



Review of the Interim Report

Name and location of the Establishment

Faculdade de Medicina Veterinária – Universidade de Lisboa

Name of the Coordinator reviewing the Interim Report (IR)

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Date of the review

9th May 2021

1. Overall analysis: Is the IR written in agreement with the SOP?

Yes, using the 2019 SOP.

2. Major changes since the previous SER: Could these changes significantly affect compliance to the ESEVT Standards?

No significant changes have occurred in each of the ESEVT Standard/Substandards since the previous SER written for the 2017 ESEVT Visitation.

3. Progress in the correction of Deficiencies: Have the Deficiencies (both Major and Minor ones) identified during the previous Visitation been corrected? If not, are there a plan and a timeframe to do so?

No Major Deficiencies were found on the last ESEVT Visitation in 2017.

However, three Minor deficiencies (partial compliance with the ESEVT Standards) were found:

Partial compliance with standard 2.1

Public revenues from the State Budget have been increasing since 2016 at a rate of about 7% per year leading to a 41% increase between 2016 to 2015. However, in the years 2020 to 2021 the government reduced tuition fees paid by students in public universities, which has reduced the income to approximately 37%. Nevertheless, this increase has allowed the VEE to maintain the recruitment and retention of key academic teaching staff, increase the number of veterinarians and nurses at the VTH, to upgrade some equipment and to initiate some renovation work on the buildings.

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Partial compliance with standard 4

The VEE is well aware of the deterioration of the faculty's facilities, mainly due to the very low quality of construction and materials used, water infiltrations and lack of general maintenance. Following a successful tendering process, some remedial work began in March 2021. Further tenders will be undertaken. The remedial work started with the most degraded areas.

Partial compliance with standard 9.3

The pedagogical training of teachers became mandatory from June 2019. For full-time teachers and researchers, who have been hired for less than 6 years by FMV, a minimum of 12 hours of pedagogical training is required every three years. For other teachers, a minimum of 6 hours of pedagogical training is required every three years. Also, veterinarians and nurses of the VTH must attend specific pedagogical training courses.

4. ESEVT Indicators: Are some Indicators below the current minimum value and could it significantly affect compliance to the ESEVT Standards?

The majority of the Indicators are within or better than the Standards, but with a few exceptions: the number of extramural companion animal and intramural farm animals are well compensated by large numbers of respectively intramural or extramural cases. The number of hours of clinical training is below the minimum value but the VEE now recognises this and have initiated changes to increase this value.

5. Any other comments or suggestions to ECOVE

In 2020, the Scientific Council of the VEE initiated a process of curricular evaluation and revision to adapt the curriculum based on indicators provided by EU and national teaching (EAEVE, A3ES, ULisboa) and professional (FVE, OMV) institutions. The goal is to increase the frequency and quality of clinical training, to maximize the potential of Pet, Equine and Livestock Teaching Hospitals, to promote a better integration of subjects, to introduce novel activity areas and soft skills, and reevaluate the pedagogic and student evaluation dynamics. It is expected that this process might be concluded and submitted for approval during 2022.

RECOMMENDATION BY ECOVE:

No additional recommendations.