

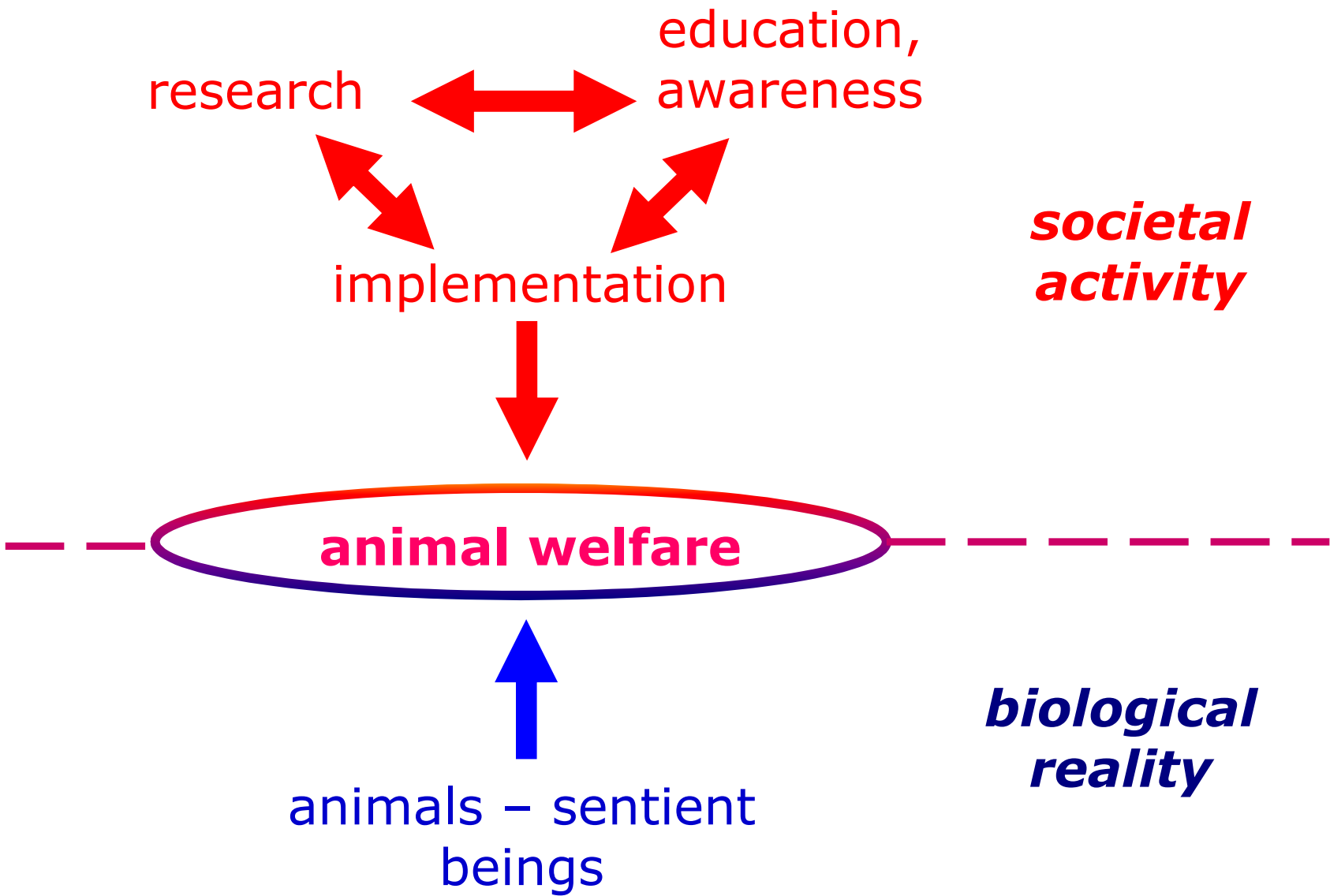
# **AWARE** project: background, objectives and current activities

