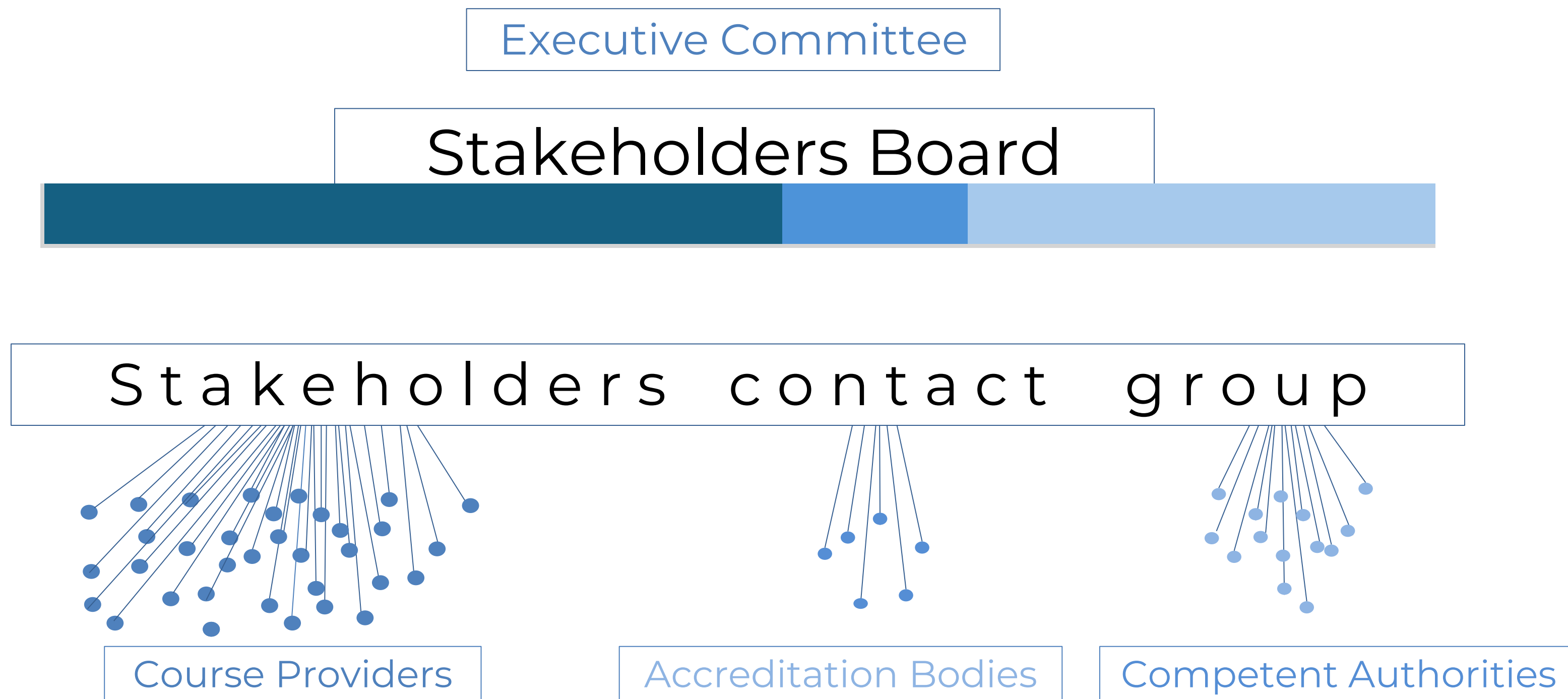
ETPLAS Members

Course Providers

Accrediting Bodies

Competent Authorities

ETPLAS Structure



ETPLAS Executive Committee

President

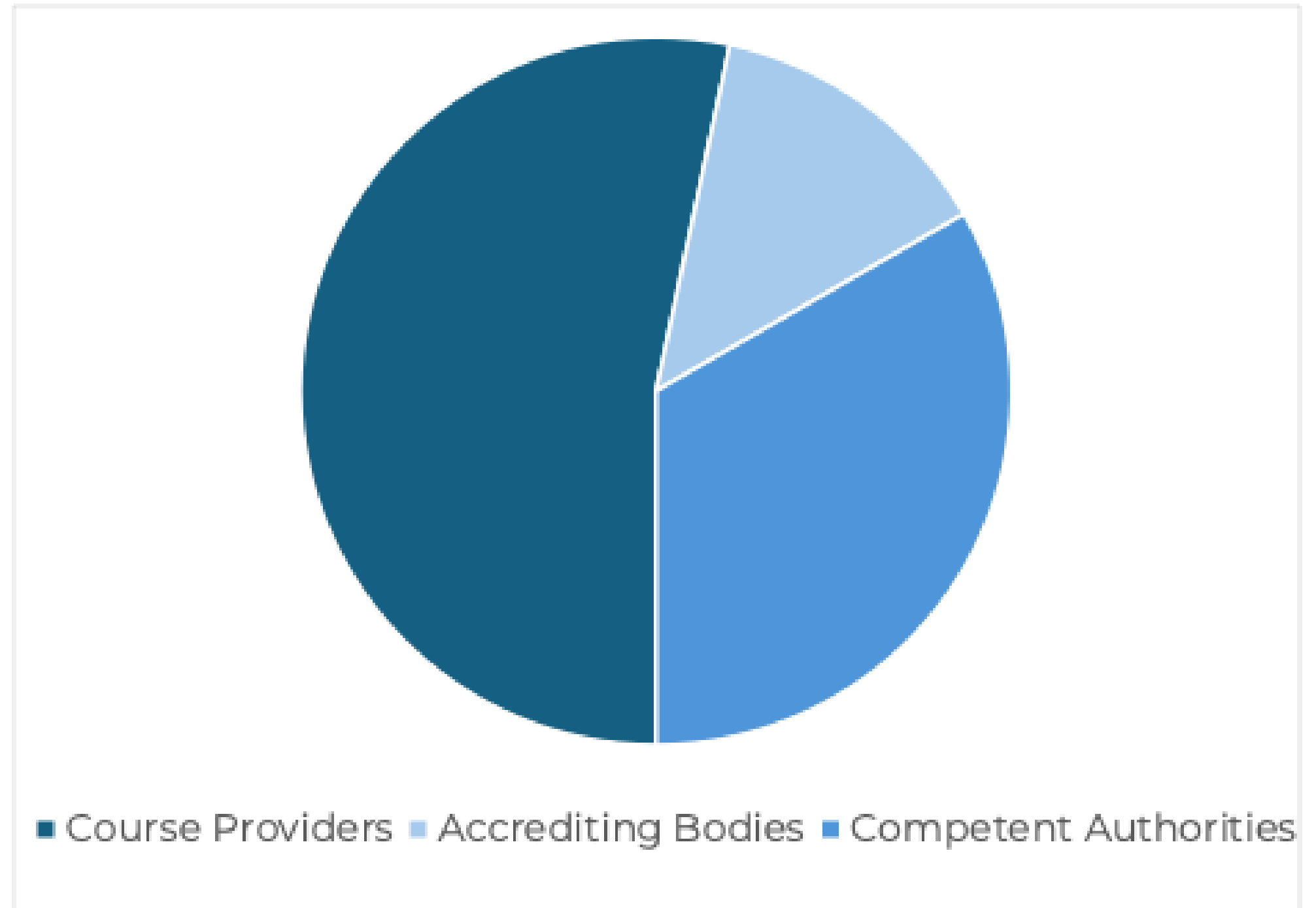
Past President

Secretary

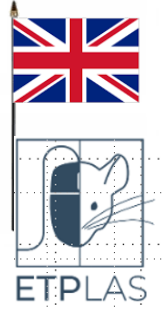
Treasurer

Communications Officer

ETPLAS Stakeholders Board



ETPLAS move to Belgium



Headquarters in a European Union Member State

Reduce costs

New Statutes approved
Registration process ongoing

New bylaws are being finalised

After registered in Belgium
Election of Stakeholders Board
Executive Committee

Consider joining ETPLAS

ETPLAS Offers

Website – www.etplas.eu

acts as the LAS E&T central platform

E-learning Modular training

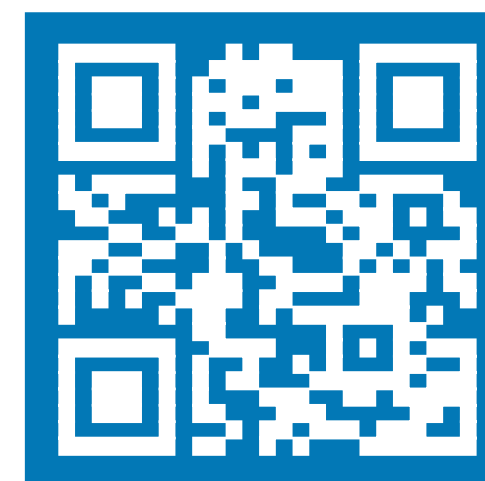
Free and with certificate

Exam platform

Directly Observed Practical Skills Forms

European LAS course directory

Guidance and Recommendation documents



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TRAINING
PLATFORM FOR
LABORATORY
ANIMAL SCIENCE**

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ETPLAS Serves the community

- **Authorities** with free eModules for **project evaluators** and **inspectors**, and building quality system for **trustworthy competence claims across the Union**
- **Course accreditors** with multiple tools all strategically aimed at ensuring agreed quality facilitating mutual acceptance

ETPLAS Serves the community

