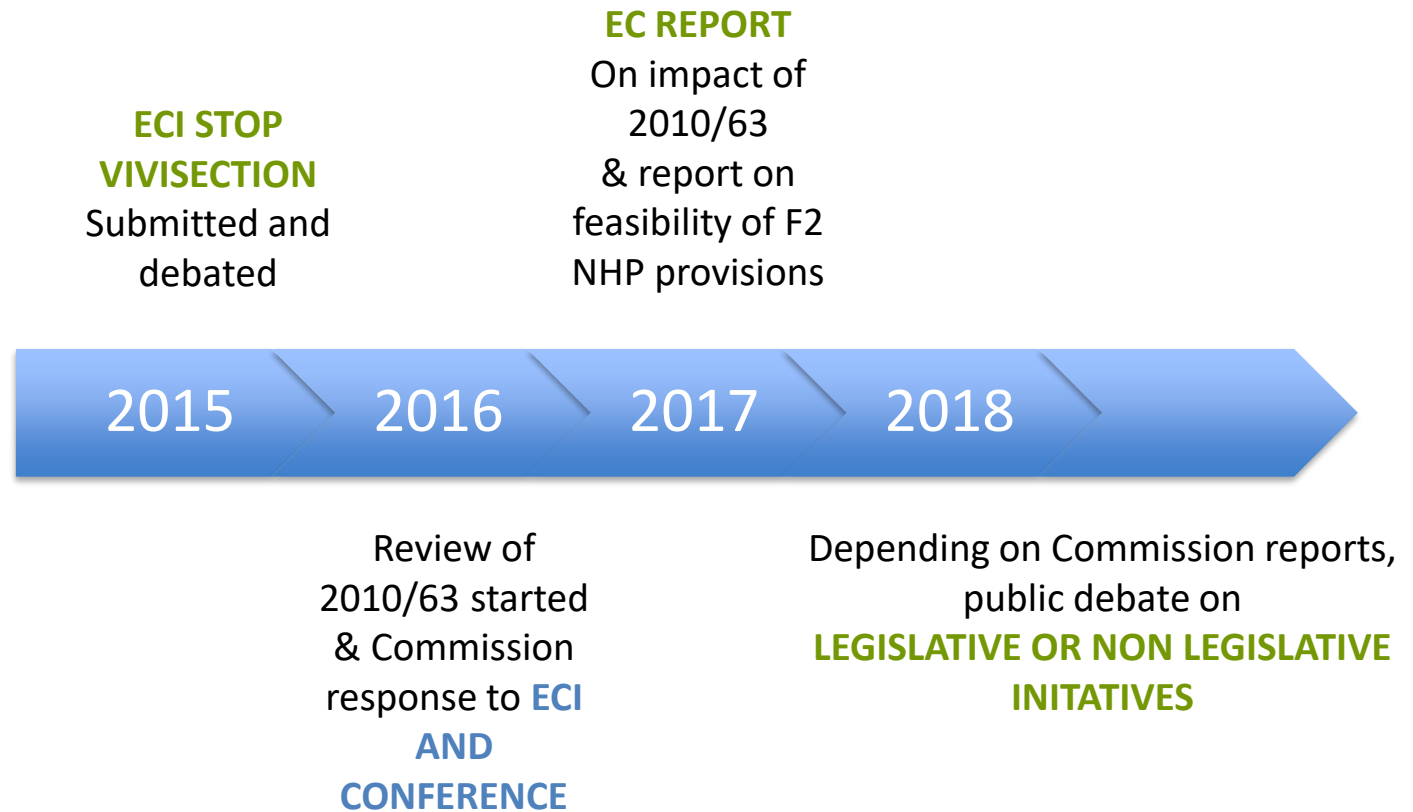
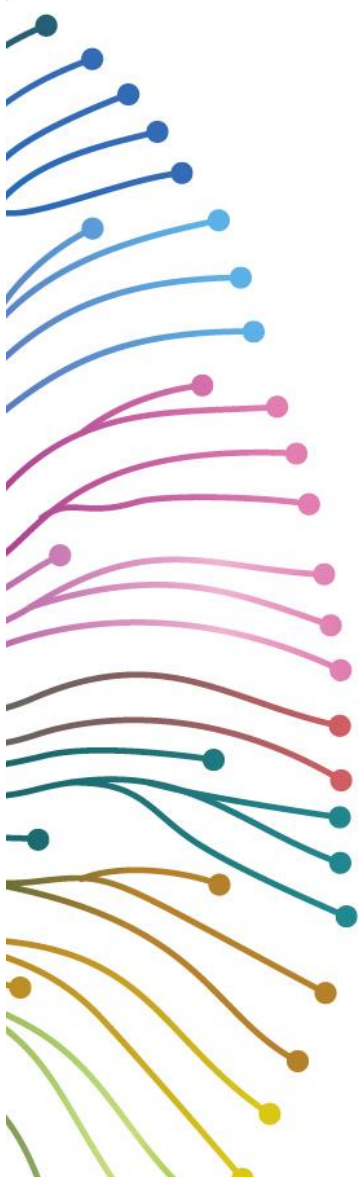