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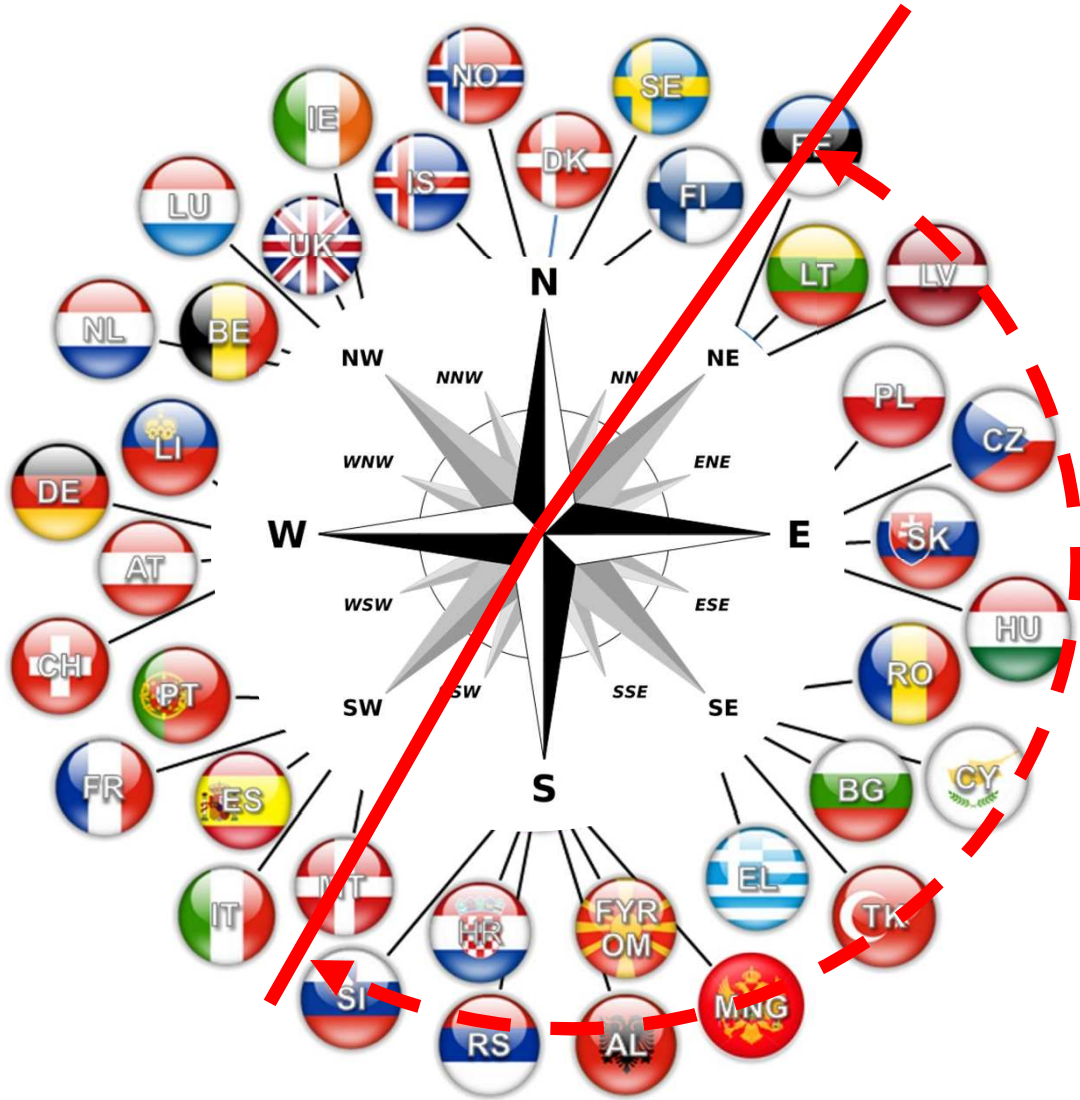
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# An European geography of animal welfare