- **Establishments** with free tools for in-house training, **competence assessment** and guidance for CPD and guidance for a successful CPD programme
- **Individuals** with free learning opportunities and information – **including** those beginning their journey as animal care staff

ETPLAS Serves the community

➤ **Course organisers**

- with free eModules as pre-learning material or in blended learning, and a value-added exam assessment tool
- And with an exam service based on the modules integrated in each course – New exam platform

ETPLAS E-learning EU Modules

Previously available

EU-10: Design of procedures and projects – lv 1

EU-11: Design of procedures and projects –lv 2

EU-12: The severity assessment framework*

EU-25: Project evaluation

EU-52: Searching for (existing) non-animal alternatives*

EU-60: Developing non-animal alternatives for regulatory use*

EU Module 10

Design of procedures
and projects
(level 1)



EU Module 11

Design of procedures
and projects
(level 2)



EU Module 12

The severity assessment
framework



EU Module 25

Project evaluation



EU Module 52

Searching for (existing)
non-animal alternatives



EU Module 60

Developing in vitro methods
and approaches for scientific
and regulatory use



ETPLAS E-learning EU Modules

Available soon (in testing phase)

EU-2: Ethics, Animal Welfare and the 3Rs (lv 1)

EU-3.1: Basic and appropriate biology
| mouse | rat | zebrafish | farm animals

EU-5: Recognition of pain, suffering and distress
| mouse | rat | zebrafish | farm animals

