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Improving animal welfare – large-scale implementation experience

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Fur Europe's relevant experience

- Fur Europe represents the fur sector in Europe including fur farmers.
- FP6-funded Welfare Quality as a model => Fur Europe initiated an on-farm animal welfare assessment programme on European scale **WelFur**
<http://www.fureurope.eu/fur-policies/welfur/>
- WelFur is currently being implemented on all 3.500 European mink and fox farms since January 2017. 90 % of farms have joined the voluntary program and all farms will be assessed by 2020. External auditing company is carrying out the assessments based on the scientific protocol. Since January 2017 there has been more than 3.900 assessment visits.

SFS -08-2018-2019 Improving animal welfare

B. [2019] Precision livestock farming

Fur Europe or, alternately, the WelFur scientists, are interested in joining a consortium developing a project for this topic in order to contribute with the knowledge and experience gained throughout the management of WelFur.

This would also be in line with the multi-actor approach required.

Expertise of Fur Europe

- Animal welfare assessment programme implementation on European level
- How to fund the implementation
- Training of auditing company
- How to find the participating farms
- Data development (tablet to collect the data on-farm)
- Actual improvements on the farms with integrated advisory system

Expertise of the WelFur scientists

- How to test the planned program
- How to choose the right measurements
- The use of the collected animal welfare data

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