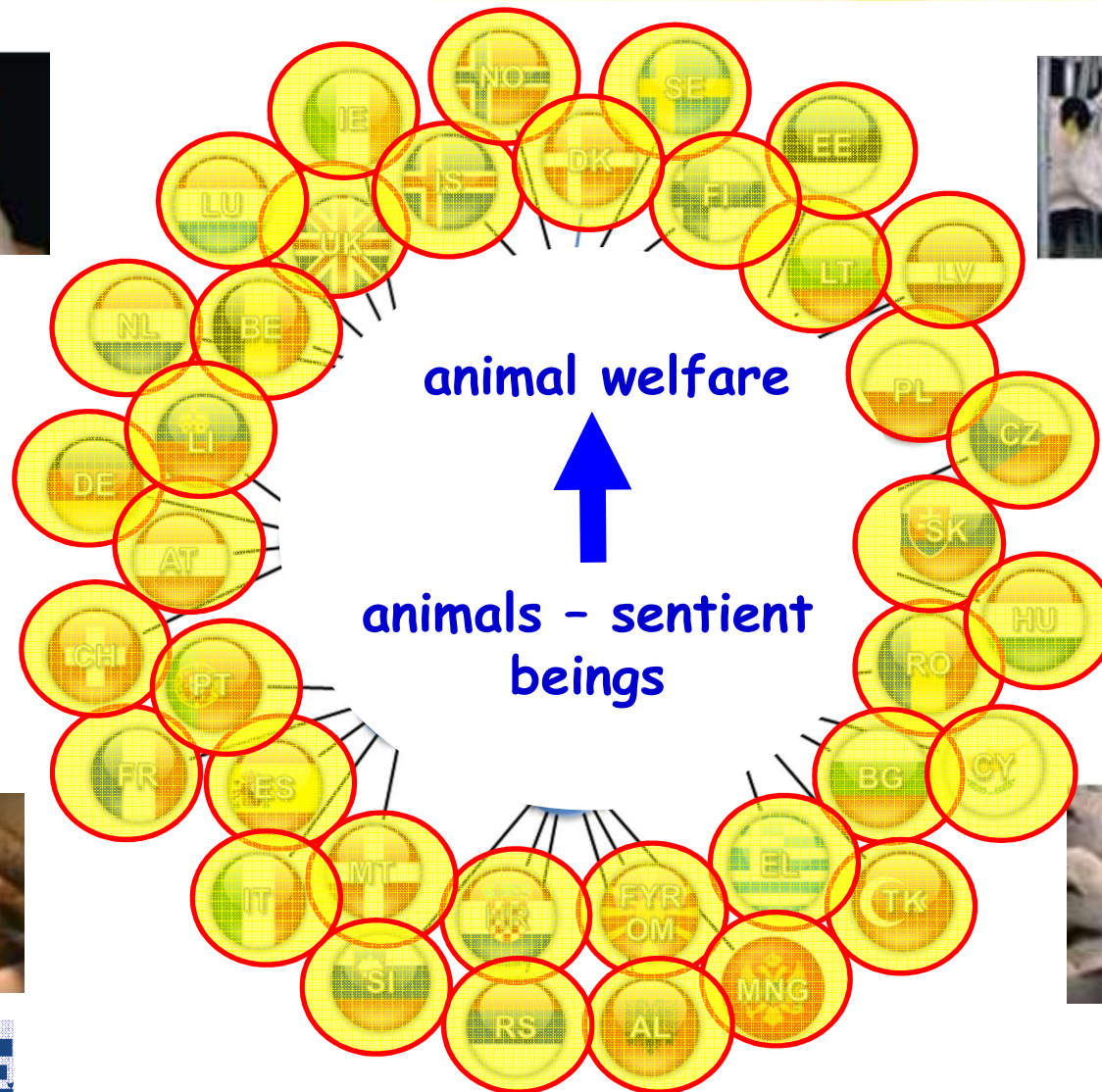


**36%** of human population in the East of Europe

probably about **36%** of livestock population in the East of Europe



# The biology of animal welfare – a pan-European issue





# Societal activity for animal welfare – a pan-European issue?



- AW research
- AW education
- AW awareness/  
implementation

**do they have a  
ballanced basis  
across Europe?**



# Is animal welfare research pan-European?

**Welfare Quality®**  
6FP project  
2004-2009  
14 mil €



## Available information on AW awareness in Europe

- e.g., Label Rouge, Freedom Food, LEAF, DL1, Neuland, Animal Index System, PDO/PDI



# Summary – geographical status of „active“ animal welfare in Europe

Three crucial aspects of societal activity in animal welfare:

- research
- university education
- awareness and implementation

seem to be heavily concentrated in the West of Europe

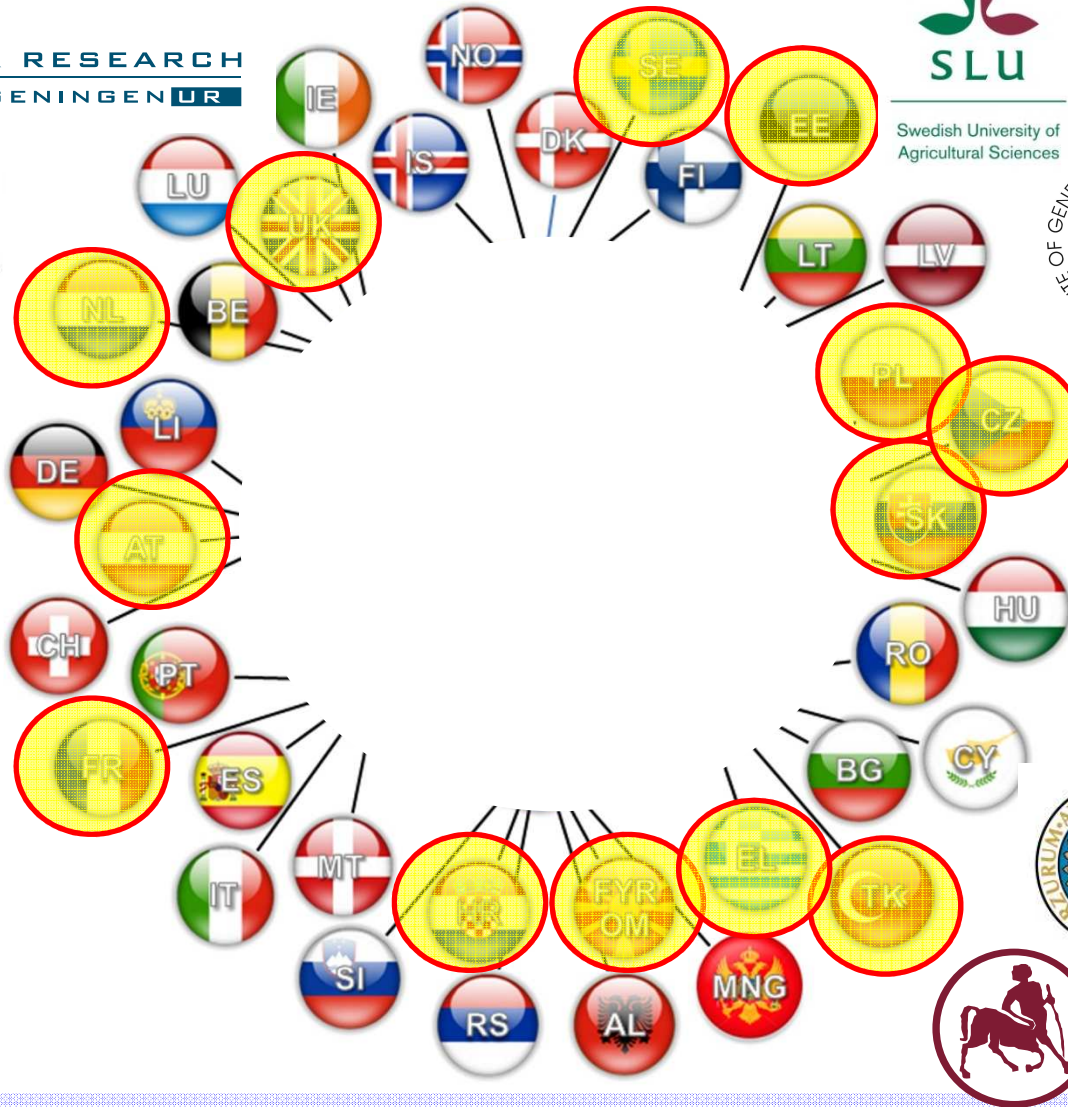
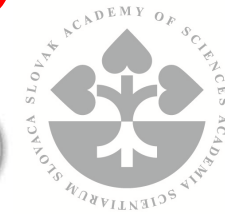




The aim of the 7FP **AWARE** project is

to bridge the gaps between the West and East of Europe in farm animal research, university education and awareness / implementation