EU-9: Ethics, Animal Welfare and the 3Rs (lv 2)



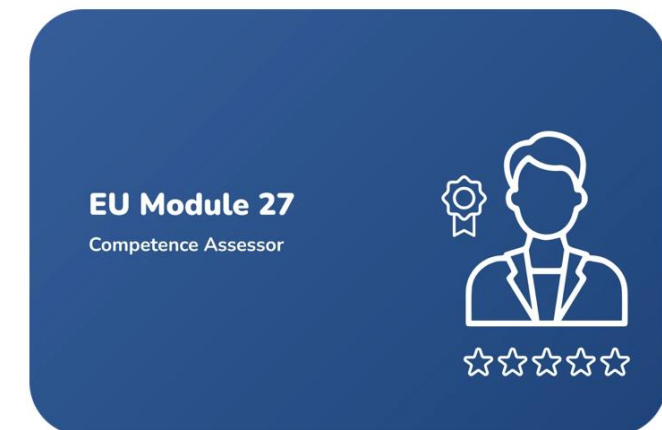
ETPLAS E-learning Modules on Specific roles

Available soon (in testing phase)

EU-24: Designated Veterinarian

EU-26: Inspections

EU-27: Competence Assessor (NEW MODULE)



Other Modules



ETPLAS - Continuing Professional Development - **CPD**

- Easy access
- Flexible attendance
- Wide range of topics and species
- High quality
- Reduce cost

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European LAS course directory

Courses

Name ▲	Country ▼	Institution ▼	
Advanced Course in Laboratory Animal Science	Portugal	i3S - Institute for Research & Innovation in Health, Porto University	Know More ▶
Basiskurs für tierexperimentelles Arbeiten, Schweine-Modul	Austria	Biomedizinische Forschung, Medizinische Universität Graz	Know More ▶
Care and use of laboratory animals: mice, rats, zebrafish	Greece	University of Crete	Know More ▶
Cephalopod Biology and Care - CBC	Italy	Association for Cephalopod Research 'CephRes'	Know More ▶
Ciência em Animais de Laboratório	Portugal	FMUP/ICBAS	Know More ▶
CONGENTO LAS Theory Modules	Portugal	CONGENTO - Consortium for Genetically Tractable Organisms	Know More ▶
Corso Scienza degli Animali da Laboratorio	Italy	Fondazione Santa Lucia IRCCS	Know More ▶
Course on Laboratory Animal Science: Basic course	Netherlands	University Utrecht	Know More ▶
Course on Laboratory Animal Science: Basic course and speciesspecific course Rodents&Rabbit	Netherlands	University Utrecht	Know More ▶

