

MEMBER STATE NARRATIVE

1. General information on any changes in trends observed since the previous reporting period.

In 2013 the number of used animals slightly/gently increased in comparison to year 2014. The reason was that lot of projects submitted even beyond the EU Directive 2010/63/EU came into force i.e. in 2012 were adopted at the beginning of 2013.

2. Information on significant increase or decrease in use animals in any of the specific areas and analysis of the reasons thereof.

*There are no significant deviations related to the average number of used animals in different specific areas compared to the previous years.

3. Information on any changes in trends in actual severities and analysis of the reasons thereof.

*In 2014 the Project for use of other birds – zebra fish – was adopted in the project classified as severe. The brains of animals were damaged in the project in order to observe the speed of its regeneration by magnetic resonance method on live animals. (Use of 3R in practice, reduction of animals, in 1 animal possibility to observe progress in a long time period without need of killing the animals.)

4. Particular efforts to promote the principle of replacement, reduction and refinement and its impacts on statistics if any

*Published access to EU web page with the 3R topics. Elaboration of the Commentary Manual to Directive 2010/63/EU. The Commentary of the 3R principle within the frame of education and training of all related persons according to the Article 23 and 24 of the 2010/63/EU Directive. Legalization of the commitment to use the 3R principle in animal use, their breeding and delivery in the national legislation.

5. Further breakdown on the use of "other" categories if a significant proportion of animal use is reported under this category.

Within “ the other” categories in the Slovak Republic follows zebra fish, .Perdix perdix for year 2014.

6. Details on cases where the 'severe' classification is exceeded, whether pre-authorized or not, covering the species, numbers, whether prior exemption was authorized, the details of the use and the reasons why 'severe' classification was exceeded.

*Approved projects classified as “severe” have not been retroactively evaluated yet. The numbers of animals that can be used by the user in each project are strictly specified in the project approval decision.

*Exceed the number of used animals compared to the approved number is illegal and is punished by high financial penalty. The exceed in number of the used animals can be ascertained by physical control performed on- site at the users establishment or by annual obligatory users report.