# Animal research Progress report



# Summary



Scientific conference “Non-Animal Approaches – The Way Forward” December 2016.



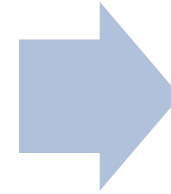
Sessions balance  
scientists from  
industry,  
academia,  
regulators etc.

- **Validity of animal models.**
- Value and limitations of **models used in fundamental research.**
- Value and limitations of **models used in regulatory testing.**
- **Report from the EC** on four actions from their ECI response - *funding for R&D, dissemination of 3Rs information, regulatory barriers for uptake of alternatives, scientific dialogue*
- **Openness**, reporting, publications, reproducibility, quality, etc.



## ELSA network developed:

- Conference conclusions
- Follow up letter to the EC acknowledging the conference achievements and pointing out to further challenges



EBC endorsed both documents

# SCHEER opinion

DG ENV requested the SCHEER to issue an opinion on the status of alternatives for the use of NHP to facilitate debate during the negotiations of the EP and the Council on the revision of the Directive.

Following public consultations, in March 2017 public hearing in Luxembourg on the preliminary Opinion on 'The need for NHP in biomedical research, production and testing of products and devices (update 2017)'

SCHEER opinion: the current state of knowledge does not permit to propose a timetable for phasing-out the use of NHP in Europe; it provides recommendations on how to advance 3Rs for NHP use, such as through alternative methods, training, improvement of techniques and protocols, sharing of knowledge.

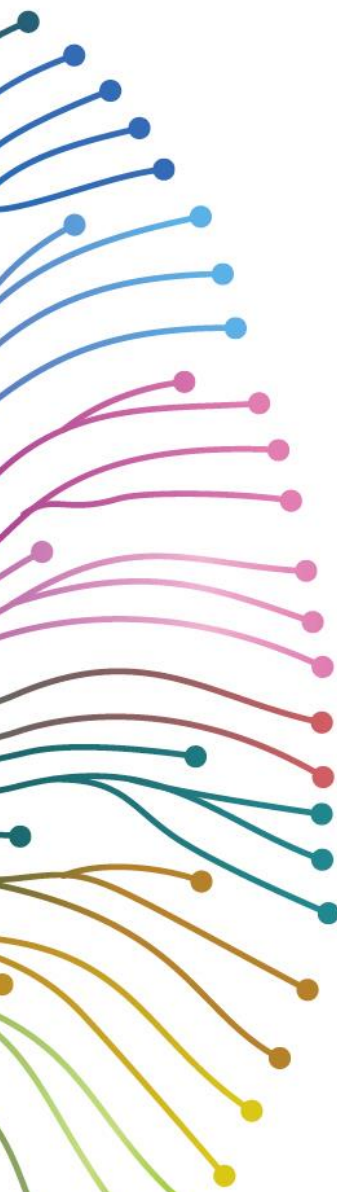
Eurogroup for Animals doesn't agree with the SCHEER opinion and urged the Commission in June 2017 to phase out use of primates for scientific purposes



On 18 April, the European Ombudsman issues a decision on the complaint by ECI Stop Vivisection who considered that the EC gave an inadequate response to the ECI.

- Commission had explained, in a clear, comprehensible and detailed manner, its position and the political choices it had made regarding the objectives of the initiative.
- It started to implement a number of concrete actions in response to the initiative and complied with its duty to explain, in a clear, comprehensible and detailed manner, its position and political choices regarding the objectives of the ECI “
- There was no maladministration by the Commission.

# Other recent developments



On March EBC attended EC consultation round table to discuss preliminary fundings from public consultations

Following the "Statement in support of animal research and a transparent approach,, in April EBC and BBC endorsed Transparency Agreement, a practical framework to guide efforts on openness on animal research in Belgium.

In June EBC published on the website an updated position paper concerning animal research

28 June – ELSA meeting in Brussels

Adoption of a final report on the review of the Directive in November 2017