# AWARE team

**AWARE start up meeting, Prague March 2011**



**AW  
Research**

**AW  
Education**

**AW  
Awareness &  
Implementat  
ion**

**Differences and gaps  
between European countries**

**AWARE actions  
in WP 1**

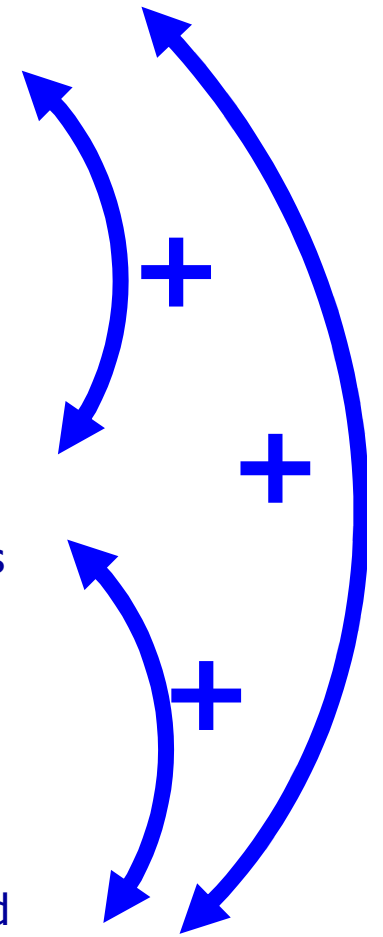
**AWARE actions  
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**AWARE actions  
in WP 3**

