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EUROPEAN TRAINING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION NETWORK

**** EVSO® PROJECT 2.0****

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INTRODUCTION:

EVSO® is a non-profit association based in Switzerland that aims to promote and ensure the quality of osteopathy and manual medicine within veterinary medical practice. Represented by its members in 10 European countries, EVSO® is an association that has been in constant evolution since its creation in 2012. To date, there are some 215 members across Europe.

BACKGROUND :

At present, Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine does not benefit from any recognition in Europe despite the fact that it is attracting growing interest from animal owners and non-veterinary practitioners. Although osteopathy is proving to be a diagnostic and therapeutic tool that reinforces the panel of veterinary expertise, it is still little known and even contested by the veterinary profession and its authorities.

While training courses for non-veterinary practitioners are flourishing across Europe, offering varying lengths of instruction, educational content, anatomical, biomechanical, physiological knowledge and highly variable practical skills that are not based on any European curriculum, the veterinary profession is organising itself to offer post-graduate training of equivalent quality in different European schools.

Following the common declaration of the European Veterinary Federation (EVF), the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) and the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) on the role of veterinarians in promoting animal welfare in April 2020, we also believe that :

"Animals deserve proper care, consideration and respect, and that veterinarians as competent and responsible professionals

- by their long-standing credibility in serving the public,
- by their mandatory adherence to high ethical and professional standards
- by their solid scientific knowledge of health

are and should strive to be the leading advocates for animal welfare in an ever-changing society, and that they should join and engage with veterinary associations (geographically based and species/practice based) to provide a voice for the profession in advocating for animal welfare.

In this context came into being:

"European Training in Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine"

supported by the European Veterinary Society for Osteopathy (EVSO®)

As Professor Anna Bravo, President of the European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education (EAEAVE, 2014-2018), reminded us, since the Bologna Declaration in 1999, recognition of veterinary establishments is no longer based on their seniority, as it was in ancient times, but on their quality.

The recognition of our practice therefore begins with the guarantee of quality training and continuing education.

In a context where the veterinary profession is organising and unifying itself through networks (networks of partner clinics, training networks, EIGs, etc.), EVSO® supports and defends the present project which aims to bring together and unify the veterinary profession around the practice of Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine. The objective is to offer practitioners a postgraduate training course based on a curriculum validated by all European schools of Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine.

EVSO®'s vision, like that of the European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education (EAEVE), is to "harmonise the teaching and improve the quality of all educational institutions" in Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine.

The establishment of a European certification system for veterinary training in Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine is intended to assure the public of the quality of the services that certified veterinarians provide, as well as to assure the veterinarians learning Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine of the quality of their training. This system will strengthen cooperation between schools and act as a forum for discussion to improve and harmonise their teaching. It will also facilitate the exchange of information, the exchange of staff, the exchange of students and the exchange of teaching materials between schools.

The recognition of Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine and the training courses offered by the schools certified by EVSO® by national and European authorities is one of the main short-term objectives of the association.

Another major medium-term objective is the creation of a European College and an EVSO Diplomate® in Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine, in collaboration with European universities.

EVSO®'s statutes and all information about the association's activities are available on the website: www.evso.eu

CREATION OF THE PROJECT: VERSAILLES 2019

On 17 October 2019, on the occasion of its annual General Assembly, EVSO® gathered around a round table in Versailles the EVSO® committee and the representatives of the 7 European schools of veterinary manual medicine and osteopathy: AVETAO (FR), AVSOP (AT), IMAOV (FR), ONIRIS (FR), STILLVET (now OSTEOVET) (BE), STOA (CH) and TAO (DE).

The parties agreed on the creation of the European Training Project in Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine including the certification of EVSO® Schools, called "EVSO® Project 2.0".

At the end of the meeting, a working group, represented by two EVSO® members and a representative of the management of each school (ONIRIS did not wish to propose one of their representatives) was set up to lay the foundations of this project. The purpose of this group is to bring together and unify the various European schools under the European banner of EVSO® and to propose a common project to the entire veterinary community. The results of the reflections proposed within the framework of this group have been systematically validated by the management committee of the different schools.

This document summarises the result of twelve months of common reflection within the working group, followed by its analysis, development and approval by the EVSO® Committee. It is structured around five tables:

- EVSO® evaluation and certification of Schools of Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine.
- Evaluation of EVSO® certified course modules in non-EVSO certified Schools of Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine.
- Establishment of an EVSO® Mentoring Programme to ensure vertical transmission of knowledge and skills.
- Establishment of two levels of EVSO® recognition for their members:
 - o EVSO® Graduate: through the implementation of a school assessment certifying the completion, understanding and integration of the training in an EVSO® Certified School (ECS).

- EVSO® Certified: through the implementation of the EVSO® Examination certifying the theoretical knowledge and practical skills of our EVSO® Certified veterinarians.
- Establishment of a European Continuing Education Programme in Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine, to give EVSO® members the opportunity to continue their education and obtain the training points necessary to maintain EVSO® Certified status.

The strength of the EVSO® Project 2.0 lies in the creation of a network that brings together and connects schools and veterinary practitioners.

The transmission of information about training opportunities and the possibility of sharing between EVSO® members is facilitated by the networking of all EVSO® Certified Schools across Europe.

This project is presented to the EVSO® members at the General Assembly on 8 October 2022.

The original version of the EVSO® Project 2.0 is the version written in French.

CHAPTER I: EVSO[®] CERTIFICATION OF THE EUROPEAN SCHOOLS OF MANUAL OSTEOPATHIC VETERINARY MEDICINE

1.1 PREAMBLE

- 1.1.1 This chapter deals with the certification of European schools of Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine and the criteria for the evaluation of schools certified by EVSO[®], hereafter referred to as EVSO[®] Certified Schools.
- 1.1.2 These criteria refer, as of 17 October 2019, to the services commonly offered by the six schools that contributed to their development: AVETAO (FR), AVSOP (AT), IMAOV (FR), STILVET (now OSTEOVET) (BE), STOA (CH), TAO (DE).
- 1.1.3 The certification of EVSO[®] Certified Schools is defined according to ten standards. The description of the EVSO[®] assessment standards is based on the following document:
- European System of Evaluation of Veterinary Training (ESEVT), Manual of Standard Operating Procedure, 2019*
Edited by: European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education (EAEVE) in collaboration with the Federation of Veterinarians of Europe (FVE).
- 1.1.4 EVSO[®] Certified Schools are assessed every 7 years on the EVSO[®] standards by a delegation proposed by EVSO[®] and by the EVSO[®] Certification Commission. The application of the EVSO[®] standards and specifications allows the certification of EVSO[®] Certified Schools to be obtained and maintained for 7 years.
- 1.1.5 The evaluation and certification of new schools will be based on the accreditation standards and specifications referred to in this document, which will be the subject of a working group. Certification may be awarded following the evaluation. A working group called the EVSO[®] Certification Commission will be set up to organise the practical arrangements for the evaluation. It will be composed of one representative of each of the six schools named above and two members of the

EVSO[®] Committee.

- 1.1.6 Some courses in Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine that do not have a curriculum of five hundred hours spread over a minimum of two years may nevertheless, in compliance with and through the specific application of the EVSO[®] Standards, have their course modules certified as an EVSO[®] Certified Course. (Cf Chapter II)
- 1.1.7 This Certification of EVSO[®] Certified Schools is the result of a reflection by the EVSO[®] committee and representatives of the following six European schools: AVETAO (FR), AVSOP (AT), IMAOV (FR), STILLVET (now OSTEOVET) (BE), STOA (CH), TAO (DE).
- 1.1.8 This Certification of EVSO[®] Certified Schools is presented to the EVSO[®] members at the General Assembly on 8 October 2022.

1.2 OBJECTIVES

The main objective of EVSO[®] with regard to the certification of schools is to ensure that EVSO[®] Certified Schools meet the following requirements:

- 1.2.1 The EVSO[®] Certified Schools provide a postgraduate training programme that is constantly updated in line with the evolution of knowledge in the profession.
- 1.2.2 EVSO[®] Certified Schools must have sound financial management and adequate funding to support their educational, research and social commitments.
- 1.2.3 EVSO[®] Certified Schools have the appropriate resources in terms of teaching and support staff, facilities, teaching aids and animals.
- 1.2.4 The EVSO[®] Certified Schools provide an appropriate learning environment.
- 1.2.5 The EVSO[®] Certified Schools offer a fair and reliable assessment system.
- 1.2.6 EVSO[®] Certified Schools have a self-imposed system of evaluation and continuous improvement of the quality of their training.

- 1.2.7 In order to offer the EVSO[®] Graduate Certification, the EVSO[®] Certified Schools guarantee that their trainees will have acquired the knowledge, skills and competences required to take assessment at the end of the basic course of five hundred hours of Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine set up in and by the schools, leading to the mentioned certification. (Cf Chapter IV)

1.3 EVSO® ASSESSMENT STANDARDS FOR EVSO® CERTIFIED SCHOOLS

1.3.1 STANDARD 1: OBJECTIVES, ORGANISATION AND QUALITY POLICY

- 1.3.1.1 The EVSO® Certified Schools are post-graduate training organisations in Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine reserved for state-qualified veterinarians, registered with an ordinal roll (if compulsory in their country of practice), hereafter referred to as "the trainees".
- 1.3.1.2 Students from the last two years of Veterinary Medicine Studies are accepted into the curriculum of EVSO® Certified Schools, subject to acceptance by the schools. The EVSO® Certified Schools must however ensure that it is legal in their country for non-graduate veterinarians to participate in practical trainings. Additional liability insurance may be required. Non-graduate veterinarians cannot take the EVSO® Certified Schools' assessments for EVSO® Graduate certification.
- 1.3.1.3 EVSO® Certified Schools are recognised as continuing education organisations in their country.
- 1.3.1.4 The EVSO® Certified Schools award national continuing education points and have submitted the necessary application for these points to the National Veterinary College in their country of practice.
- 1.3.1.5 The main objective of the EVSO® Certified Schools is to provide high quality, ethical education for the veterinary profession, based on the history of osteopathy and manual medicine. They provide experience and practical skills based on research in Veterinary Medicine and Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine.
- 1.3.1.6 The teaching of the EVSO® Certified Schools is based on the practice of Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine and is provided by a multidisciplinary teaching team, who themselves practice Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine.
- 1.3.1.7 EVSO® Certified Schools establish a strategic plan to continuously improve the quality of their teaching.
- 1.3.1.8 The EVSO® Certified Schools offer trainees assessments of the quality of the training and the achievement of the learning objectives.

