### Areas of Competence

#### 1. Centre for Documentation and Evaluation of Alternative Methods to Animal Experiments (ZEBET)
- Advice to authorities on alternative methods to animal experiments
- Provision of information on alternative methods
- Development of novel alternative methods
- Research and development of methods to reduce pain and suffering in laboratory animals (refinement)
- Advice to authorities on measures of refinement

#### 2. Reduction of severity and improvement of animal welfare
- Development of novel test methods
- International coordination

#### 3. Alternative methods in toxicology
- Advice to authorities and animal welfare bodies on the acquisition, breeding, accommodation, care and use of laboratory animals
- EU-wide exchange of information

#### 4. National committee

#### 5. Coordination of the promotion of research on alternative methods
- Coordination of funding measures for alternative methods
- Research and innovation management

### Summary of the Centre’s tasks:
- Consulting
- Assessment
- Research
- Coordination
- Communication

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