Functions

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Country

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Accreditation

-- Select accreditation status -- ▼

Delivery Methods

-- Select a method -- ▼

Modules

-- Select a module -- ▼

Language

-- Select a language -- ▼

Certification

-- Select approval status -- ▼

Search for course name or institution

Search 🔍


Help us to integrate more courses

Course Directory is ready!



ETPLAS – DOPs Forms



Score sheets with a predefined set of criteria for evaluating the level of competence in executing a SOP



For several EU-modules – Species Specific



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 ETPLAS-DOPS-Model-1-mouse-cardiac-blood-sample.pdf
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 ETPLAS-DOPS-Model-2-Handling-and-Restraint-Zebrafish.pdf
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 EU module 21. Advanced anaesthesia for surgical or prolonged procedures
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 EU module 22. Principles of surgery
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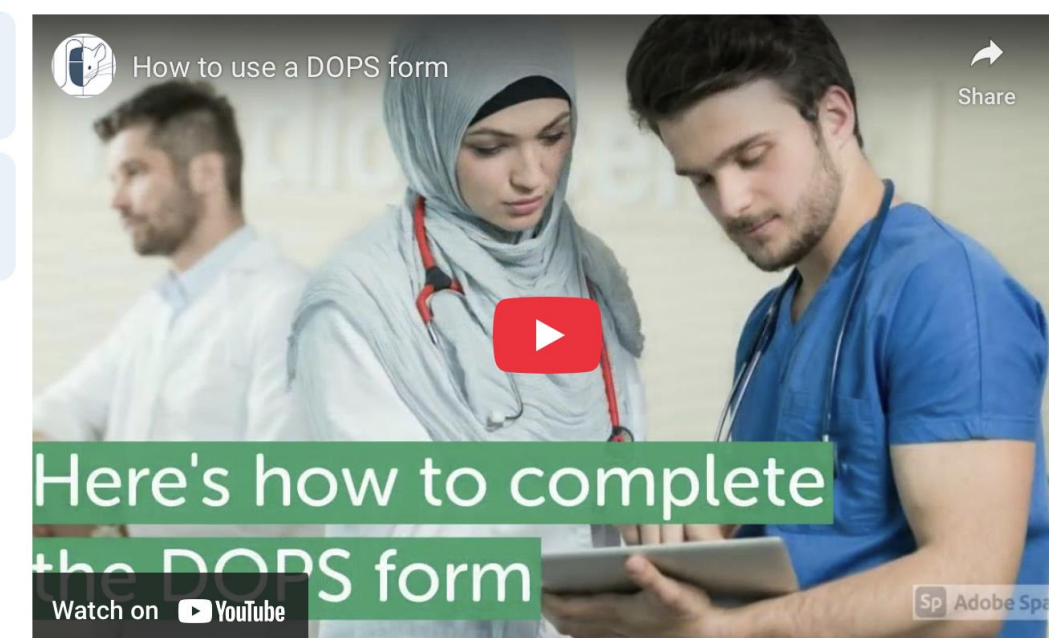
 EU module 20. Anaesthesia for minor procedures
