The ECCVT meeting took place on 22nd September 2017 in Brussels under the chairmanship of the EAEVE President, Prof Ana Bravo. A new member joined the Committee on behalf of EBVS. Prof Laura Kramer succeeded Prof Stephen May, who had successfully completed his term.

ECCVT members exchanged their views on important matters for the veterinary profession and quality of veterinary training.

EAEVE informed ECCVT Members about the external evaluation process by the European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA). EAEVE is currently an associate member of ENQA and has applied for the ENQA accreditation and full membership. The ENQA evaluation will take place in November 2017. A successful outcome will help for a more official acknowledgement of the European System of Evaluation of Veterinary Training (ESEVT) in the European Union, but also internationally.

ECCVT follows up with any developments related to the Directive 2005/36 and Directive 2013/55. The veterinary profession hopes that revision of Annex 5.4.1 will be included in the agenda of the European Commission soon. Members of ECCVT that are all stakeholders with interest in veterinary education keep on exchanging views and ensuring consensus on day-1 competences.

The future of the profession and the preparation of veterinarians to deal with it are high on the ECCVT agenda. One of the major concerns of ECCVT Members remains always the tendency of opening of new veterinary schools without a vision or commitment for the future and quality of the veterinary profession.

Post-graduate training and continuous professional development (CPD) was also on the agenda of the discussion. FVE is developing a position paper on CPD and invited all stakeholders to provide input. ECCVT Members were also updated on VETCEE (Veterinary Continuous Education in Europe) recent activities and challenges for the future.