

TASK FORCE MEETING

OIE Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe

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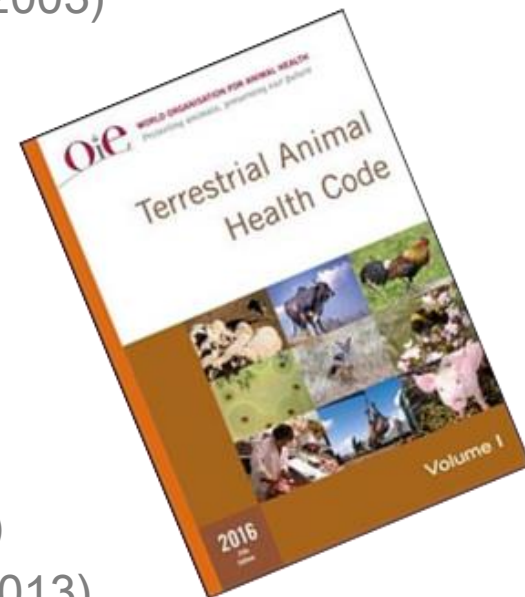
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OIE STANDARDS ON ANIMAL WELFARE

Terrestrial Animal Health Code: Section 7

(<http://www.oie.int/en/international-standard-setting/terrestrial-code/access-online/>)

- Introduction to the recommendations for animal welfare (2003)
- Transport of animals by land (2005)
- Transport of animals by sea (2005)
- Transport of animals by air (2005)
- Slaughter of animals (2005)
- Killing of animals for disease control purposes (2005)
- Control of stray dog populations (2009)
- Use of animals in research and education (2010)
- Animal welfare and beef cattle production systems (2012)
- Animal welfare and broiler chicken production systems (2013)
- Animal welfare and dairy cattle production systems (2015)
- Welfare of working equids (2016)



Aquatic Animal Health Code: Section 7 – 5 chapters

OIE REGIONAL STRATEGIES ON ANIMAL WELFARE

- Regional strategies for the implementation of OIE standards by Member Countries
 - Asia, Americas, Middle-East and the OIE platform on animal welfare for Europe,
 - Address the specific needs of each region.
- **Purpose: improve animal health and welfare** by promoting the development and adoption of OIE animal welfare standards.

OIE PLATFORM ON ANIMAL WELFARE FOR EUROPE

- Initiated by National Animal Welfare Focal Points (regional seminar in Ukraine in 2012 and Teramo in 2013),
 - to develop a mechanism to facilitate better application of OIE animal welfare standards in the whole region.
- 80th General Session, 2012.
 - Technical item for next Reg Conf: «Regional steps towards common Animal Welfare approach in Europe»
- 25th Regional Conference for Europe (Germany, Sep 2012)
 - Concept Note for a regional mechanism for animal welfare in Europe was discussed and then adopted.
 - to develop European animal welfare strategy and
 - to establish Steering Group on animal welfare for Europe,
 - to be engaged to develop a detailed action plan for priority topics for the first three years.
- The OIE launched in 2013 a regional Platform on animal welfare for Europe

<http://rpawe.oie.int>



IMPROVING ANIMAL WELFARE IN EUROPE

by empowering Veterinary Services to take actions



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2016-12-06 OIE Event
4th OIE Global Conference on
Animal Welfare

Platform Highlight



01-05-16 Awareness Campaign 'Be His
Hero'

OIE PLATFORM ON ANIMAL WELFARE FOR EUROPE

Objectives:

- **Improve animal welfare in Europe**
- **Empower Veterinary Services to take action on AW:**
 - a) Raise awareness and achieve high level of understanding of animal welfare in the European region;
 - b) Progressively advance with the implementation of the OIE standards on animal welfare; and
 - c) Encourage the participation in the OIE standards setting process.

OIE PLATFORM ON ANIMAL WELFARE FOR EUROPE



AT A GLANCE...