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 EU module 6.2. Humane Methods of Killing (Skills)
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 EU module 8. Minimally Invasive Procedures without Anaesthesia
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 EU module 3.2. Basic and Appropriate Biology
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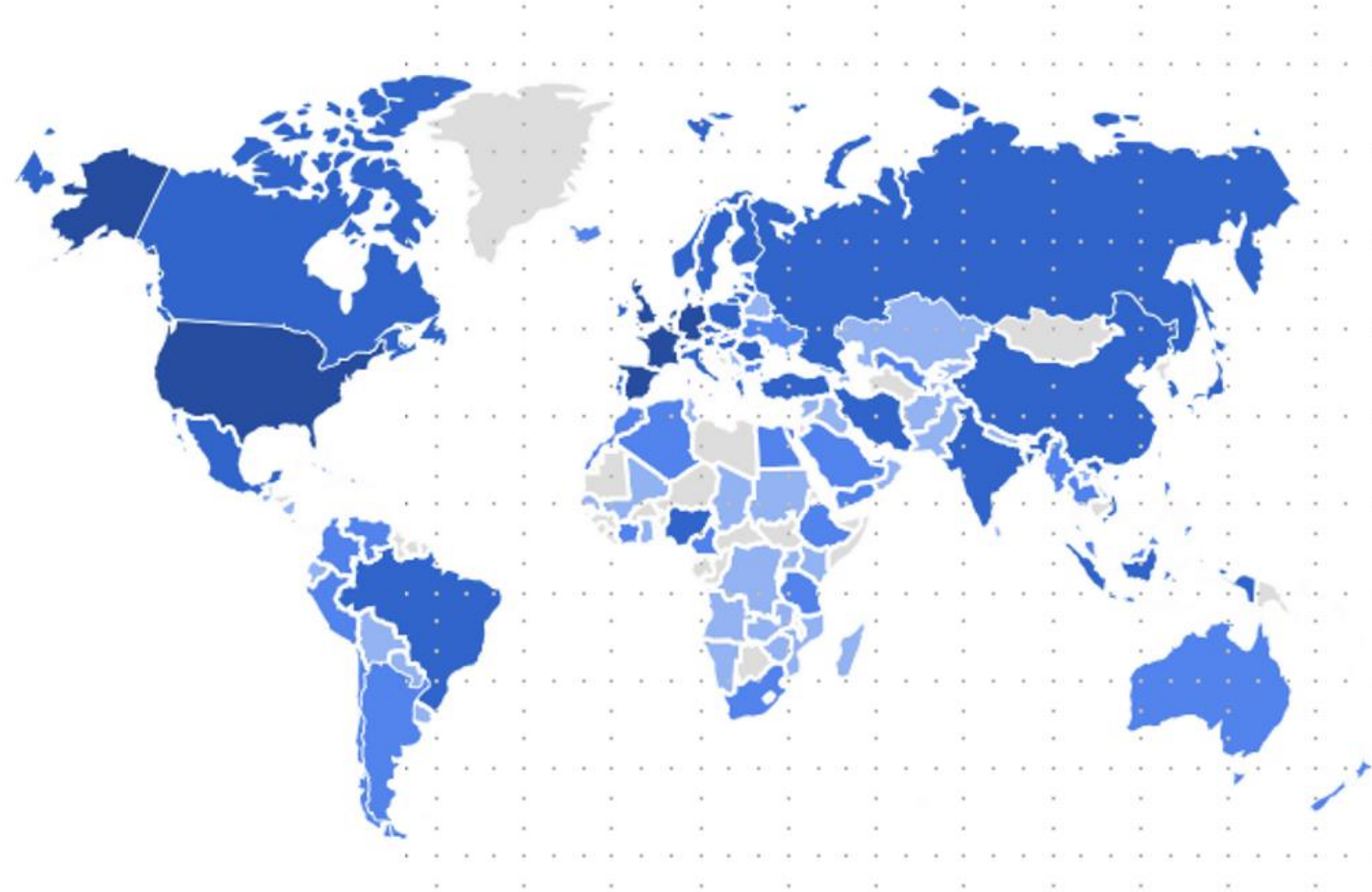
DIRECT
OBSERVATION OF
PROCEDURAL
SKILLS



ETPLAS Website

Site visits (June 2022 – March 2025)

- Around **27K visitors** (1st time visits)
- 137 countries
- 10.468 registered users
- **14.344 completed eModules**



Spain	11952
France	2010
Germany	1819
Belgium	1608
Netherlands	1214
United Kingdom	1107
United States	912
Portugal	781
Italy	600
Sweden	518
Others	4282

ETPLAS - Sustainability

Operational running costs
Administrative Secretary
Accounting support
Website

Modules attendance free
No membership fee

Certificates with a symbolic payment
decided by Stakeholders Board

ETPLAS - Acknowledgements

European Commission Guidance

FELASA initial support

Work of more than **200** LAS professionals since 2014

Executive Committee
Stakeholders Board
Project members
Reflexion groups
Testers



The Sponsors



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Questions