1.3.1.9 The EVSO® Certified Schools offer trainees assessments of the quality of the teaching staff (oral expression, technical skills, scientific skills, pedagogical skills, course material, supervision of practical training, etc.).

1.3.1.10 The EVSO® Certified Schools have a regularly updated website which is accessible to trainees and the general public. The website includes:

- Information about the training programme
- Information about the teaching staff
- Information on the profile of the student population undergoing training
- Practical information (address, contact, infrastructure, etc.)
- A clear, visible and easily accessible link to the EVSO® website
- A clear and visible statement that the school is an EVSO® Certified School and part of the EVSO® network
- Possible personal access for each trainee (recommended but optional)

1.3.1.11 The ultimate aim of the EVSO® Certified Schools is to make their students autonomous and competent in the diagnosis and treatment of Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine, in accordance with veterinary ethics, without neglecting the use of investigations and treatments of classical veterinary medicine when these are necessary to restore the health of the animal.

1.3.2 STANDARD 2 : FINANCE

- 1.3.2.1 EVSO® Certified Schools are financially sound in order to support the achievement of their educational goals and the implementation of their strategic plan.
- 1.3.2.2 An accounting system (income/output) is kept.
- 1.3.2.3 The annual accounts of the EVSO® Certified Schools must be approved by the full board of directors of each school.

1.3.3 STANDARD 3 : CURRICULUM

- 1.3.3.1 The curriculum, defined as **the core curriculum** for EVSO® Certified Schools, is spread over a minimum of two years of training, and covers a minimum of 500 hours of teaching.
- 1.3.3.2 The distribution of teaching hours for Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine within the EVSO® Certified Schools must offer a minimum of :
 - 20 hours for general and historical subjects
 - 100 hours for the teaching of structural mechanistic techniques
 - 70 hours for teaching facial and muscle techniques
 - 30 hours for the teaching of visceral and neurovascular techniques
 - 30 hours for the teaching of cranio-sacral techniques
 - 30 hours for the development and improvement of palpatory feeling
- 1.3.3.3 The total number of teaching hours in Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine is divided into 50% (+/- 10%) for the theoretical part and 50% (+/- 10%) for the practical part (perception and therapeutic practices).
- 1.3.3.4 The teaching programme includes practical training on horses and dogs. It is advisable to offer an approach with cattle and cats.
- 1.3.3.5 The syllabus contains objectives for each module relating to the knowledge (fr: savoir) to be integrated and the skills (fr: savoir-faire) to be developed. These objectives are clearly stated in the training programme and are made available to the trainees. The teacher will ensure that the trainees have been able to achieve the stated

objectives at the end of each training module.

- 1.3.3.6 The curriculum contains clearly stated objectives for the entire core curriculum that should be achieved by the trainees at the end of the curriculum. These objectives relate to the knowledge and skills that trainees should have acquired by the end of their course (= Day One Competences). These objectives include all the objectives set out for each training module. The document containing the Day One Competences is made available to trainees and teachers. This document is available on the school's website.
- 1.3.3.7 In order to strengthen the skills of the trainees, the curriculum includes an EVSO[®] Mentoring Programme in collaboration with veterinarians practising Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine to ensure vertical transmission of knowledge and skills. Details of the EVSO[®] Sponsorship Programme are given in Chapter VI of this document.

1.3.4 STANDARD 4: FACILITIES

- 1.3.4.1 EVSO[®] Certified Schools offer courses in private or university facilities. These facilities have wifi access, ample seating and allow trainees to take notes in comfortable conditions.
- 1.3.4.2 The practical training takes place at the training site for consultations and demonstrations involving dogs and cats, and at equestrian centres/farms/refuges/breedings in the vicinity of the training site for consultations involving horses or cattle.
- 1.3.4.3 Trainees should have the opportunity to eat healthy and balanced meals within a ten-minute or one-kilometre walk.

1.3.5 STANDARD 5: ANIMAL RESOURCES AND TEACHING MATERIALS

- 1.3.5.1 The EVSO® Certified Schools organise practical training on live animals during each training module.
- 1.3.5.2 A record of the animals examined and treated in the course of this practical training shall be kept, preferably electronically. A manual record is accepted but not recommended. The record keeping is intended to be clear and explicit, so that it can, if necessary, provide efficient support for research programmes carried out by teachers and EVSO® Certified Schools. The register includes the number and species of animals used in each training module, and the result of the examination and treatment of each animal is recorded.
- 1.3.5.3 Practical training is organised on dogs and horses. Practical training on cats and cattle is recommended but optional.
- 1.3.5.4 For practical training with live animals, the EVSO® Certified Schools provide one animal for every two to four trainees.
- 1.3.5.5 Animals provided for practical training are examined and treated by the trainees free of charge.
- 1.3.5.6 The teachers and supervisors ensure that the osteopathic examination and treatment of the animals provided to the trainees is carried out in a manner that respects animal welfare.
- 1.3.5.7 The owners of the animals made available to the trainees and treated free of charge are informed of the osteopathic diagnosis and treatment carried out. The owners are given clear explanations and instructions, ideally in the form of a electronic or manual written report.
- 1.3.5.8 The practical training is carried out under the responsibility of the EVSO® Certified Schools, according to the ethics inherent to the veterinary profession, with respect for the animal and its owner. It is recommended that EVSO® Certified Schools have owners sign an informal consent form EVSO® prior to the practical training.
- 1.3.5.9 The trainees are, in all circumstances, active players in their learning in the context of practical training, both in the diagnostic and therapeutic approach to Manual

Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine.

- 1.3.5.10 Where cadaver courses are organised, they should take place in a university facility that is equipped for them, has an ethics committee and meets the standards for the holding and use of dead animals.

1.3.6 STANDARD 6 : TEACHING RESOURCES

- 1.3.6.1 EVSO® Certified Schools provide trainees with written course materials for each training module. These materials should be sent electronically in advance of the training module or provided in hard copy by the EVSO® Certified Schools at the beginning of each module.
- 1.3.6.2 The EVSO® Certified Schools provide skeletons and possibly anatomical preparations as support for each course.
- 1.3.6.3 The EVSO® Certified Schools provide trainees with bibliographical references for each training module.
- 1.3.6.4 The EVSO® Certified Schools are actively involved in creating and maintaining a central online library on the EVSO® website www.evso.eu.
- 1.3.6.5 Trainees enrolled in one of the EVSO® Certified Schools have free access to the EVSO® online library.
- 1.3.6.6 Trainees are encouraged to attend webinars organised by EVSO® in collaboration with EVSO® Certified Schools. A discount on the EVSO® webinar fee is offered to students of all EVSO® Certified Schools.

1.3.7 STANDARD 7: ADMISSION, PROGRESSION AND WELFARE OF TRAINEES

- 1.3.7.1 EVSO® Certified Schools accept and enrol a maximum of twenty-five trainees per class for one year of training.
- 1.3.7.2 The selection and progression criteria and exclusion mechanisms within the EVSO® Certified Schools are set out at the beginning of each training year and are available to trainees.
- 1.3.7.3 At the beginning of the core curriculum, the EVSO® Certified Schools are responsible for providing trainees with accurate and standardised information about the EVSO® network. This presentation addresses the following points:
- Presentation of the EVSO® association.
 - Presentation of the EVSO® Certified Schools network and the training possibilities within this European network of schools of Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine.
 - Presentation of the www.evso.eu website and the online library on the EVSO® website.
 - Presentation of the EVSO® Sponsorship Programme mandatory for the EVSO® Graduate and EVSO® Certified.
 - Presentation and explanation of the assessment procedures for the EVSO® Graduate and EVSO® Certified certifications.
 - Presentation of webinars organised by EVSO® in collaboration with EVSO® Certified Schools (if set up and available).
 - Presentation of the continuing education modules organised by the EVSO® Certified Schools in collaboration with EVSO® (if implemented and available).
 - Presentation of other events organised by EVSO®.
 - Presentation of the different national recognition degrees (DIE, FA-SVS, ...).
- 1.3.7.4 EVSO® Certified Schools distribute to trainees the EVSO® explanatory flyer, prepared and made available free of charge to EVSO® Certified Schools by EVSO®.

1.3.8 STANDARD 8 : TRAINEE ASSESSMENT

- 1.3.8.1 The EVSO® Certified Schools organise, as a minimum, an intermediate theoretical and practical assessment during the core curriculum for trainees wishing to take the end of core curriculum assessment and then the EVSO® Examination required for the EVSO® Graduate and EVSO® Certified respectively in a second phase.
- 1.3.8.2 The knowledge (fr: savoir) and skills (fr: savoir-faire) required for the presentation of the intermediate assessment correspond to the set of objectives stated for each of the training modules followed until the day of the assessment.
- 1.3.8.3 Participation in the interim assessment will be annotated and certified by the EVSO® Certified Schools in the EVSO® Sponsorship Register of trainees wishing to obtain EVSO® Graduate certification. (Cf 6.6.1)
- 1.3.8.4 Trainees are responsible for getting their interim assessment recorded in their EVSO® Sponsorship Register. (Cf 6.6.1)
- 1.3.8.5 The EVSO® Certified Schools organise a five-hundred-hour end-of-course assessment which trainees must pass in order to obtain the EVSO® Graduate certification. (See Chapter IV)
- 1.3.8.6 The knowledge and skills required to take the end-of-course assessment correspond to the objectives set out for all the modules of the course.
- 1.3.8.7 The EVSO® Examination for EVSO® Certified is detailed in Chapter VIII of this document.

