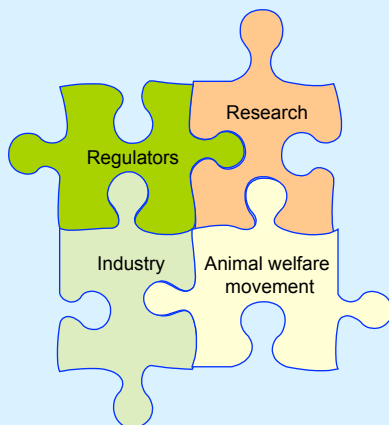


# Norecopa: using a national consensus-platform to promote the 3Rs



Norecopa is Norway's consensus-platform for the 3Rs.

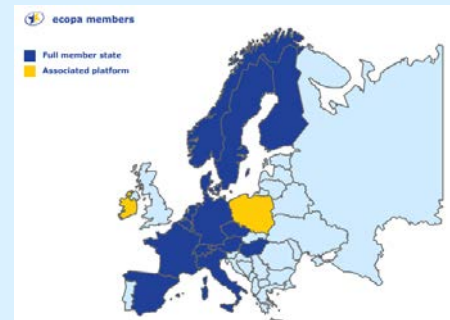
Norecopa is an independent organisation with Board members representing all four stakeholders.



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Norecopa promotes all 3 Rs of Russell & Burch:

**Replacement  
Reduction  
Refinement**



Norecopa is a member of **ecopa**

**ecopa** European Consensus Platform on Alternatives

## Norecopa

- works to **increase our knowledge** of methods to replace, reduce and refine animal experiments
- acts as a **national competence centre** and clearing house for information on 3R-techniques
- encourages **consensus between the stakeholders** involved in animal research

## Norecopa

- has arranged **international consensus meetings** on harmonisation of the care and use of fish, wildlife and agricultural animals in research
- gives **seed money** to R&D projects related to the 3Rs
- appointed an international working group that developed **guidelines for the severity classification of procedures used on fish**, to complement the EU Working Group report on this topic
- produces **scientific statements** on topical issues such as fasting and toe-clipping
- maintains **two websites** with 3R-resources, including the 3R Guide, NORINA and TextBase databases
- arranges an **annual public seminar** and awards a **3R-prize** of NOK 30,000
- runs a **discussion forum** for lab animal facility managers and produces a **newsletter** 8-9 times a year.

*We believe this consensus-platform to be a feasible model for other countries also: to enhance the exchange of information between stakeholders, improve implementation of the 3Rs and facilitate international harmonisation.*

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