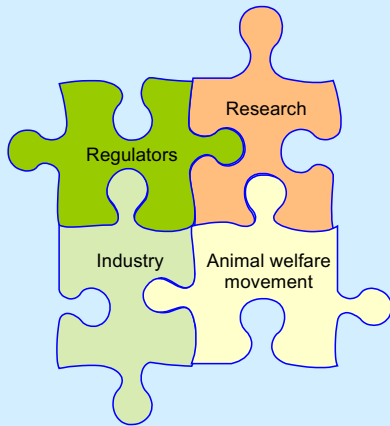


# Norecopa: using a national consensus-platform to promote the 3Rs



Norecopa is an independent organisation with Board members representing all four stakeholders.

## Norecopa

- works to **increase our knowledge** of methods to replace, reduce and refine animal experiments
- acts as a **national competence centre** and clearing house for information on 3R-techniques
- encourages **consensus between the stakeholders** involved in animal research

## Norecopa

- has arranged **international consensus meetings** on harmonisation of the care and use of fish, wildlife and agricultural animals in research
- gives **seed money** to R&D projects related to the 3Rs
- appointed an international working group that developed **guidelines for the severity classification of procedures used on fish**, to complement the EU Working Group report on this topic
- produces **scientific statements** on topical issues such as fasting and toe-clipping
- maintains a **website** with 3R-resources, including the NORINA, TextBase and 3R Guide databases
- arranges an **annual public seminar** and awards a **3R-prize** of NOK 30,000
- runs a **discussion forum** for lab animal facility managers and produces a **newsletter** 8-9 times a year.

*We believe this to be a feasible model for other countries also: to enhance the exchange of information between stakeholders, improve implementation of the 3Rs and facilitate international harmonisation.*

<http://norecopa.no>



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**Norecopa promotes all 3 Rs of Russell & Burch:**

**Replacement  
Reduction  
Refinement**

Norecopa is a member of **ecopa**

**ecopa**  **European Consensus Platform on Alternatives**

[www.ecopa.eu](http://www.ecopa.eu)

The screenshot shows the Norecopa website interface. At the top is the Norecopa logo and the text 'norecopa'. Below the logo is a navigation menu with links: 'About Norecopa', 'Alternatives', 'Databases & Guidelines', 'Education & training', 'Legislation', 'Meetings', 'News', 'Other resources', 'Species', and 'Feedback'. A search bar is prominently displayed with the text 'Search all Norecopa's databases and webpages simultaneously:' and 'Add search term'. Below the search bar, there is a welcome message: 'Welcome to Norecopa, Norway's 3R centre', followed by links for 'Search engine help file', 'Short cut: Guidelines for animal research', and 'More about Norecopa's databases: 3R Guide - NORINA - TextBase - Classic AVs'. At the bottom, there is a section titled 'Animals in research:' with six icons representing different animal groups: Fish, Farm animals, Laboratory animals, Wildlife and wild fish, Cephalopods, and Other aquatic animals.