1.3.9 STANDARD 9 : TEACHING STAFF

- 1.3.9.1 The teaching team in Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine at the EVSO[®] Certified Schools consists of an optimum of eight to twelve teachers, and a minimum of six teachers to cover the entire five-hundred-hour basic training for the EVSO[®] Graduate Certification.
- 1.3.9.2 A teacher of Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine is understood to be any person who is a veterinarian by training and who has been practising for a minimum of five years in the field of Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine.
- 1.3.9.3 The teachers of the basic veterinary medicine prerequisite courses that may be offered to trainees by EVSO[®] Certified Schools as part of the core curriculum of 500h are or have been either academics (professors and assistant professors) or are recognised as a reference in their field. In both cases, the teacher provides training in a subject related to his/her area of expertise.
- 1.3.9.4 The teachers of the EVSO[®] Certified Schools consider their practice of Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine to be based on continuous research and experimentation. Their teaching is based on scientific and medical foundations.
- 1.3.9.5 The teachers at EVSO[®] Certified Schools are experienced, recognised and passionate practitioners who share their knowledge and skills in an educational and enthusiastic way.
- 1.3.9.6 The teachers of the EVSO[®] Certified Schools provide the theoretical courses and the practical training.
- 1.3.9.7 The EVSO[®] Certified Schools provide for one assistant/coach for every eight trainees to ensure adequate supervision of trainees in practical training.

1.3.10 STANDARD 10 : RESEARCH PROGRAMMES AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

- 1.3.10.1 EVSO® and the EVSO® Certified Schools consider that the teaching, respecting the modalities and standards described in this document, should be qualified as "Research Based".
- 1.3.10.2 In accordance with veterinary ethics and deontology, the teaching provided in the EVSO® Certified Schools is based on both the knowledge and the therapeutic skills and results of the teachers, the result of ongoing research into the practice of Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine.
- 1.3.10.3 EVSO® and the EVSO® Certified Schools support and promote existing basic research in the field of Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine.
- 1.3.10.4 An EVSO® Continuing Education system (EVSO® Continuing Education) is set up by EVSO® as defined under Chapter IX of this document.
- 1.3.10.5 The EVSO® Certified Schools are active players in this system of continuing education in Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine, according to a set of specifications defined by EVSO® and detailed in Chapter IX of this document.

CHAPTER II: EVSO® CERTIFICATION OF COURSES IN MANUAL OSTEOPATHIC VETERINARY MEDICINE

2.1 PREAMBLE

- 2.1.1 This chapter deals with the certification of Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine courses given in schools not certified by EVSO®. These courses are hereafter referred to as EVSO® Certified Courses.
- 2.1.2 Some Schools of Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine do not have a core curriculum of five hundred hours of teaching spread over a minimum of two years, which does not allow them to obtain EVSO® Certified School status. However, these schools can have their training modules certified as an EVSO® Certified Course, in accordance with and through the specific application of the EVSO® Standards for the evaluation of EVSO® Certified Schools.
- 2.1.3 The fundamental difference between the two statuses (EVSO® Certified Schools / EVSO® Certified Course) is the number of hours of training provided.
- 2.1.4 This Certification of the EVSO® Certified Courses is the result of a reflection by the EVSO® committee and representatives of the following six European schools: AVETAO (FR), AVSOP (AT), IMAOV (FR), STILLVET (now OSTEOVET) (BE), STOA (CH), TAO (DE).
- 2.1.5 This Certification of EVSO® Certified Courses is presented to the EVSO® members at the General Assembly on 8 October 2022.

2.2 CONDITIONS OF ACCREDITATION OF EVSO[®] CERTIFIED COURSES

- 2.2.1 Each application for accreditation an an EVSO[®] Certified Course is submitted by the training providers to the attention of the EVSO[®] Committee.
- 2.2.2 The accreditation file is forwarded by the EVSO[®] Committee to the EVSO[®] Certification Commission for consideration. The EVSO[®] Committee will present the response to the applicant training organisation.
- 2.2.3 Training organisations wishing to have their courses accredited as EVSO[®] Certified Course must comply with the same objectives and quality standards for the training provided as described in Chapter I with the exceptions and nuances described in this chapter.
- 2.2.4 Trainees from training organisations delivering EVSO[®] Certified Courses who wish to access the EVSO[®] Graduate or EVSO[®] Certified qualifications must complete their training programme in accordance with the specific guidelines and provisions issued by EVSO[®] and related to their training organisation.

2.3 EXCEPTIONS AND NUANCES

- 2.3.1 EVSO[®] Certified Courses are courses certified by EVSO[®]. They are delivered by postgraduate training organisations in Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine and are only available to state-qualified veterinarians who have not completed a minimum of five hundred hours of training.
- 2.3.2 Postgraduate training organisations in Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine wishing to accredit their courses as EVSO[®] Certified Courses must submit a full dossier on their training programme.
- 2.3.3 The EVSO[®] Committee, in collaboration with the EVSO[®] Certification Commission, will decide on the specific additional training to be provided to trainees who wish to take the EVSO[®] Graduate and EVSO[®] Certified qualifications. The specific additional training should be taken in an EVSO[®] Certified School.
- 2.3.4 Training organisations that meet the prerequisites for certification of their courses in

EVSO® Certified Courses are assessed every 5 years by a delegation proposed by EVSO® and by the EVSO® Certification Commission.

- 2.3.5 These training providers must organise an assessment of knowledge and skills at the end of each EVSO® Certified Course. Participation in this assessment will be annotated and certified by the training organisations delivering the EVSO® Certified Courses in the trainees' EVSO® Sponsorship Register in the section dedicated to the intermediate assessment. (Cf 6.6.1)
- 2.3.6 Trainees from training organisations delivering an EVSO® Certified Course, who wish to become EVSO® Graduate must:
- Follow further training at the different EVSO® Certified Schools, as proposed by the EVSO® Committee in collaboration with the EVSO® Certification Commission. This will enable them to complete their training in order to be able to take the end of course assessment at an EVSO® Certified School in order to obtain the EVSO® Graduate Certification.
 - To comply with all trainee obligations relating to the EVSO® Sponsorship Programme and the maintenance of the EVSO® Sponsorship Register.

CHAPTER III: CHRONOLOGY OF THE EVSO® PROJECT 2.0

3.1 PREAMBLE

- 3.1.1 In the current European context, the practice of osteopathy on animals is subject to training of varying quality and is regularly provided by non-veterinary operators. The organisation of the veterinary profession with a view to obtaining recognition of Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine as a discipline of Veterinary Medicine integrated into the medical care of animals has become essential.
- 3.1.2 The European Training Project in Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine is part of a quality approach whose pathway, supervised by schools and practitioners certified by EVSO®, leads to a European certification called EVSO® Certified.
- 3.1.3 This chapter refers to the timeline of the programme offered to veterinarians in the EVSO® Project 2.0.
- 3.1.4 This project is the result of a reflection by the EVSO® committee and representatives of the following six European schools: AVETAO (FR), AVSOP (AT), IMAOV (FR), STILLVET (now OSTEOVET) (BE), STOA (CH), TAO (DE).
- 3.1.5 The EVSO® Project 2.0 is presented to EVSO® members at the General Assembly on 8 October 2022.

3.2 CHRONOLOGY OF THE PROGRAMME PROPOSED IN THE EVSO® PROJECT 2.0

- 3.2.1 Veterinarians who wish to receive quality training in Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine and who aspire to obtain a certification recognised at European level are encouraged to enrol in the continuation of the EVSO® Project 2.0 programme.
- 3.2.2 This programme leads to two levels of certification: EVSO® Graduate and EVSO® Certified.
- 3.2.3 The chronology of the programme to be followed for the EVSO® Graduate Certification is as follows:
- 3.2.4 The chronology of the programme to be followed to obtain the EVSO® Certified is as follows:
- Be a member EVSO® Graduate or have completed a full five hundred hours of training at an EVSO® Certified School for a minimum of two years or be able to show evidence of having practised Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine for a minimum of seven years.
 - Implementation of the entire Sponsorship Programme (see Chapter VI)
 - Writing of two clinical cases (Cf Chapter VII)
 - Presentation and passing of the EVSO® Examination at the earliest two years after the end of the EVSO® Certified Schools training. (Cf Chapter VIII)
- 3.2.5 On completion of the EVSO® Examination, the EVSO® Certified will be awarded at the annual EVSO® General Assembly.

CHAPTER IV: EUROPEAN CERTIFICATION EVSO® GRADUATE

4.1 PREAMBLE

- 4.1.1 Obtaining the EVSO® Graduate Certification is recommended but not mandatory. This is left to the discretion of EVSO® members.
- 4.1.2 The EVSO® Graduate certification is the result of a reflection by the EVSO® committee.
- 4.1.3 The EVSO® Graduate Certification is presented to the EVSO® members at the General Assembly on 8 October 2022.

4.2 OBJECTIVES

- 4.2.1 The main objective of the EVSO® Graduate Certification is to give European recognition to the completion of the core curriculum in EVSO® Certified Schools.
- 4.2.2 The EVSO® Graduate Certification offers European recognition to veterinarians who have completed a five-hundred-hour training course in Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine in one of the EVSO® Certified Schools, who have completed a period of fellowship under the EVSO® Sponsorship Programme and who have successfully passed the end of training assessment in their school.

4.3 CONDITIONS FOR OBTAINING THE EUROPEAN CERTIFICATION EVSO® GRADUATE

4.3.1 EVSO® issues the EVSO® Graduate certification to any EVSO® member who fulfils the following conditions:

- Be a practising veterinarian in Europe
- Be registered with the national veterinary association of the country of practice
- Be in order with the EVSO® membership fee
- Completion of a five-hundred-hour training course at an EVSO® Certified School
- To have completed the First Sponsorship under the EVSO® Sponsorship Programme. (Cf Chapter VI)
- Have submitted a copy of the completed and signed EVSO® Sponsorship Register when applying for EVSO® Graduate Certification.
- Have successfully completed the intermediate and final assessments of the core curriculum at an EVSO® Certified School.
- Submit the application for EVSO® Graduate certification to the EVSO® Committee (form available on www.evso.eu)

4.3.2 The awarding of the EVSO® Graduate Certification takes place during the gala evening at the end of the annual EVSO® General Assembly.

CHAPTER V: EUROPEAN CERTIFICATION EVSO® CERTIFIED

5.1 PREAMBLE

- 5.1.1 Obtaining EVSO® Certified certification is recommended but not mandatory. This is left to the discretion of EVSO® members.
- 5.1.2 The EVSO® Certified certification is the result of a reflection by the EVSO® committee.
- 5.1.3 The EVSO® Certified certification is presented to the EVSO® members at the General Assembly on 8 October 2022.

