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ANIMAL ETHICS COMMITTEES

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WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?

- Legally required in EU
 - (elsewhere??)
 - Usually approval needed before publication
- Most importantly:
- Ethical thinking: animal = conscient living being

EU?



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EU DIRECTIVE 2010/63

- Competent authorities decide
- Ethical review body (competent authorities decide) for all projects entailing procedures on animals

'procedure' means any use, invasive or non-invasive, of an animal for experimental or other scientific purposes, with known or unknown outcome, or educational purposes, which may cause the animal a level of pain, suffering, distress or lasting harm equivalent to, or higher than, that caused by the introduction of a needle in accordance with good veterinary practice. This includes any course of action intended, or liable, to result in the birth or hatching of an animal or the creation and maintenance of a genetically modified animal line in any such condition, but excludes the killing of animals solely for the use of their organs or tissues.

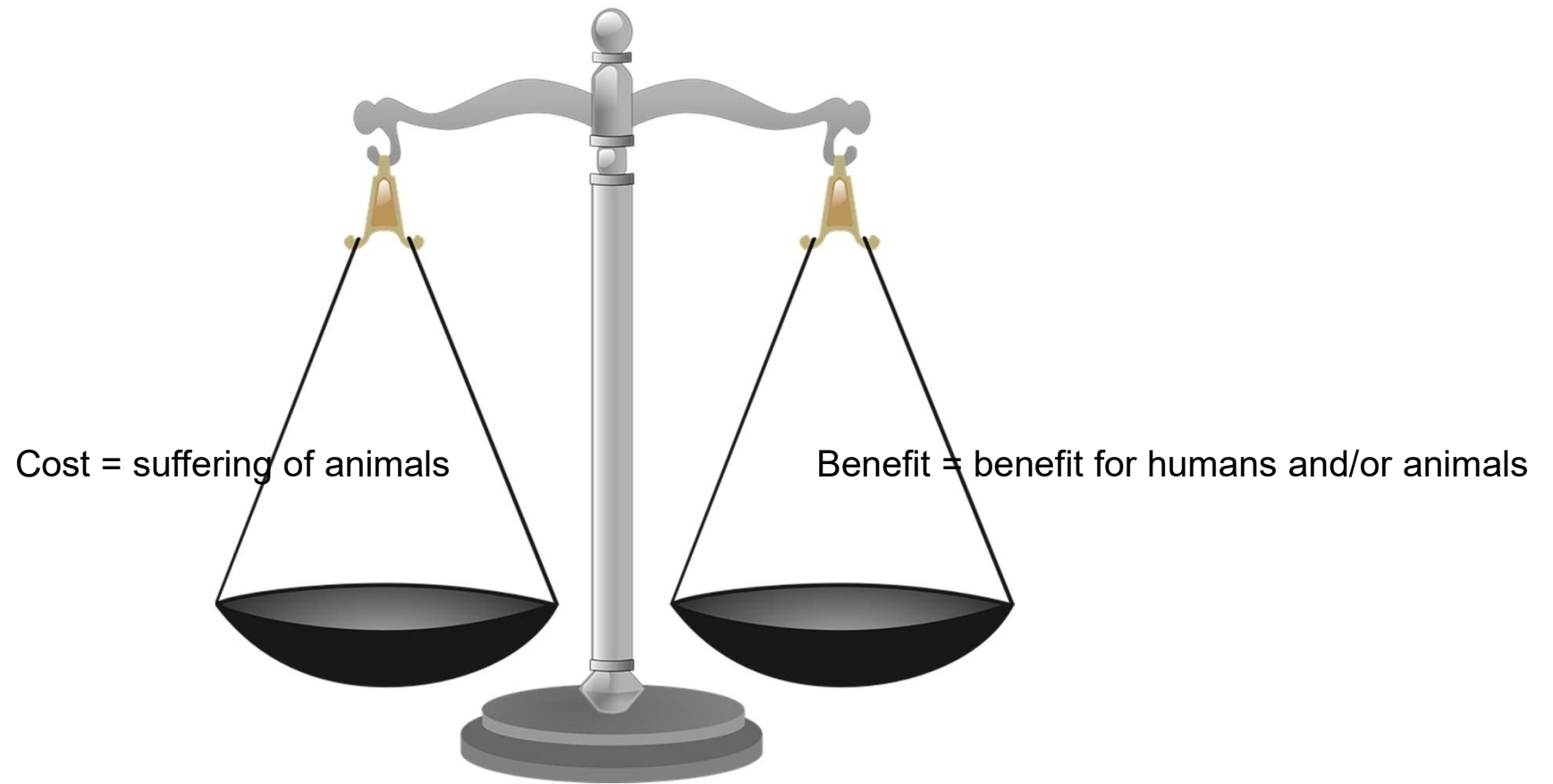
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BELGIAN LEGISLATION

- Royal Decree 29th May 2013
- Every “user” (= institution/lab/...) has own EC
- Labs may gather under one EC

UGENT SITUATION

- 3 EC's
 - Faculty of medicine and health sciences + Faculty of pharmacy
 - Faculty of sciences
 - Faculty of Veterinary Medicine + Faculty of Bioscience Engineering



BELGIAN LEGISLATION

- Now even regional (Flanders/Brussels/Wallonia) responsibility
- EC can only decide on procedure carried out in own region

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<https://www.ugent.be/nl/onderzoek/maatschappij/dierproeven>

Policy statement:

Researchers in collaborative research should at least act according to standards of Belgian/European legislation

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Transparency agreement:

bclasorg.webhosting.be/transparency-agreement/

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WHAT TO DO FOR YOU?

STEPS TO FOLLOW

- In case of animal research completely abroad:
 - Apply to local EC if available
 - Check and follow EU/Belgian standards
 - In case no local EC available: contact EC at UGent
- In case of animal research partly in B/partly abroad:
 - More complicated, especially with regard to responsibilities and obligatory education (*absence of mutual recognition*)

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- See Ufora platform for students:
- Ufora.ugent.be (<https://elosp.ugent.be/welcome>)
 - LABANSCINONVETS
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