High quality and  
integrated AW  
research across  
Europe

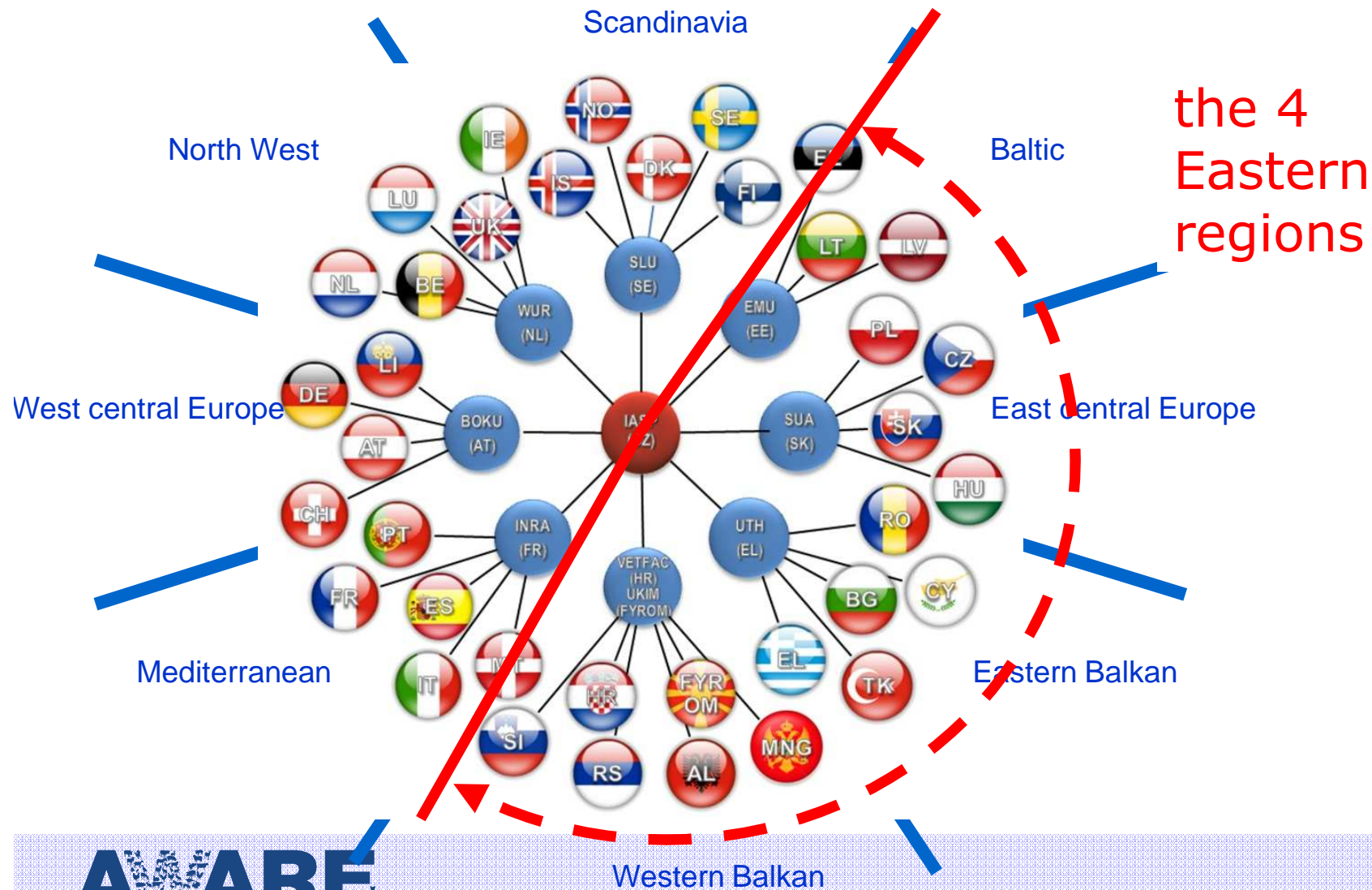
Strengthened and  
mutual enriching  
AW courses across  
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Harmonized and  
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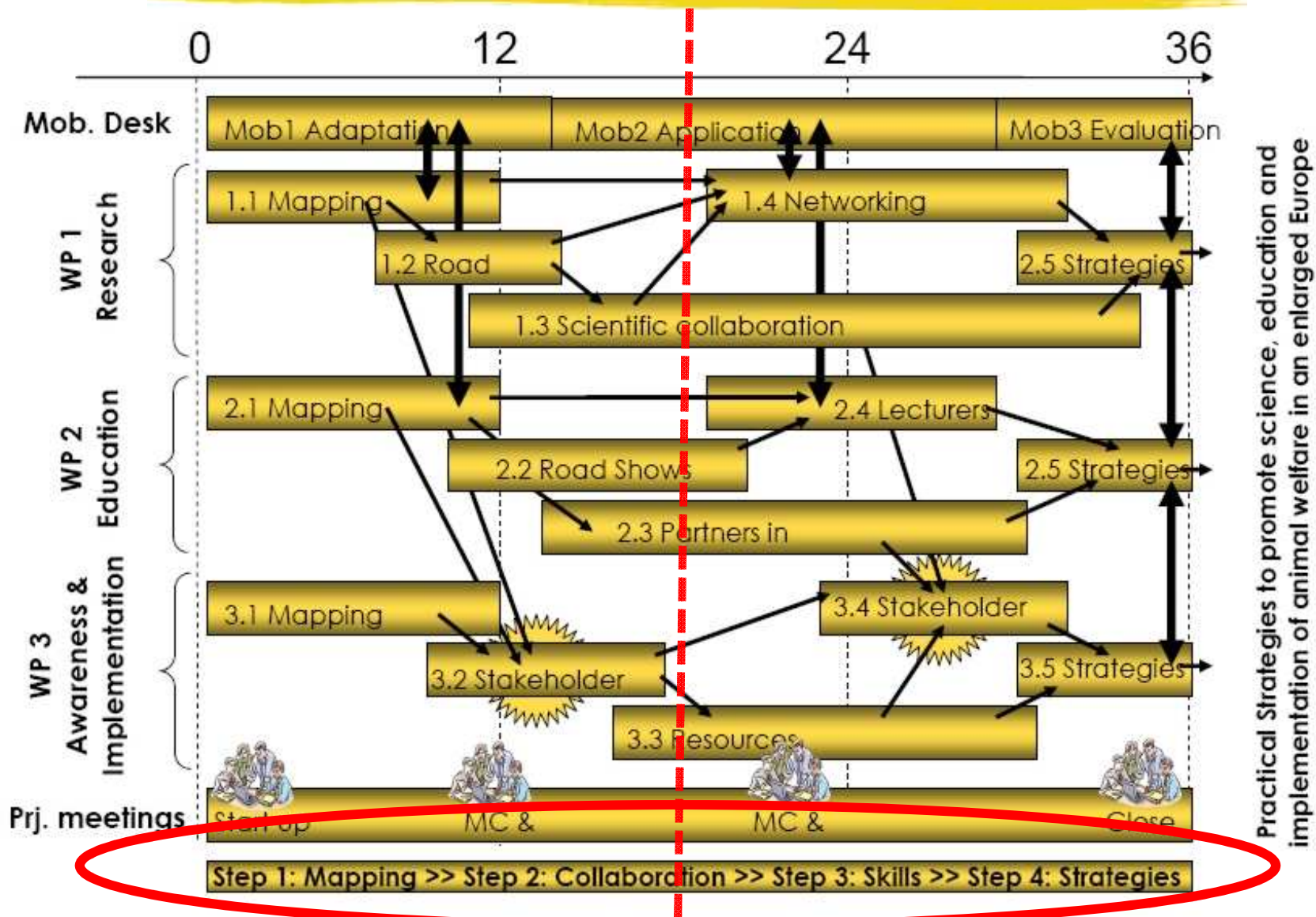