5.2 OBJECTIVES

- 5.2.1 The main objective of the EVSO® Certified certification is to deliver a European recognition that offers the guarantee of a quality label related to the practice of Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine of practitioners certified by EVSO®.
- 5.2.2 The EVSO® Certified certification offers European recognition to veterinary doctors who have completed a five-hundred-hour training course in Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine in one of the EVSO® Certified Schools, who have completed the two periods of fellowship provided in the EVSO® Sponsorship Programme and who have taken and passed the EVSO® Examination.

5.3 CONDITIONS FOR OBTAINING THE EUROPEAN CERTIFICATION EVSO® CERTIFIED

5.3.1 EVSO® issues the EVSO® Certified certification to any EVSO® member who meets the following conditions:

- Be a practising veterinarian in Europe
- Be registered with the national veterinary association of the country of practice
- Be in order with the EVSO® membership fee
- Be a member EVSO® Graduate or have completed a full five hundred hours of training at an EVSO® Certified School for a minimum of two years or be able to show evidence of having practised Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine for a minimum of seven years
- To have completed the entire EVSO® Sponsorship Programme. (Cf Chapter VI)
- Have submitted a copy of the completed and signed EVSO® Sponsorship Register when registering for the EVSO® Examination.
- Have written two clinical cases according to the EVSO® recommendations. (Cf Chapter VII)
- To have taken and passed the EVSO® Examination. (Cf Chapter VII)

5.3.2 The awarding of the EVSO® Certified takes place during the gala evening at the end of the annual EVSO® General Assembly.

5.4 CONDITIONS FOR MAINTAINING THE EUROPEAN CERTIFICATION EVSO® CERTIFIED

5.4.1 Maintaining EVSO® Certified implies that the EVSO® Certified member meets the following conditions:

- Be up to date with your EVSO® membership fees.
- To be up to date with the obligations relating to EVSO® Continuing Education and to obtain sixteen EVSO® Credits over a period of four years after completing a minimum of 64 hours of EVSO® Continuing Education spread over this period. (Cf Chapter IX)
- Have sponsored a candidate EVSO® Certified as part of the Second EVSO® Sponsorship or reviewed two clinical cases on behalf of EVSO® within five years of the award of EVSO® Certified. (Cf 6.8.3)

CHAPTER VI: EUROPEAN EVSO® SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME IN MANUAL OSTEOPATHIC VETERINARY MEDICINE

6.1 PREAMBLE

- 6.1.1 This chapter focuses on the creation of a European EVSO® Sponsorship programme in the field of Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine.
- 6.1.2 The concept of EVSO® Sponsorship is part of the search for excellence in the practice of Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine, with a view to sharing knowledge, passing on know-how and linking theoretical knowledge with the reality of field practice.
- 6.1.3 The EVSO® Sponsorship Programme is divided into two distinct phases:
- The **First Sponsorship EVSO®** (Cf 6.4) which is offered during the period of the five-hundred-hour core curriculum in the EVSO® Certified School.
 - The **Second Sponsorship EVSO®** (Cf 6.5) which is offered during the period between the end-of-course assessment of an EVSO® Certified School and the EVSO® Examination required to obtain EVSO® Certified.
- 6.1.4 Completion of the EVSO® Sponsorship Programme is essential for any EVSO® member wishing to achieve the EVSO® Graduate and EVSO® Certified certification.
- 6.1.5 Participation in the Referral Programme is at the discretion of each EVSO® member, as is taking the assessments for the two EVSO® certifications. Completion of the EVSO® Sponsorship Programme is encouraged but not required for EVSO® members who do not wish to obtain the EVSO® Graduate and EVSO® Certified certification.
- 6.1.6 This EVSO® Sponsorship Programme is the result of a reflection by the EVSO® Committee and representatives of the following six European schools: AVETAO (FR), AVSOP (AT), IMAOV (FR), STILLVET (now OSTEOVET) (BE), STOA (CH), TAO (DE).

- 6.1.7 This European EVSO® Sponsorship Programme in Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine is presented to EVSO® members at the General Assembly on 8 October 2022.

6.2 OBJECTIVES

- 6.2.1 The main objective of the EVSO® Sponsorship Programme is to promote the transmission of knowledge and practical skills from experienced veterinarians practising Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine to practitioners training in this field. This transmission is implemented by promoting benevolence, sharing, exchange, mutual respect and mutual support, which meets the requirements of the EVSO® Certified Schools training programmes.
- 6.2.2 The EVSO® Sponsorship Programme guarantees the transmission of practical skills in Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine through a European network of veterinary practitioners, guaranteeing the reality of the practice of Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine. This system also contributes to the recognition of the discipline by university and veterinary professional authorities on a European scale.
- 6.2.3 The objectives of this project for the trainee applying for the two levels of EVSO® certification are
- Progressive autonomy thanks to individual supervision.
 - Improved analytical and synthesis skills.
 - A comparison of theoretical concepts with the realities of field practice.
 - To encourage curiosity, reflection and rigour in the application of learning.
 - To share the knowledge of veterinary practitioners with field experience through vertical transmission of knowledge and practical skills.
 - Expanding the professional network.
 - Keeping an EVSO® Sponsorship Register with information on patients seen with the sponsor (Cf 6.6.1)
- 6.2.4 The interests of the sponsor in this project lie in:
- The pleasure of mutual assistance and sharing knowledge
 - Expanding the professional network.

- Consolidation of knowledge and appreciation of the progress made in the field of Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine.
- Reflection and development of one's own working methods through exchange.
- Recognition and visibility on the EVSO® website.
- The EVSO® sponsorship and clinical casework supervision allows the sponsor to receive EVSO® Credits necessary to maintain the EVSO® Certified status. (Cf 5.4 and Chapter IX)

6.3 RESPONSIBILITIES

6.3.1 Candidates for EVSO® certification are responsible for:

- Of their own training and learning
- Finding one or more sponsors
- The organisation and implementation of their sponsorships
- Support the logistical and financial aspects of their sponsorships
- To respect professional secrecy and the confidentiality of information relating to the sponsor's patients and clients
- To respect the rules of good conduct and good manners in customers.
- To respect the instructions given by the sponsor
- Register their sponsor(s) in the EVSO® Sponsor Directory (Cf 6.6.2) accessible on the EVSO® website www.evso.eu
- Maintaining and updating their EVSO® Sponsorship Register (Cf 6.6.1)
- To hold and be covered by professional indemnity insurance as part of the EVSO® Sponsorship Programme in order to release EVSO® and the sponsor from any liability in the event of a dispute.
- To enter this certificate of insurance in its EVSO® Sponsorship Register
- Maintaining a copy (scan) of their updated EVSO® Sponsorship Register

6.3.2 The Sponsor is requested:

- To supervise and invest in the training of the candidate for one of the two levels of EVSO[®] certification
- To support the candidate's progress and development to one of the two EVSO[®] certification levels
- To immerse the candidate in one of the two levels of EVSO[®] certification in his/her daily activity
- To ensure that she/he is registered in the EVSO[®] Sponsors Directory
- To sign the EVSO[®] Sponsorship Register of the candidate for one of the two EVSO[®] certification levels

6.3.3 EVSO[®] is responsible for the EVSO[®] Sponsorship Programme:

- Establish the EVSO[®] Sponsorship Register and make it available to applicants on the EVSO[®] website.
- Establish and update the EVSO[®] Sponsors Directory on the EVSO[®] website.
- To centralise the receipt of EVSO[®] Sponsorship Registers.
- To progressively validate the entire EVSO[®] Sponsorship Programme upon receipt of the EVSO[®] Sponsorship Registers.
- To mediate in the event of a dispute between a sponsor and an EVSO[®] Certification candidate, arising in the context of the EVSO[®] Sponsorship Programme.

6.4 FIRST SPONSORSHIP EVSO®

- 6.4.1 The First Sponsorship EVSO® is aimed at any veterinarian in training at an EVSO® Certified School who wishes to obtain the EVSO® Graduate certification. They are referred to below as "trainees".
- 6.4.2 The First Sponsorship EVSO® is to be completed by the trainee during the period of the five-hundred-hour core curriculum at an EVSO® Certified School.
- 6.4.3 During the First Sponsorship EVSO®, the trainee examines a minimum of twenty patients with his/her sponsor(s). The trainee should have the opportunity to palpate, diagnose and possibly partially treat the patients assessed with his/her sponsor(s) to the extent of his/her competence. The aim of the First Sponsorship EVSO® is to familiarise the trainee with field practice by appropriating a palpatory protocol and a diagnostic approach, while discussing with the sponsor the management of the case and the implementation of the treatment in Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine.
- 6.4.4 In the First Sponsorship EVSO®, the sponsor supervising the trainee is a qualified veterinarian who must:
- Be registered with the veterinary college of the European country in which they practice.
 - Have completed a training in Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine for at least three years in an EVSO® Certified School or in one of the following schools: AVETAO, AVSOP, IMAOV, IMEV, ONIRIS, STILLVET, OSTEOVET, STOA or TAO.
- or
- Practising Veterinary Osteopathic Medicine / Manual Medicine / Veterinary Osteopathy for over ten years.
- To certify on his honour that he takes on a minimum of twenty cases per week in Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine.
 - Be listed in the EVSO® Sponsor Directory, which is maintained by EVSO® and published on the website www.evso.eu.
 - Sign in the EVSO® Sponsorship Register the cases handled with the trainee after each day of sponsorship. The signature of the cases related to the patients treated with the trainee is necessary for the issuance of EVSO® Credits. (Cf Chapter IX)

6.5 SECOND SPONSORSHIP EVSO®

- 6.5.1 The Second Sponsorship EVSO® is open to any EVSO® member who is an EVSO® Graduate. He/she is referred to below as "the candidate".
- 6.5.2 The Second Sponsorship EVSO® is to be completed by the EVSO® Certified candidate during the period between the end of core curriculum assessment at an EVSO® Certified School and the EVSO® Examination.
- 6.5.3 The Second Sponsorship EVSO® can take two forms:
- Field sponsorship
 - School Sponsorship

Or a combination of these two forms of sponsorship.