❖ Objectives

Improve AW in Europe

Empower VS to take actions in AW

- Raise awareness
- Improve implementation
- Improve standard setting

❖ Governance

- Steering Group (15 Members – Member countries: RU/SB/TK/IR/SP)
- Observers
- Secretariat (OIE sub-regional Representation in Brussels)

❖ Action Plan

(first) 2014 – 2016 adopted in Dec 2013

3 priority topics:

- Transport (long distance) (chapter 7.3)
- Slaughter (chapter 7.5)
- Stray dog pop. control (chapter 7.7)

(more than 20 activities)

❖ Budget

- 3 year budget: approx 450 K€
- EU + several other donors have joined
- In-kind contributions from hosting countries
- World animal health and welfare Fund

Topics

Activities

1st Action Plan (2014 – 2016)

Slaughter

1st ToT Workshop on T&S

2nd ToT Workshop on T&S

Evaluations of ToT Workshops

Long distance Transport by land

Preparation of training modules

ToT workshop on long distance transport

‘Whole journey’ seminar

Stray dogs

Self-assessment tool (SAM Tool)

Regional initiative for the Balkans (includ Campaign)

Regional initiative for West Eurasia

Governance / collaboration

Steering committee meetings

Platform website

Consultation meetings (1st; 2nd)

2nd Action Plan (2017 – 2019) – under development

OIE SELF-EVALUATION AND MONITORING TOOL



Terrestrial Animal Health Code

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CHAPTER 7.7. STRAY DOG POPULATION CONTROL

Preamble: The scope of these recommendations is to deal with stray dog problems and have a socio-economic, environmental, and public health importance of controlling zoonotic diseases and zoonotic agents. Institutions and/or agencies.

Guiding principles

1. The promotion of responsible ownership.
2. Because dog ecology is linked to human ecology, any control measure must be effective.

Definitions

Carrying capacity: means the upper limit of the number of dogs that can be supported by the available resources (water, shelter, and human acceptance).

Dog population control programme: means a programme to control the dog population level and/or managing it in order to meet a specific objective.

Person: this can include more than one individual.

Dog population control programme objectives

1. improve health and welfare of owned and stray dogs;
2. reduce numbers of stray dogs to an acceptable level;
3. promote responsible ownership;
4. assist in the creation and maintenance of a rabies immune or rabies free dog population.

- Articles turned into questions (→ questionnaire with 32 questions)
- Objectives: to measure and improve compliance with Chapter 7.7
- Developed with the support of IZSAM Teramo
- Online questionnaire <http://oiestraydogs.izs.it/limesurvey/w/p2/index.html>
- To be used as a self-assessment (full / partial / insufficient compliance)
- Identification of weak areas for improvement (and thereby the design of Roadmaps)

OIE SELF-EVALUATION AND MONITORING TOOL



Online tool

OIE stray dog self-assessment and monitoring tool (SAM Tool)

QUESTION INDEX

- Section 0 - Respondent details
- Section I - Understanding the situation
- Section II - Control measures
- Section III - Monitoring and evaluation
- Section IV - Conclusions and next (or

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Please describe the kind of problem

⚠ Please select at least one answer

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Other possible updated

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OIE SELF-EVALUATION AND MONITORING TOOL



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National Report:
For countries
(provides a series of
activities to build a
first 3-year
Roadmap)
[prepared for 10
Balkans countries]

Regional Report:
For partners /
stakeholders
(list a series of CB
activities that could
be supported by
regional partners in
support of
countries efforts)

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First Stray dog
self-assessment (2015)
Regional Report



**BALKAN
REGION**

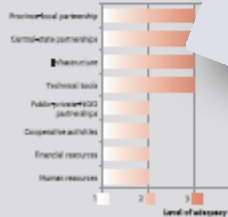
*'to become compliant
with OIE standard on
stray dog population
control by 2025'*

PROBLEMS

- bites/accidents → 2mln euro/year for compensation
- zoonoses
- noise
- faeces
- attacks to livestock

