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Here we explain how the University of Groningen (RUG) and its research institutes have been conducting research and carrying out other activities in connection to animal testing. This is a non-technical report for the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy, which is responsible for the Dutch legislation on animal experiments.

The Netherlands to spearhead alternatives for animal testing in 2025

The Netherlands will be the leading country in the field of alternatives to animal testing (AT) by 2025. This is the ambition of the Netherlands research and health institutes and the government. The Netherlands aspiration is to be the leading country in the field of AT by 2025 is based on the fact that the Netherlands has been a pioneer in this field for quite the first years after publication of the Dutch Act on Animal Experiments (Wet op de dierproeven). Current policy developments (2016) is still a crucial driver for the development of innovative animal free research. This policy development is based on the fact that the Netherlands has been a pioneer in the field of AT since the publication of the Act, offering a wealth of knowledge, expertise, and a strong research infrastructure. Moreover, the Netherlands has been a pioneer in the field of AT because of the strong commitment of the research institutes and the ministry. In recent years, the Netherlands has been a globally leading **SYNERGISTIC** partner with the rest Europe. In recent years, alternatives research institutes have developed a globally leading **SYNERGISTIC**