- 6.5.4 During the Second Sponsorship EVSO®, the candidate must examine a minimum of forty patients with a sponsor(s) and/or in an EVSO® Certified School. The candidate must have the opportunity to palpate, diagnose and treat, to the best of his/her ability, the patients assessed with his/her sponsor(s) or in school. The Second Sponsorship EVSO® should be a practical experience under the guidance of a sponsor and/or teacher from an EVSO® Certified School in order to ensure a high-quality practical training for the candidate.

6.5.5 FIELD SPONSORSHIP

- 6.5.5.1 The Field Sponsorship, carried out as part of the Second Sponsorship EVSO®, is organised on a client basis and supervised by a sponsor.
- 6.5.5.2 In the Second Sponsorship EVSO®, the sponsor supervising the EVSO® Certified candidate is a qualified veterinarian who must:
- Be registered with the veterinary college of the European country in which they practice
 - Be an EVSO® Certified member.

- Be up to date with membership fees and continuing education requirements necessary to maintain EVSO® Certified status.
- Be listed in the EVSO® Sponsors Directory, compiled by EVSO® and published on the website www.evso.eu
- Certify on his honour that he takes on a minimum of twenty cases per week in Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine
- Sign in the EVSO® Sponsorship Register the cases seen with the EVSO® Certified candidate after each sponsorship day. Signing the cases of patients seen with the candidate is necessary for the issue of EVSO® Credits. (Cf Chapter IX)

6.5.5.3 An exception can be made for a sponsor who has been an EVSO® Graduate member for at least five years or a sponsor with extensive practical experience who is not an EVSO® Certified member but who would like to supervise a candidate's second sponsorship. In this specific case, the candidate can apply to the EVSO® Committee for Validation of Experience (VE) of the sponsor. The application must be accompanied by the sponsor's detailed Curriculum Vitae and a letter of motivation. If the application is accepted by the EVSO® Committee, the sponsor will be registered in the EVSO® Sponsors Directory who are able to support the Second Sponsorship EVSO®, without obtaining the EVSO® Certified status.

6.5.6 SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP

6.5.6.1 The EVSO® Certified candidate has the possibility to complete the Second Sponsorship EVSO® partially or fully in the EVSO® Certified Schools.

6.5.6.2 EVSO® Certified Schools are encouraged to organise annual School Sponsorship days or weekends.

6.5.6.3 During the School Sponsorship, the EVSO® Certified Candidate will be able to examine, diagnose and treat patients under the supervision of a school teacher.

6.5.6.4 A teacher of Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine is defined as a veterinarian who has been practising for a minimum of five years in the field of Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine and teaching in an EVSO® Certified School.

6.5.6.5 The EVSO® Certified candidate will be able to enter a maximum of six patients per sponsorship day into the EVSO® Sponsorship Register. The candidate is responsible

for obtaining the signature of the sponsoring teacher on the cases of patients seen and treated after each sponsorship day.

- 6.5.6.6 The EVSO® Certified Schools manage the registrations, are responsible for issuing a certificate of attendance and collect the registration fees from the participants of the EVSO® School Sponsorship days.
- 6.5.6.7 EVSO® Certified Schools are responsible for organising and publishing on their website the EVSO® School Sponsorship days organised in their school.
- 6.5.6.8 EVSO® Certified Schools are responsible for passing on information about their EVSO® School Sponsorship days to EVSO®. A publication of the information received will be made on the EVSO® website, also by a mailing from EVSO® to its candidate members and by means of an information email to other EVSO® Certified Schools (with an acknowledgement of receipt requested to the schools) so that the latter can transfer the information to their candidate trainees via their school mailing list.
- 6.5.6.9 EVSO® Certified Schools are obliged to pass on information about EVSO® School Sponsorship days organised by other EVSO® Certified Schools to their previous and current trainee candidates via their school mailing list.

6.6 EVSO® SPONSORSHIP REGISTER AND EVSO® DIRECTORY OF SPONSORS

6.6.1 EVSO® SPONSORSHIP REGISTER :

6.6.1.1 The EVSO® Sponsorship Register is a document published by EVSO and made available to EVSO® members on the website www.evso.eu.

6.6.1.2 The EVSO® Sponsorship Register accompanies the EVSO® member throughout the sponsorship programme. This document traces the EVSO® member's journey through the EVSO® Sponsorship Programme.

6.6.1.3 The EVSO® Sponsorship Register consists of seven parts:

- 1) **EVSO® member details** ESVO® Graduate or EVSO® Certified candidate
- 2) **Certificate of professional liability insurance** (details of the insurer and policy number).
- 3) **Participation in the intermediate evaluation of** the five-hundred-hour core curriculum in EVSO® Certified School.
(Contact details of the school, observations, remarks, lines of inquiry, results, etc., possibly issued at the end of this evaluation).
- 4) **Participation in the final assessment at the end** of the five-hundred-hour core curriculum in EVSO® Certified School.
(Contact details of the school, observations, remarks, lines of inquiry, results, etc., possibly issued at the end of this evaluation).
- 5) **EVSO® First Sponsorship** (see 6.6.4)
(Contact details of the Sponsor(s), Caselog of twenty cases, observations, remarks, lines of thought, results, etc., possibly issued at the end of this EVSO® First Sponsorship).
- 6) **Second EVSO® Sponsorship (Cf 6.6.5)**
(Contact details of the Sponsor(s) and/or EVSO® Certified School, Caselog of forty cases, observations, remarks, reflections, results, etc., possibly issued at the end of this Second EVSO® Sponsorship).

7) Case Log

(Contact details of EVSO® member(s), Signatures of EVSO® member(s), ...)

6.6.1.4 The EVSO® Sponsorship Register must be kept up to date. This record is completed after each animal under sponsorship has been treated. The EVSO® Sponsorship Register must be signed by the sponsor at the end of each day of care.

6.6.1.5 The case-log section contains information about the animals cared for by the applicant and his/her sponsor. This part includes :

- Date of consultation
- Location of the consultation
- Species / Breed of animal
- Age of the animal
- Name of the animal
- Possible use of the animal
- Reason for consultation
- Diagnosis in Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine
- Diagnosis in Classical Veterinary Medicine
- Possible additional examinations
- Treatment :
 - o Osteopathic: Three major techniques of Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine used
 - o Medicinal: Medicines that may have been administered/dispensed
 - o Complementary: Complementary Veterinary Medicine treatment possibly offered
- Space for the sponsor's stamp and signature

6.6.1.6 The EVSO® Certified candidate is responsible for submitting their EVSO® Sponsorship Register to EVSO® for validation of the EVSO® Sponsorship Programme.

6.6.1.7 It is the responsibility of the EVSO® Certified candidate to keep a copy of their updated EVSO® Sponsorship Register in order to be able to present a copy of the EVSO® Sponsorship Register in case of loss of this essential document in the context of the EVSO® Graduate and EVSO® Certified Certifications.

6.6.1.8 The EVSO® Sponsorship Register must be presented and completed at each stage of

the EVSO® Sponsorship Programme.

6.6.2 EVSO® SPONSORS DIRECTORY

6.6.2.1 The EVSO® Sponsors Directory is a list issued and updated by EVSO®. It is published on the website www.evso.eu.

6.6.2.2 The EVSO® Sponsors Directory contains the names and contact details of veterinary practitioners who are mentoring trainees and candidates for EVSO® certification as part of the EVSO® Sponsorship Programme.

6.6.2.3 The main objectives of this EVSO® Sponsors Directory are to :

- Provide public visibility on the EVSO® website for veterinary practitioners who are mentoring trainees and candidates for EVSO® certification as part of the EVSO® Sponsorship Programme.
- To facilitate the connection of EVSO® members who wish to seek the guidance of a practising veterinarian in their region or species of interest.

6.6.2.4 The information contained in the EVSO® Sponsors Directory is as follows:

- Name
- Business address
- Professional e-mail address
- Business telephone number
- University that awarded the degree of Veterinary Medicine
- Year of graduation as a veterinarian
- Ordinal number for countries where a number is assigned
- Training in Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine / Manual Medicine / Veterinary Osteopathy (School, Year of completion)
- Practice area (Domestic carnivores, horses, cattle, mixed, other)

6.6.2.5 Trainees and candidates for EVSO® certification seeking the guidance of a sponsor are responsible for the registration of their sponsor in the EVSO® Sponsors Directory .

6.7 EVSO® SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME AND EVSO® CREDITS

6.7.1 Under the EVSO® First Sponsorship, the sponsor is awarded one EVSO® Credit for

every 10 patients managed with the trainee. (Cf 9.4)

- 6.7.2 As part of the Second Field Sponsorship EVSO[®], the Sponsor is awarded one EVSO[®] Credit for every 5 patients managed and treated with the EVSO[®] Certified candidate. (Cf 9.4)
- 6.7.3 Under the Second School Sponsorship EVSO[®], the teacher receives one EVSO[®] Credit per day of School Sponsorship. (Cf 9.4)
- 6.7.4 In order to obtain EVSO[®] Credits for the EVSO[®] Sponsorship Programme, the sponsor must sign the EVSO[®] Sponsorship Register for the cases handled with the applicant after each sponsorship day. The signature of the cases for patients managed with the applicant is required for the issue of EVSO[®] Credits.
- 6.7.5 In order to obtain EVSO[®] Credits for the EVSO[®] Sponsorship Programme, the sponsor must keep a copy of the EVSO[®] Sponsorship Register of the sponsored candidates, retain this document for at least four years and make it available to EVSO[®] in case of a possible control of the EVSO[®] Credits count. (Cf. 9.4)

6.8 CERTIFICATION AND VALORISATION OF EVSO® SPONSORS

- 6.8.1 EVSO® is committed to giving public visibility to veterinary practitioners who have mentored EVSO® members through the EVSO® Sponsorship Programme by publishing the sponsors' details on its website www.evso.eu.
- 6.8.2 On each EVSO® Graduate and EVSO® Certified award night, EVSO® awards a certificate to sponsors who have mentored a trainee or EVSO® Certified candidate in the past year, thereby contributing to the smooth running of the EVSO® Sponsorship Programme.
- 6.8.3 Each new EVSO® Certified member who has been mentored by a sponsor in the EVSO® Sponsorship Programme must commit to "giving back to the system" and mentoring at least one EVSO® Certified trainee or candidate within five years of receiving their EVSO® Certification. If this sponsorship is not possible, then the new EVSO® Certified member will be required to commit to reviewing two clinical cases for EVSO® within five years, using the evaluation grids produced by EVSO®. This participation helps to maintain a pool of EVSO® sponsors in sufficient numbers to support future EVSO® Certified applicants for EVSO® sponsorship.

