



## Teaching of "Economics of Animal Health": State of affairs with special emphasis on Europe

Results\* of a recent survey\*\* conducted among European institutions and organisations

Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To obtain an overview of the extent, content and format of Economics of Animal Health (EAH) teaching and education currently delivered</li> <li>To assess current and future needs and expectations of people using economics in animal health</li> </ul>
Methodologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 web-based questionnaires</li> <li>2 channels (email, website)</li> <li>Open and closed questions in English</li> </ul>
Geographical coverage	35 countries (26 European)
Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Educational institutions: veterinary/agricultural schools and universities, curriculum setting bodies</li> <li>Private organisations: veterinary organisations other than educational, industry bodies, producers, service providers, consulting agencies and supply chain associations</li> <li>Public bodies: government and other public agencies, research institutes, international organisations, non-governmental organisations</li> </ul>
Duration	May - June 2013
Key findings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Education in EAH is inconsistently offered and information on training opportunities is scarce.</li> <li>Education needs of educational and public organisations are related to intervention decisions and disease impact assessment.</li> <li>Needs of private organisations are more focused on the use of economics for general management.</li> <li>People surveyed anticipate an increasing use of EAH in the future.</li> </ul>
Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is a gap between the education in Economics of Animal Health that is delivered in the veterinary curricula and the needs perceived by end-users.</li> <li>The end-users' needs are generally expected to increase.</li> </ul>

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