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**European Association of Establishments for  
Veterinary Education**



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Dear ExCom Regional Representative, Dear Pedro,

The project of opening of a new university in Spain, offering a veterinary degree, (Universidad Europea de Madrid) was exposed to us by our Spanish member establishments. It raised some concerns that EAEVE wishes to clarify regarding the standards for the quality of veterinary teaching that our association, together with the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE), promotes and develops among the universities delivering a veterinary degree in Europe and beyond.

Veterinary education is highly demanding and numerous points need to be considered and clarified before the decision of opening a new establishment is confirmed. The European standards that we promote, set some basic requirements to allow every establishment to properly educate students in order to deliver high quality veterinary graduates to serve the needs of society. Among others, the main points that each new establishment needs to address and develop before offering a new degree programme, are various equipment to support education at the highest standards, as for instance a veterinary teaching hospital offering service for all the domestic animal species (small animals, equine, food producing animals etc.) with a 24/7 service, supported by faculty members highly committed to education and research, but also educational tools for teaching of veterinary public health (access to food technology plant and slaughterhouse) and herd health management (access to farms).

Furthermore, the high number of veterinary faculties in Spain and the feedback from the veterinary profession that the already existing faculties more than meet the demand of veterinarians, need to be considered prior to the decision of opening a new programme. All over Europe, veterinary profession have to face an important demand of students, but not always for the good reason, and it is our responsibility to consider the employment rate before offering too many new opportunities.

The final decision of opening a new institution is under the responsibility of the local government but EAEVE always supports its member establishments by providing them with advice and guidance. We will be more than happy, if it is requested, to elaborate on the standards.

With all my best regards,



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