CHAPTER VII: CASE STUDIES AND CERTIFICATION EVSO® CERTIFIED

7.1 PREAMBLE

- 7.1.1 This chapter deals with the requirements for writing two clinical cases to be presented for EVSO® Certified in the framework of the EVSO Project 2.0.
- 7.1.2 Completion of the two EVSO® Case Studies and the EVSO® Certified certification are encouraged but not required.
- 7.1.3 The conditions for writing EVSO® Clinical Cases in order to obtain the EVSO® Certified certification is the result of a reflection by the EVSO® committee and representatives of the following six European schools: AVETAO (FR), AVSOP (AT), IMAOV (FR), STILLVET (now OSTEOVET) (BE), STOA (CH), TAO (DE).
- 7.1.4 The conditions for writing EVSO® Clinical Cases in the framework of the EVSO® Project 2.0 are presented to the members at the General Assembly on 8 October 2022.

7.2 OBJECTIVES

- 7.2.1 The main purpose of writing two EVSO® Case Studies is to enable the EVSO® Certified candidate to analyse and conceptualise their diagnostic and therapeutic techniques.
- 7.2.2 The candidate is invited, through the writing of two clinical cases, to deepen his theoretical reflections, to refine his technical gestures and to perfect his therapeutic approach by confronting them with the data of the scientific literature.
- 7.2.3 This work of writing and reflection is proposed with the aim of inscribing the practice of Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine in an approach that is based on anatomical and scientific foundations.

7.3 CONDITIONS

- 7.3.1 The writing of EVSO® Clinical Cases is intended for any EVSO® member who has completed the five hundred hour core curriculum at an EVSO® Certified School and wishes to sit the EVSO® Examination for EVSO® Certified certification. He is referred to below as "the EVSO® Certified candidate". (Cf. Chapter III and IV)
- 7.3.2 Candidates wishing to take the EVSO® Examination in order to obtain EVSO® Certified Certification, must write two clinical cases according to the recommendations for writing clinical cases in a document available on the EVSO® website : www.evso.eu.
- 7.3.3 The candidate must submit the two clinical cases to the EVSO® Committee at least one year before the date of the EVSO® Examination for which the candidate is registering.
- 7.3.4 The writing of the two clinical cases must be supervised and proofread either by the sponsor who supervised the Second Field Sponsorship EVSO® or by an EVSO® Certified member chosen by the candidate.
- 7.3.5 The EVSO® Certified member who supervises the writing of the clinical cases must be up to date with their membership fees and continuing education obligations necessary to maintain their EVSO® Certified status, as must the sponsor who supervises the Second Field Sponsorship EVSO®.
- 7.3.6 The sponsor or EVSO® Certified member who supervised the writing of each clinical case validates the clinical case written by the EVSO® candidate by signing it. For each clinical case, the signature of the supervisor is applied in two steps; two boxes are provided for this purpose in the EVSO® Sponsorship Register.
- 7.3.6.1 The first signature certifies the supervision of the writing by the sponsor/member EVSO® Certified, the proofreading and the corrections proposed to the candidate. It is necessary for the validation of the clinical case by the EVSO® Committee to obtain the EVSO® Certified certification. This signature is also necessary for the delivery of the EVSO® Credits to the sponsor or EVSO® Certified member who supervised the writing of the clinical case (Cf 6.7)

- 7.3.6.2 The second signature validates the content of the case, in substance and in its final version at the time of submission to the EVSO[®] Committee . This second signature is not compulsory and is left to the discretion of the sponsor or EVSO[®] Certified member who supervised the writing of the clinical case. It is an acknowledgement by the supervisor of the editorial work done. By signing, the supervisor considers the case presented by the EVSO[®] Certified candidate to be worthy of publication.
- 7.3.7 The Sponsor or EVSO[®] Certified member who supervised the writing of the clinical cases keeps a copy of the clinical cases he/she supervised and a copy of his/her signature in the candidate's EVSO[®] Sponsorship Register for a minimum of four years for the purpose of claiming the EVSO[®] Credits.
- 7.3.8 The two clinical cases must be approved by the EVSO[®] Committee after submission for validation to the reading committee mandated by the EVSO[®] Committee.
- 7.3.9 The Reading Committee is mandated by the EVSO[®] Committee. The reading and assessment grids, as well as specific requests, are sent to the reviewers by EVSO[®], which is also responsible for their remuneration according to the terms published by EVSO[®].
- 7.3.10 The EVSO[®] Committee reserves the right to publish clinical cases submitted by applicants.
- 7.3.11 Plagiarism is not accepted. EVSO[®] reserves the right to reject clinical cases with plagiarized content.

7.4 CLINICAL CASES EVSO® AND EVSO® CREDITS

- 7.4.1 EVSO® issues to the sponsor or EVSO® Certified member an EVSO® Credit for each clinical case that has been supervised (Cf 9.4).
- 7.4.2 In order to obtain EVSO® Credits for the supervision of EVSO® Clinical Cases, the sponsor or EVSO® Certified member who has supervised the writing of the clinical cases keeps a copy of the clinical cases he/she has supervised and a copy of his/her signature recorded in the EVSO® Sponsorship Register of the EVSO® Certified trainee or candidate for a minimum of four years.

CHAPTER VIII: EUROPEAN EVSO[®] EXAMINATION IN MANUAL OSTEOPATHIC VETERINARY MEDICINE AND EVSO[®] CERTIFIED CERTIFICATION

8.1 PREAMBLE

- 8.1.1 This chapter focuses on the creation of a European system for the assessment of veterinarians practising Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine with a view to issuing them with a certification recognised by EVSO[®].
- 8.1.2 The EVSO[®] Examination is the basis for the EVSO[®] Certified certification.
- 8.1.3 The EVSO[®] Examination certifies the quality of the candidate's training course by assessing the knowledge and skills acquired during the course.
- 8.1.4 This EVSO[®] Examination project is the result of a reflection by the EVSO[®] committee and representatives of the following six European schools: AVETAO (FR), AVSOP (AT), IMAOV (FR), STILVET (now OSTEOVET) (BE), STOA (CH), TAO (DE).
- 8.1.5 This draft EVSO[®] Examination will be presented to EVSO[®] members at the General Assembly on 8 October 2022.

8.2 OBJECTIVES

- 8.2.1 The main objective of the EVSO[®] Examination is to certify and guarantee the level of knowledge and skills of EVSO[®] Certified veterinarians who practice Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine in Europe.
- 8.2.2 EVSO[®] Certified certification is encouraged but not mandatory for EVSO[®] members.

8.3 ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE EVSO[®] EXAMINATION

- 8.3.1 The EVSO[®] Examination is for any member who wishes to become EVSO[®] Certified. They are referred to below as "EVSO[®] Certified Candidates".
- 8.3.2 EVSO[®] members can sit the EVSO[®] Examination at least two years after completing the core curriculum at an EVSO[®] Certified School. During this period, they will have completed the second part of the EVSO[®] Sponsorship Programme and submitted their Sponsorship Register and two clinical cases. They must have paid the fees for this examination.

8.4 CONDITIONS FOR THE ORGANISATION OF THE EVSO[®] EXAMINATION

- 8.4.1 The EVSO[®] Examination covers the theoretical foundations, practical concepts and techniques of Osteopathic Veterinary Manual Medicine.
- 8.4.2 The EVSO[®] Examination assesses the knowledge and skills of candidates through a practical assessment divided into two parts. These are carried out on a domestic herbivore (horse or cattle) and a domestic carnivore (dog or cat).
- 8.4.3 The first part consists of a practical evaluation on a species of preference of the candidate (herbivore or carnivore, according to a questionnaire to be filled in by the candidate at the time of registration for the examination) in order to evaluate the quality of the technical gestures, the management of the case, the progress of the consultation, the positioning of the candidate, the diagnostic and therapeutic

approach, etc...

- 8.4.4 The second part consists of a practical evaluation on the other species (carnivore or herbivore) and serves as a support for a general discussion on anatomical and osteopathic concepts and techniques on the one hand and for the evaluation of visualization, palpation, mobilization and implementation of therapeutic gestures on the other hand.
- 8.4.5 The organisation, the elaboration of the practical modalities and the transmission of the results of the EVSO® Examination are established and under the responsibility of the EVSO® Examination Commission. (Cf 8.6)
- 8.4.6 The EVSO® Examination is organised annually in a session lasting one to three days and held in the days before the EVSO® General Assembly.
- 8.4.7 The EVSO® Examination is scheduled to be held every second year at the European university where the EVSO® Congress is held. The choice of venue for other sessions is left to the discretion of the EVSO® Examination Commission in consultation with the EVSO® Committee.
- 8.4.8 A second session of the European EVSO® Examinations may be organised six months after the first session taking place in the days preceding the EVSO® General Assembly if the number of candidates exceeded the number of registrations opened in the first session and if the number of candidates wishing to register for the second session is sufficient to ensure the coverage of the running costs of the test.
- 8.4.9 EVSO® reserves the right to cancel an examination session in the event of an insufficient number of registrants or in case of force majeure (e.g. Covid19).
- 8.4.10 During the EVSO® Examination, EVSO® is responsible for organising a translation into English, French or German for candidates and examiners who make a written request at least two months before the EVSO® Examination session .

8.5 EVSO® EXAMINATION BOARD

8.5.1 The EVSO® Examination Board is composed of a minimum of five examiners to assess the test:

- The President of the Jury is a member of the EVSO® Committee appointed by the EVSO® Committee for a period of four years.
- Four examiners from the different EVSO® Certified School and selected in rotation from the list of EVSO® examiners make up the EVSO® Examination Board.
- The EVSO® Examination Commission in consultation with the EVSO® Committee reserves the right to invite a member of the academic staff of a European university of veterinary medicine.

8.6 EVSO® EXAMINATION COMMISSION

8.6.1 The EVSO® Examination Commission is defined as a working group consisting of one member of the EVSO® Committee and two representatives from each EVSO® Certified School. The school representatives form the team of examiners from which the members of the EVSO® Examination Board are selected on a rotating basis.

