

Continuing education in the use of laboratory animals



KEKS seminar
The three Rs in metabolism research

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Competence of personnel

- People working with laboratory animals shall be adequately educated and trained before they perform any of the functions
 - a) Carrying out procedures on animals
 - b) Designing procedures and projects
 - c) Taking care of animals
 - d) Killing animals
- Courses for each function
 - First theory then practice
 - Competence after supervision and showing skills



Continuous professional development

- Competence is not everlasting – it must be maintained through continuing education
- No real guidance yet from EU – or Finland
- FELASA recommendations for CPD
 - <http://www.felasa.eu/recommendations/guidelines/guidelines-for-continuing-education-for-persons-involved-in-animal-experime/>
- Training should be mutually recognized and the records transferable



What does this mean in practice?

- You need to participate in the relevant lab animal education, like this 3Rs seminar
- Hands-on skills must be maintained and updated whenever needed
 - New procedures or working with new species must be shown to supervisor or KEKS personnel before individual working – theory must be also updated when needed (new species)
 - Fresh-up sessions will start in KEKS



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- Record keeping is important
 - Certificates are asked before you can start working
- In KEKS, Provet programme is being updated
 - In your own page you can add the information of your education, courses and training with certificates
- The aim is to harmonize education and training and facilitate free movement of persons working with lab animals

