



FC3R GIS Newsletter



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Call for projects “Refinement” now open



The FC3R will provide financial support of up to €30,000 for projects that aim to promote the development, harmonization and dissemination of refinement methods to reduce pain and stress in laboratory animals, and improve their welfare.

Application deadline: 11/26/25

[Find out more](#)



The 3R 'Research' and 'Culture of care' awards 2025

Each year, the FC3R rewards researchers and professionals who work with laboratory animals and are committed to the development and implementation of the 3Rs in France.

Application deadline: 10/06/25

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The Netherlands' transition to animal-free research

The launch of the Ombion center confirms the Netherlands' pioneering role in the transition to animal-free research.

[Read the news](#)



Animal welfare at the heart of applied research

Solenn Percelay, Animal Welfare Scientist at TransCure bioServices, works to ensure that mouse welfare is integrated into everyday scientific and ethical considerations through the development of animal welfare indicators, an internal Culture of Care, and open communication.

[Read the news](#)



Upcoming FC3R webinar

Réduction de l'expérimentation animale : apport des banques de tissus et des bases de données

Thursday, October 16, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

It will be presented by Olivier Raineteau
Yann Hérault, Nathanael Debanne, Hamid Méziane et Benoit Petit-Demoulière

[Read more](#)

Focus on

Survey: « NAM expert pool Database »



The [EU COST Action IMPROVE](#) aims to promote the development, validation and adoption of the 3Rs and is building a private database of NAMs experts. By joining this initiative, you will become part of a valuable resource for stakeholders who need to evaluate alternative methods to animal experiments. Your expertise in NAMs, ranging from in vitro to in silico, could lead to new opportunities for collaboration, consultation and project evaluation. [Complete the questionnaire](#)

Researchers have successfully created human organoids of the heart, liver, intestine, and lung that are capable of forming their own blood vessels. This major advance toward more complex and functional *in vitro* models that are more physiologically relevant brings organoids closer to real organs and to the possibility of studying human development and testing drugs without animal testing. [Find out more](#)



The Lush Prize and the ART 3Rs Award

Two international prizes that demonstrate the growing momentum for alternative methods.

The Lush Prize, awarded every two years, recognizes five categories (science, training, public awareness, political advocacy, young researchers). There are also three honorary awards for political achievements, major scientific collaborations, and the Andrew Tyler Award for outstanding contributions to ending animal testing.

Total funding: £250,000

Application deadline: 11/28/2025

[Find out more](#)

The ART 3R Award is an annual prize awarded to masters students, PhD candidates, postdoctoral fellows, and young team leaders for the originality of their projects focused on the 3Rs.

Prize money: €3,000

Application deadline: 10/31/2025

[Find out more](#)

By 2030, Europe's ambition is to be a global leader in life sciences

In July 2025, the European Commission unveiled an ambitious strategy to make Europe a global leader in life sciences by 2030. It plans to invest €250 million in cross-sectoral life sciences technologies, including NAMs, to support the development of new products that drive industrial innovation, health, and sustainability. [Find out more](#)



The NIH is opening up funding to animal-free methods



The NIH announced in July 2025 that it would incorporate animal-free methods into its funding and would no longer support projects involving exclusively animals. This change, supported by the FDA and ethical groups, reflects a scientific and ethical commitment to more effective, faster, cost-efficient, and animal-friendly human models. [Find out more](#)

Featured training



[hiPSC : culture et contrôle qualité des cellules souches à pluripotence induite](#)

December 2 to 5, 2025, Lyon (France)



[Animal experimentation in France: ethical and legal aspects](#)

December 2, 2025, Online



EPAA 20th CONFERENCE

[Paving the Way for a Future without Animal Testing](#)

November 5, 2025
Brussels (Belgium)

EARA CONFERENCE

[Shaping the future of animal research communication](#)

November 6, 2025
Berlin (Germany)

The FC3R will be present

AFSTAL CONFERENCE

[Des animaux et des machines](#)

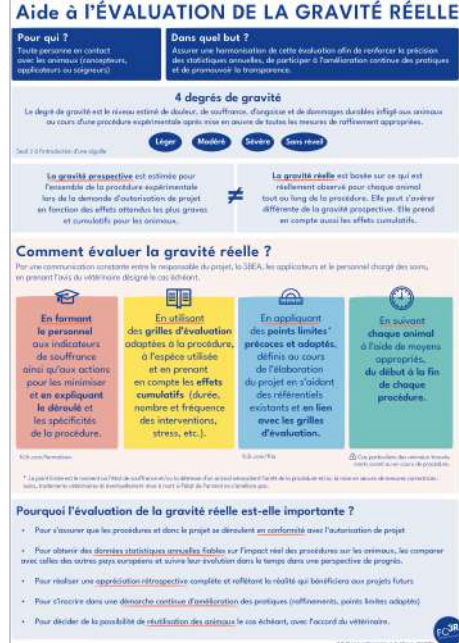
November 19 to 21, 2025
Nantes (France)

The FC3R will be present



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French-language database of resources on the 3Rs



Practical guide "Assessing actual severity" (in french).

Thematic : Ethics and legislation, Animal welfare

Type of resource: Technical guide

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