8.6.2 The EVSO® Examination Commission is responsible for establishing the practical arrangements for the organisation of the EVSO® Examination. The EVSO® Examination Commission is responsible for :

- To establish the theoretical knowledge of the foundations, concepts and techniques of Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine to be evaluated and to detail them in a document.
- Develop a document for EVSO® Certified Schools on the educational objectives, theoretical knowledge and practical skills assessed in these examinations.

8.6.3 The EVSO® Examination Commission is responsible for appointing the examiners of the EVSO® Examination Board.

- 8.6.4 The EVSO Examination Commission is responsible for considering the possibility of equivalence with the national Osteopathic Veterinary Manual Medicine certifications in the different European countries, with the possibility of additional assessment to reach the level of the EVSO[®] Certified or national certifications.

CHAPTER IX: EUROPEAN EVSO® CONTINUING EDUCATION SYSTEM IN MANUAL OSTEOPATHIC VETERINARY MEDICINE

9.1 PREAMBLE

- 9.1.1 This chapter deals with the creation of a European EVSO® Continuing Education system (EVSO® Continuing Education) for veterinarians practising Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine.
- 9.1.2 This EVSO Continuing Education project is the result of a reflection by the EVSO® committee and representatives of the following six European schools: AVETAO (FR), AVSOP (AT), IMAOV (FR), STILLVET (now OSTEOVET) (BE), STOA (CH), TAO (DE).
- 9.1.3 The EVSO® Continuing Education system, as submitted to the EVSO® General Assembly of 8 October 2022, is inspired by the system set up by the professional authorities of European countries to ensure the continuing education of veterinarians.

9.2 OBJECTIVES

- 9.2.1 The main objective of the EVSO[®] Continuing Education System in Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine is to encourage veterinarians practising Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine and EVSO[®] members to continue their education.
- 9.2.2 The EVSO[®] Continuing Education in Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine and the awarding of EVSO[®] Continuing Education points (EVSO[®] Credits) are essential to maintain the EVSO[®] Certified status of EVSO[®] members. (Cf 5.4)
- 9.2.3 This EVSO[®] Continuing Education system solicits the active participation of the EVSO[®] Certified Schools in the communication and organisation of continuing education modules in Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine.
- 9.2.4 The transmission of information about EVSO[®] Continuing Education opportunities and the possibility of sharing between EVSO[®] members is facilitated by EVSO[®]'s networking of all EVSO[®] Certified Schools across Europe.
- 9.2.5 The EVSO[®] Continuing Education System in Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine also aims to support the participation of EVSO[®] members in Congresses and General Assemblies organised by EVSO[®].

9.3 EVSO® CONTINUING EDUCATION POINTS

- 9.3.1 An EVSO® Credit is defined as an EVSO® Continuing Education point which corresponds to a half day training time investment of minimum four hours and includes a minimum of two hours of theory and specialised information on the subject in the field of Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine.
- 9.3.2 EVSO® will only issue full EVSO® Credits, splitting EVSO® Credits is not provided.
- 9.3.3 EVSO® Credits are issued by training organisations (EVSO®, EVSO® Certified Schools, others) who have applied for them and who comply with the EVSO® Continuing Education specifications. The application for the issuance of EVSO® Credits submitted by training organisations must be validated in advance by EVSO®.
- 9.3.4 EVSO® reserves the right to validate a posteriori training courses and congresses organised outside the EVSO® Continuing Education system by organisers who have not applied for EVSO® Credits, when these training courses or congresses are attended by EVSO® members as detailed in point 9.5.5.2 of this chapter.

9.4 SETTLEMENT OF EVSO® CREDITS

- 9.4.1 EVSO® Credits are counted over a period of four years. Excess EVSO® Credits can be carried forward, but no more than ¼ of the EVSO® Credits required for the new period. Exceptions (e.g. maternity leave,...) can be requested from the EVSO® Committee.
- 9.4.2 EVSO® Certified members are required to train for the equivalent of sixteen hours of training per year or sixty-four hours over a four-year period in order to obtain sixteen EVSO® Credits over a four-year period, an average of four EVSO® Credits per year. This is in order to maintain their EVSO® Certified status. The number of EVSO® Credits required to maintain EVSO® Certified status is subject to change by decision of the EVSO® Committee.
- 9.4.3 An EVSO® Credit represents an investment in training time of at least half a day for any type of training in Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine.
- 9.4.4 Only training hours delivered in their entirety are counted towards the hours counted for the award of EVSO® Credits.
- 9.4.5 An EVSO® member who has completed the full five-hundred-hour core curriculum and who takes a core curriculum training module at another EVSO® Certified School will be awarded one EVSO® Credit per half day of training.
- 9.4.6 An EVSO® member who has completed the full five hundred hour core curriculum and who leads a core curriculum training module in the EVSO® Certified School in which that member has been trained, will be awarded one EVSO® Credit per half day of training.
The status of coach/repeater within the EVSO® Certified School is valued through the award of EVSO® Credits in order to promote coaching, mutual support, fellowship, knowledge and skill sharing.
- 9.4.7 However, there are two exceptions to 9.4.3:
- 9.4.7.1 The EVSO® Congresses are held every two years. Three EVSO® Credits are awarded for each day of the congress.
- 9.4.7.2 EVSO® General Assemblies are held annually, either at the EVSO®

Congresses held every two years or as a one-day conference. If the EVSO® General Assembly takes place over half a day, two EVSO® Credits are issued. If the EVSO® General Assembly is organised as part of a conference day, participation in the whole day will earn three EVSO® Credits.

- 9.4.8 The trainer who provides the continuing education module is awarded two EVSO® Credits per half day of training. The training modules of the 500-hour core curriculum are not considered as continuing education modules for the award of EVSO® Credits to trainers.
- 9.4.9 The presentation of a lecture on a topic of Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine at a congress awards three EVSO® Credits to the speaker.
- 9.4.10 The presentation of a poster on a topic of Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine at a congress gives two EVSO® Credits to the author.
- 9.4.11 The publication of an article on Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine in a scientific or veterinary journal grants four EVSO® Credits to each author.
- 9.4.12 Completion of a doctoral thesis (PhD) in the field of Osteopathic Veterinary Manual Medicine entitles the doctoral student to eight EVSO® Credits.
- 9.4.13 The publication of a book on a subject related to Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine entitles each author to twelve EVSO® Credits.
- 9.4.14 The EVSO® Sponsorship Programme awards EVSO® Credits to the sponsor in the amount of :
 - 9.4.14.1 Two EVSO® Credits in the framework of the First Sponsorship EVSO® (20 cases processed with the trainee, i.e. one EVSO® Credit for 10 cases).
 - 9.4.14.2 Eight EVSOs® Credits for Field Sponsorship under the Second Sponsorship EVSO® (40 cases processed with the trainee, i.e. one EVSO® Credit for 5 cases).
 - 9.4.14.3 One EVSO® Credit per teacher per half day of school sponsorship in the Second Sponsorship EVSO®.

9.4.14.4 Two EVSOs[®] Credit per clinical case, the writing and proofreading of which was supervised by the sponsor.

9.4.15 Webinars organised by EVSO[®] or in collaboration with EVSO[®] Certified Schools award one EVSO[®] Credit for two evenings of online training and two EVSO[®] Credits per day of practical training.

9.5 EVSO®'S RESPONSIBILITIES AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

- 9.5.1 EVSO® is responsible for drafting, editing, distributing and monitoring compliance with the EVSO® Continuing Education specifications (EVSO® Continuing Education) to EVSO® Certified Schools and to the organisations proposing EVSO® Continuing Education courses. (Cf 9.7.6)
- 9.5.2 EVSO® is responsible for the accreditation of EVSO® Certified Schools and other training organisations for the delivery of EVSO® Continuing Education. This prior approval by EVSO® is necessary for EVSO® to issue EVSO® Credits for training provided by EVSO® Certified Schools or training organisations.
- 9.5.3 EVSO® is responsible for publishing on its website the most exhaustive list possible of EVSO® Continuing Education courses outside the five-hundred-hour core curriculum proposed by EVSO® Certified Schools and EVSO® approved training providers. A calendar of training dates is published and maintained by EVSO®. EVSO® Continuing Education modules appear on this calendar at least six months before the start of the calendar year in which the training will be delivered.
- 9.5.4 EVSO® is responsible for publishing on its website the most exhaustive list possible of the modules of the five-hundred-hour core curriculum organised each year in the different EVSO® Certified Schools. A calendar of the dates of the core curriculum modules in EVSO® Certified Schools is set up and maintained by EVSO®. The modules appear at least six months before the start of the calendar year in which the courses are to be held, as long as this information is provided in time to EVSO® by the EVSO® Certified Schools.
- 9.5.5 EVSO® reserves the right to validate training courses and congresses organised outside the EVSO® Continuing Education system, when EVSO members wish to participate in these courses and congresses.
 - 9.5.5.1 When training courses or conferences are organised outside the EVSO® network and for which the organisers do not apply to EVSO® for the issue of EVSO® Credits, EVSO® members, wishing to have these training courses or conferences validated by EVSO® in order to obtain EVSO® Credits for their participation, must submit their request to EVSO® by e-mail at least two months before the event, so that EVSO® can publish the event on its website.

- 9.5.5.2 In case EVSO® members have not sent their application before their participation in the training or congress of interest, they can submit an application a posteriori at the latest one month after the date of the event. This application must contain a description, a summary of the topic and an evaluation of the course or conference.
- 9.5.6 EVSO® is responsible for informing EVSO® members by email about the dates of EVSO® congresses and EVSO® Continuing Education.
- 9.5.7 EVSO® is responsible for informing EVSO® Certified Schools by email (with acknowledgement requested from schools) about the dates of EVSO® and EVSO® Continuing Education conferences so that EVSO® Certified Schools can pass on the information to their past and present trainees via their school mailing list.
- 9.5.8 EVSO® is available to assist EVSO® Certified Schools in their application to the various European national authorities for the award of national Continuing Education Points to be issued to the veterinarians participating in their training.
- 9.5.9 EVSO® is responsible for monitoring EVSO® Credits to maintain the status of EVSO® Certified members. EVSO® reserves the right to commission an external body to monitor EVSO® Credits.
- 9.5.10 EVSO® is responsible for organising an "EVSO® Congress" every two years in a European University (except in cases of force majeure, e.g. Covid19).
- 9.5.11 On the occasion of the "EVSO Congress", EVSO® is responsible for applying to the competent authorities of the organising country for national Continuing Education Points to be awarded to veterinarians attending the "EVSO® Congress".

