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Global Burden of Animal Diseases (GBADs)



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One of the strategic objectives of the Global Burden of Animal Diseases (GBADs) programme is to use the established mechanisms of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) to institutionalise the use of economics in animal health. To support this aim, a consortium of the University of Liverpool, Utrecht University and the Norwegian Veterinary Institute has created the first OIE Collaborating Centre for Economics in Animal Health.

The OIE is known for its ability to work in partnership to support the long-term sustainability of new initiatives. For GBADs, this will involve forging links with reference experts and laboratories, veterinary education twinning projects, and a wide network of Collaborating Centres to glean data, build capacity and create strategic partnerships that support the wider roll-out of the programme. In return, GBADs collaborators will support OIE Members through direct participation, by responding to their need for economic assessments of animal health.

The first OIE Collaborating Centre for Economics in Animal Health is in the European region. It will pioneer the development and use of GBADs methods from the global programme to support case studies and capacity building in the European region. Work will take place at the national level to eventually provide robust regional information. The Centre will work with livestock and aquatic animals, reflecting the expertise of the consortium members, and will focus on the systematic use of economics in animal health, as well as training in its methods, to work towards outcomes that are aligned with the GBADs programme. This will be achieved by a multi-disciplinary team of economists, epidemiologists, veterinary clinicians, computer scientists and educators. The team will include early career researchers and provide PhD opportunities as it aims to grow expertise in the discipline.

It is our intention to support the development of similar consortia to become Collaborating Centres for Economics in Animal Health in the other OIE regions.

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Establishment of a Collaborating Centre for Economics in Animal Health

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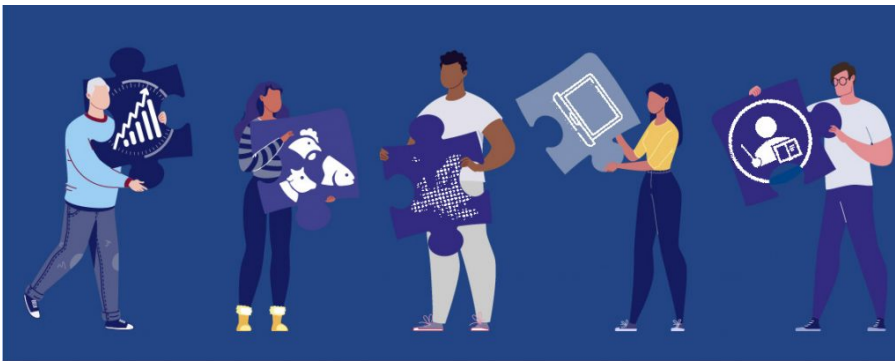
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