# AWARE : The hub structure of 8 regions



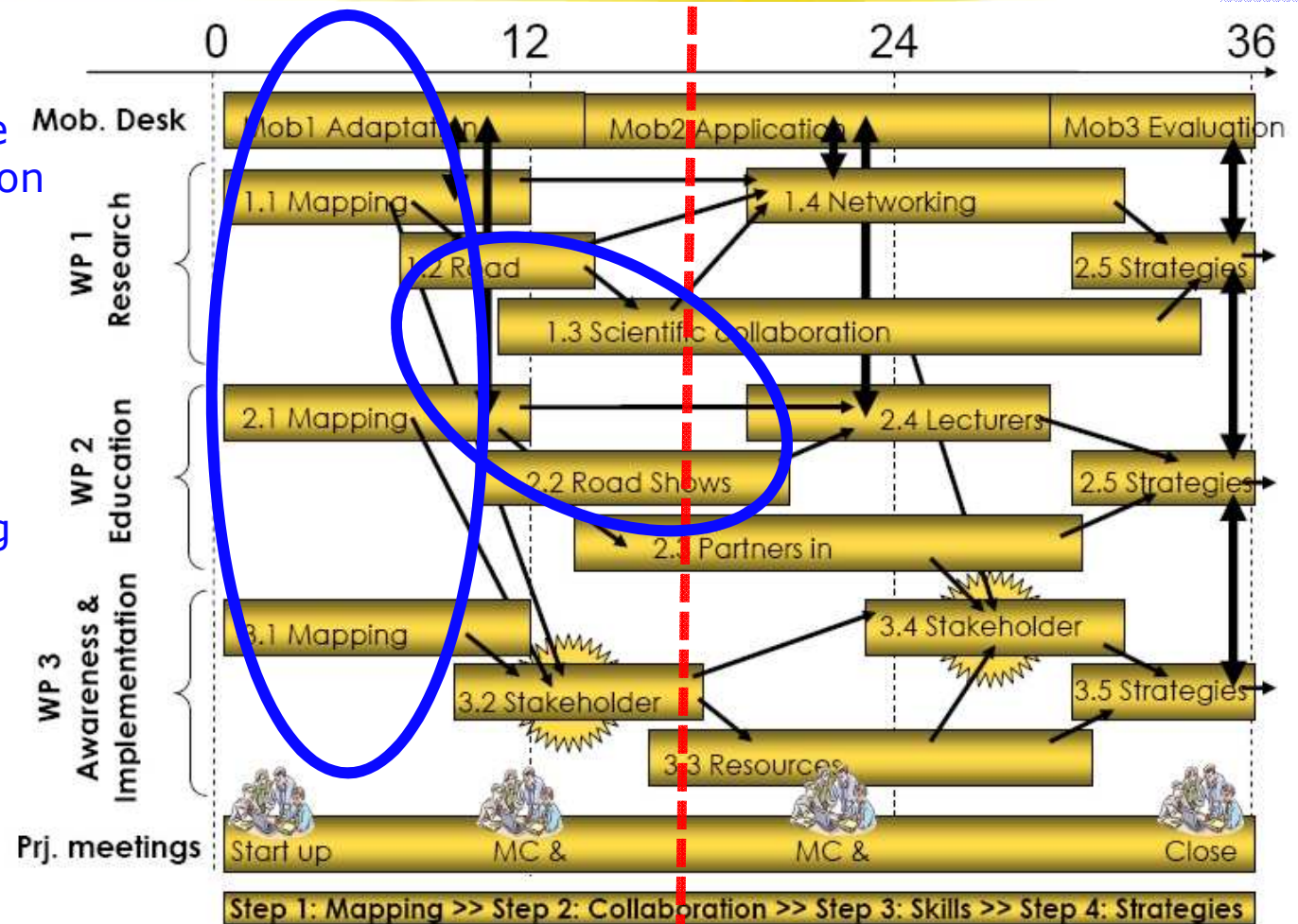
# AWARE structure and timing



# Accomplished AWARE actions

**Mapping**  
of animal welfare  
research of education

**Road shows:** to  
create interest and  
facilitate networking





# Ongoing and upcoming AWARE actions

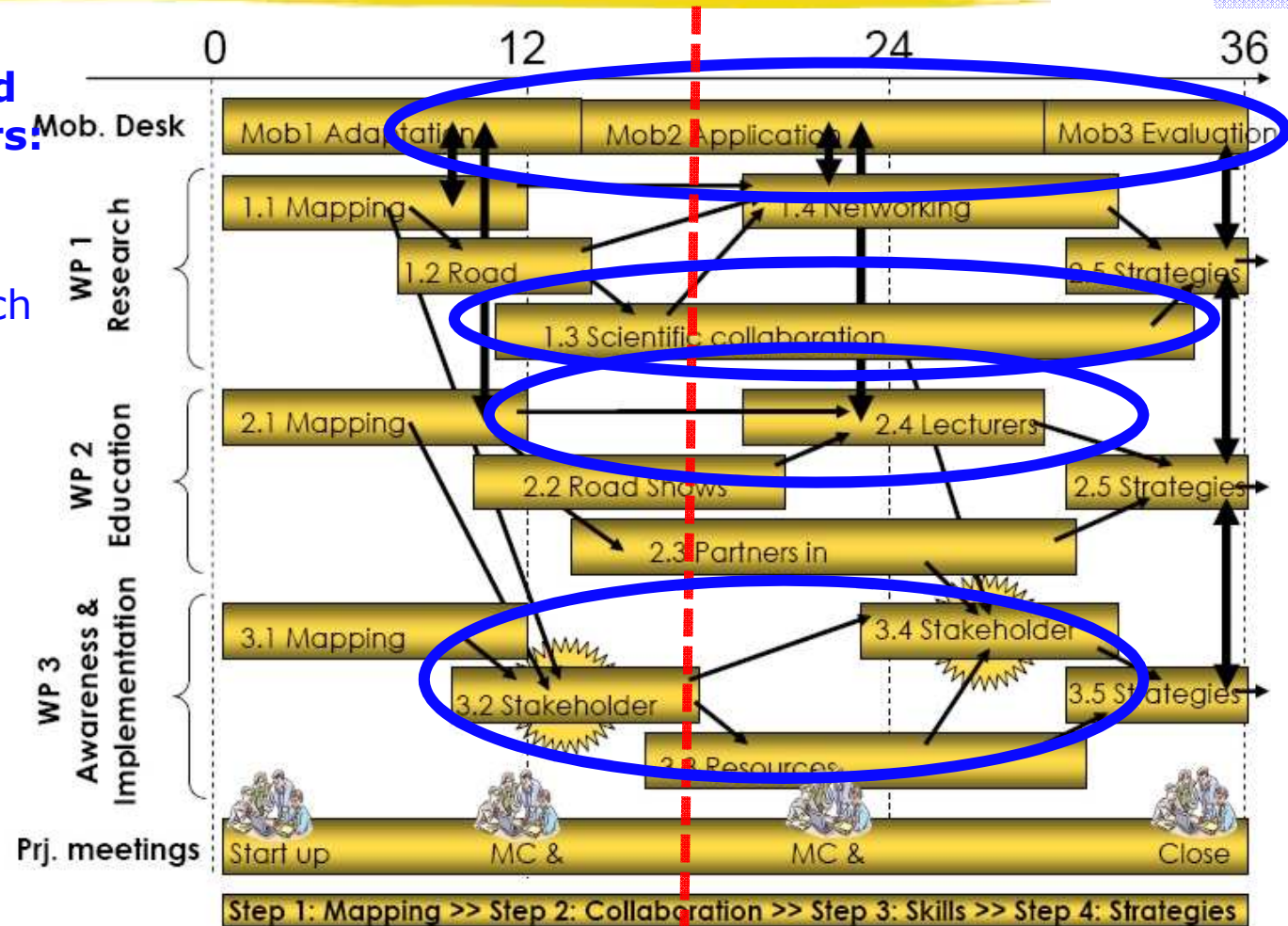
**For students and young researchers:**

Mobility Desk

**For researchers:**  
workshop for research  
leaders; EU grants  
writing training

**For lecturers:**  
„Lecturers helping  
lecturers“

**For stakeholders:**  
Regional advisory  
committees





## AWARE step 4: strategies

- to maintain the momentum created by the project.
- close **collaboration** with AWIN, other EU projects, and international bodies (e.g., FAO, OIE, FVE)
- building a database of teaching materials with AWIN
- more complete survey of AW teaching at vet unis with FVE



# Summary

- **West – East gaps** exist in farm animal welfare research, education and awareness / implementation
- **AWARE** aims at closing these gaps
- **The mapping phase of AWARE** documents vivid research and university education across Europe, including the new and candidate countries
- **Current phases of AWARE** focus on networking and enhancing skills by AW researchers, lecturers and stakeholders across Europe





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