9.6 RESPONSIBILITIES AND SPECIFICATIONS OF EVSO® CERTIFIED SCHOOLS

9.6.1 The EVSO® Certified Schools are responsible for organising two days of EVSO® Continuing Education per four-year period.

9.6.1.1 This training can be delivered in one module of two days (or more) or in two modules of one day.

9.6.1.2 These training modules must be different from the modules organised as part of the core curriculum of at least 500 hours or the training modules offered annually by the EVSO® Certified Schools outside their core curriculum.

9.6.2 EVSO® Certified Schools provide and pay for English translation if necessary or desired by the participants.

9.6.3 The EVSO® Certified Schools are responsible for the implementation of the EVSO® Continuing Education specifications. (Cf 9.7.6)

9.6.4 The EVSO® Certified Schools manage the registrations and are responsible for issuing a certificate of participation. The EVSO® Certified Schools collect the registration fees from the participants.

9.6.5 EVSO® Certified Schools should award national Continuing Education Points wherever possible in EVSO® Continuing Education modules alongside EVSO® Credits.

9.6.6 EVSO® Certified Schools are responsible for applying to EVSO® via an EVSO® Continuing Education Form (EVSO® Continuing Education Form) for accreditation of the EVSO® Continuing Education organised in their school in order to be able to issue EVSO® Credits. This application must be submitted at least by 1 February of the year preceding the calendar year in which the EVSO® Continuing Education module will take place.

This request allows EVSO® to ensure that there is no collusion of dates with other EVSO® Continuing Education events and to organise and publish the EVSO® Continuing Education calendar on the EVSO® website.

- 9.6.7 The EVSO® Certified Schools are responsible for organising and publishing on their website the EVSO® Continuing Education events organised in their school.
- 9.6.8 EVSO® Certified Schools are responsible for submitting information about their EVSO® Continuing Education courses to EVSO®. The information received will be published on the EVSO® website, as well as being sent to EVSO members by mailing .
EVSO® will inform other EVSO® Certified Schools by mailing (with acknowledgement requested from the schools) so that they can pass on the information to their trainees via their school mailing list.
- 9.6.9 EVSO® Certified Schools have a duty to pass on to their previous and current trainees information about EVSO® Continuing Education organised by other EVSO® Certified Schools via their school mailing list.
- 9.6.10 EVSO® Certified Schools and EVSO® Continuing Education organisers pay three hundred euros per course into the EVSO account to cover the secretarial costs of issuing EVSO® Credits, encoding EVSO® Continuing Education, sending mailings, etc. This amount is subject to change.

9.7 RESPONSIBILITIES AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR EVSO® CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES

- 9.7.1 The EVSO® Continuing Education modules should provide an up-to-date academic level of training that allows for a deeper understanding of osteopathic techniques or specific topics relevant to Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine.
- 9.7.2 The trainers of the EVSO® Continuing Education modules have sufficient and appropriate professional qualifications to deliver the training content.
- 9.7.3 The EVSO® Continuing Education modules are based on the rules of ethics and the veterinary code of practice.
- 9.7.4 The EVSO® Continuing Education modules comply with all the specifications for EVSO® Continuing Education .
- 9.7.5 The date of the EVSO® Continuing Education modules must be submitted to EVSO® by at least 1st February of the year preceding the calendar year in which the EVSO® Continuing Education module will be held.
- 9.7.6 For each EVSO® Continuing Education module, an EVSO® Continuing Education Form (EVSO® Continuing Education Form) must be submitted to EVSO® twelve months before the date of the course. This form includes information on the following points:
- Title, type, objectives and summary of EVSO® Continuing Education
 - EVSO® Continuing Education materials and logistics
 - Expected duration of EVSO® Continuing Education
 - EVSO® Continuing Education Programme
 - Information about the trainers who provide EVSO® Continuing Education
 - Application for EVSO® Credits corresponding to the duration of the EVSO® Continuing Education

9.7.7 A compulsory attendance check is foreseen by the organiser during each EVSO® Continuing Education module.

9.7.7.1 A list of trainee attendance must be signed by each trainee in the manner required for the award of national Continuing Education Points.

9.7.7.2 An attendance list must be signed by each participant or at least at the beginning and end of each EVSO® Continuing Education course.

9.7.7.3 The attendance list of the participants must be recorded and kept for a minimum of 4 years by the organiser of the EVSO® Continuing Education. It must be available for inspection on request by EVSO®.

9.7.8 An evaluation of the EVSO® Continuing Education is offered to participants:

9.7.8.1 The training organiser shall put in place a procedure to measure the level of satisfaction of participants at the end of the training in relation to the offer made.

9.7.8.2 The evaluation focuses on the quality of the training and the achievement of the educational objectives.

9.7.8.3 The evaluation focuses on the quality of the trainer (oral expression, technical skills, scientific skills, teaching skills, course support, supervision of practical training if organised, etc.).

9.7.9 At the end of each EVSO® Continuing Education module, a summary evaluation of the theoretical knowledge and practical skills acquired at the end of the course is organised in relation to the educational objectives set out at the beginning of the course. It is offered to the participants in order to allow each participant to situate him/herself in relation to his/her acquired skills:

9.7.9.1 The assessment of theoretical knowledge and practical skills does not in any way condition the delivery of EVSO® Credits at the end of the EVSO® Continuing Education module.

9.7.9.2 This double evaluation allows the participants to obtain theoretical and practical feedback from the trainer and to clarify with the trainer any issues

that have not been correctly transmitted or integrated.

- 9.7.9.3 At the beginning of each course, the trainer states the topic(s) to be covered and details the theoretical knowledge and practical skills that will be developed during the EVSO® Continuing Education module.
- 9.7.9.4 At the end of the training, the trainer has the obligation to give take-home messages and to propose knowledge and skill objectives to be reached in the medium term so that the participants leave with some ideas for reflection and practice.
- 9.7.10 The theoretical knowledge of the participants is assessed by means of a Multiple-Choice Questionnaire containing ten questions on the theoretical concepts covered during the training.
 - 9.7.10.1 The answer to the Multiple-Choice Questionnaire can be organised at the training site. The correction is given by the trainer at the end of the evaluation. After the correction, there will be a time for discussion to answer any questions from the participants and to clarify any theoretical issues.
 - 9.7.10.2 The answer to the Multiple-Choice Questionnaire can be organised on the Internet after the training. The link must be available at most one week after the training and accessible for two weeks. The answer key is sent to the participants after the duration of the accessibility of the online Multiple-Choice Questionnaire.
 - 9.7.10.3 The practical skills of the trainees are assessed in the practical training if a practical application is organised during the EVSO® Continuing Education module. Participants are confronted with a live animal situation to assess their diagnostic and therapeutic effectiveness.

9.7.10.4 The aim of this double evaluation is to enable participants to assess the knowledge and skills they have acquired during the training module.

9.7.10.5 This assessment of theoretical knowledge and practical skills can also include a self-assessment by each participant.

The value of a self-assessment is that it allows the trainer to compare the participant's opinion with that of the trainer, thus providing feedback on the degree of integration of the participant, but also allowing the trainer to obtain feedback on how the pedagogical objectives of the training provided were received by the participants.

9.8 RESPONSIBILITIES AND TERMS OF REFERENCE OF EVSO® CERTIFIED MEMBERS

- 9.8.1 EVSO® Certified members are responsible for collecting and retaining evidence of their participation in EVSO® Continuing Education courses to be used for obtaining EVSO® Credits to maintain their status.
- 9.8.2 EVSO® Certified members are responsible for submitting to EVSO® the EVSO® Credits count and proof of participation in EVSO® Continuing Education courses at the end of each four-year cycle.
- 9.8.3 Members will only be able to count EVSO® Credits once for a single EVSO® Continuing Education .

9.9 SUMMARY OF EVSO® CREDITS AWARDED ACCORDING TO EVSO® CONTINUING EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

TYPES OF ACTIVITIES THAT CAN DELIVER EVSO® CREDITS	NUMBER OF EVSO® CREDITS ISSUED
Participation in <u>half a day</u> of Training - Congress - Other, in the framework of EVSO® Continuing Education as a participant	1 EVSO® Credit
Participation in <u>half a day</u> of the core curriculum as a participant/repeater	1 EVSO® Credit
Participation in a <u>half-day</u> core curriculum training course at another EVSO® Certified School for the first time as a participant	1 EVSO® Credit
Participation in a <u>half day</u> of training from the core curriculum or from outside the core curriculum but delivered annually as a coach/repeater in the EVSO® Certified School where the core curriculum was followed	1 EVSO® Credit
Participation in a <u>half-day</u> training course in an EVSO® Continuing Education as a trainer	2 EVSO® Credits
Participation in one <u>day</u> of training in the core curriculum or outside the core curriculum but delivered annually in EVSO® Certified Schools as a trainer	1 EVSO® Credit
Participation in one <u>day</u> of the EVSO® Congress	3 EVSO® Credits
Participation in a <u>half-day</u> EVSO® General Assembly	2 EVSO® Credits
Participation in one <u>day</u> of the EVSO® General Assembly	3 EVSO® Credit

Presentation of a lecture on Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine at a congress	3 EVSO® Credits
Presentation of a poster on Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine at a congress	2 EVSO® Credits
Publication of an article on Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine in a scientific or veterinary journal	4 EVSO® Credits
Completion of a PhD in the field of Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine	8 EVSO® Credits
Publication of a book on a subject related to Manual Osteopathic Veterinary Medicine	12 EVSO® Credits
EVSO® sponsorship as a sponsor	2 EVSO® Credits / First Sponsorship 8 EVSO® Credits / Second Sponsorship 1 EVSO® Credit / School Sponsorship 1 EVSO® Credit / Supervised clinical case
Participation in an EVSO® webinar	1 EVSO® Credit / 2 evenings of online training 2 EVSO® Credits / day of practical training