Adequateness of resources for SDPC

Adequateness of resources dedicated to dog population on a scale from 1 [adequ



DOG REMOVAL
capture and return, rehoming and release to control stray dog population

Euthanasia

- Euthanasia of stray dogs carried out under the legal basis of the animal welfare/protection law
- Only lethal injection
- About 100 stray dogs are euthanised every year
- No procedures and practices considered as unacceptable on animal welfare grounds (in accordance with article 77.6 point II (c) of the OIE TAHC)

REGIONAL INITIATIVE FOR THE BALKANS (SDB)



Agreed Vision by countries:
to become compliant with OIE chapter 7.7 by 2025



SDB1 (Bucharest, Romania, June 2014)

Objective: to define and agree on a regional Vision

To present the Chapter 7.7 and the SAM tool

To discuss initial needs and gaps

SDB2 (Tirana, Albania, June 2016)

Objective: to build national roadmaps (2016-2018) to achieve the vision
Enhanced rabies focus (in link with the global framework for the elimination on dog-mediated rabies)

PREVENT HARM TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND OTHER ANIMALS

MANAGE OTHER RISKS TO HUMAN HEALTH (E.G. PARASITES)

REDUCE NUMBERS OF STRAY DOGS TO AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL

ASSIST IN THE CREATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A RABIES IMMUNE OR RABIES FREE POPULATION



OIE REGIONAL STRAY DOG ROADMAP FOR THE BALKANS (SDB)



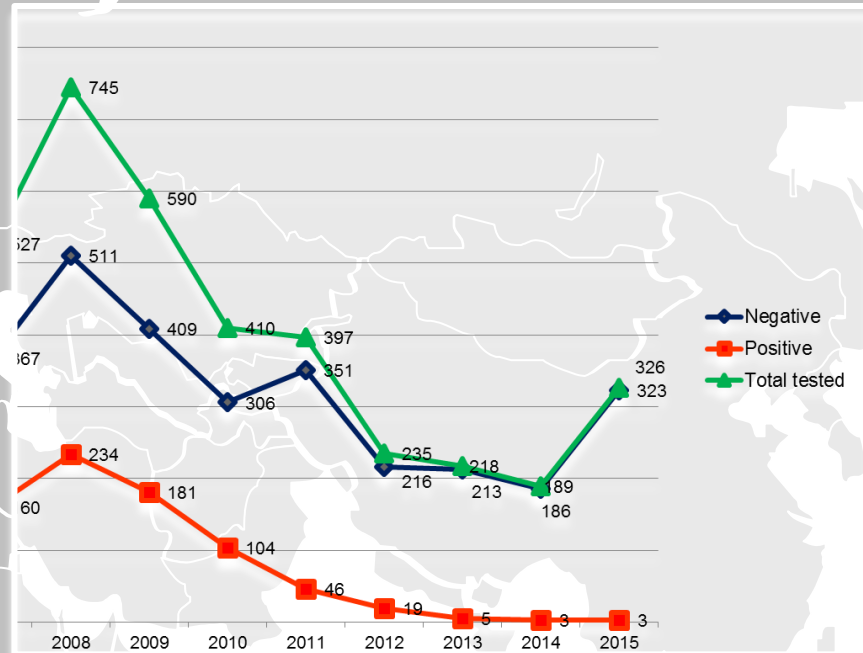
Agreed Vision by 11 countries:

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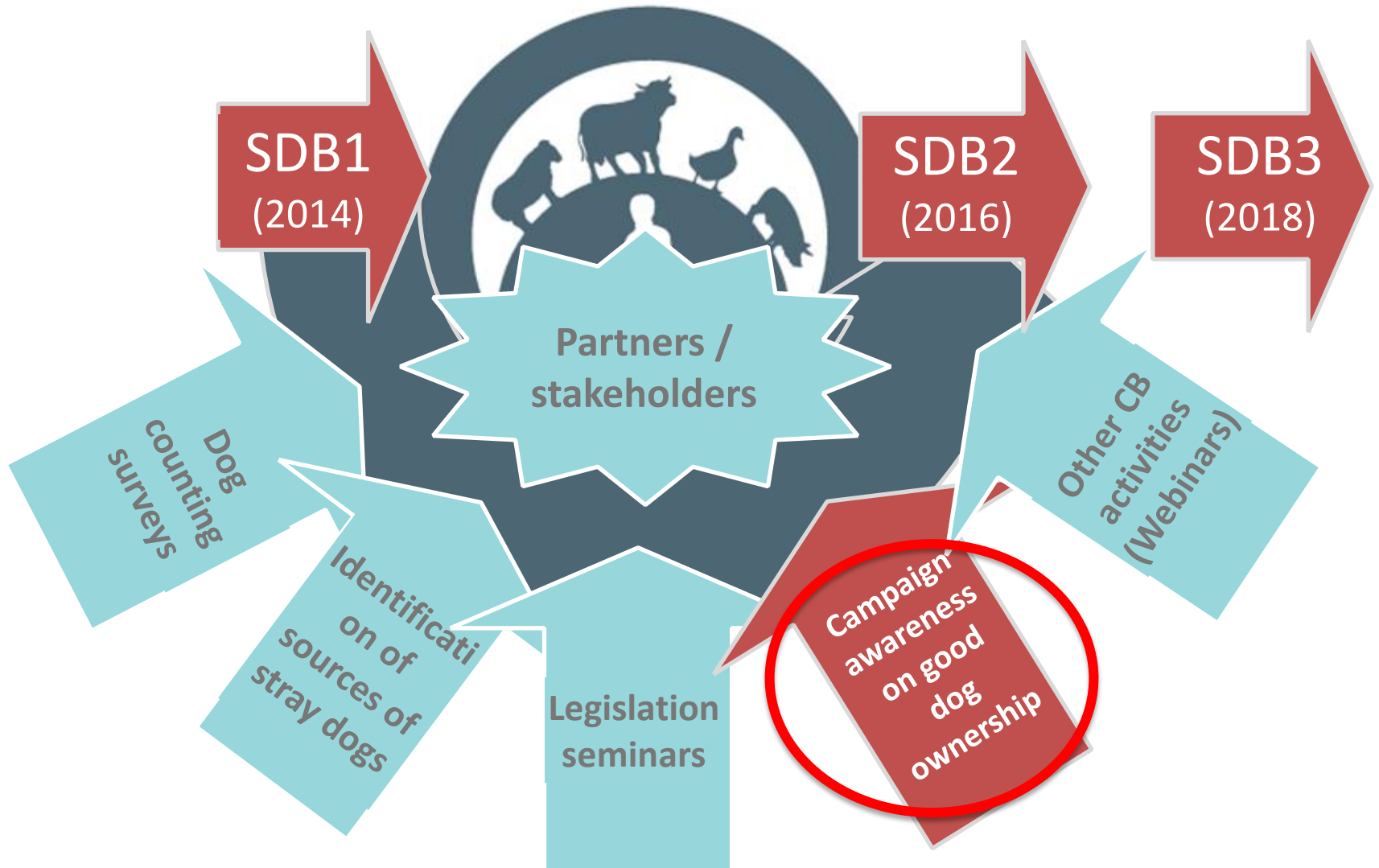


REGIONAL PROGRAM OF ELIMINATION OF RABIES

- EU funded with national contributions
- Implementation of Oral Rabies Vaccination from 2010 (ongoing)
- High efficiency,
- Significant decrease of Rabies cases in domestic and wild animal population



• OIE REGIONAL STRAY DOG ROADMAP FOR THE BALKANS (SDB)



OIE STRAY DOG AWARENESS CAMPAIGN IN THE BALKANS



- Launched on 13 May 2016 by Monique Eloit, OIE DG

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, fYROM, Greece, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia and Kosovo, Turkey*



- Followed by Balkan countries and territories

*This designation is without prejudice to position on status, and is in line with UN Security Council Resolution 1244/99 and the International Court of Justice Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence

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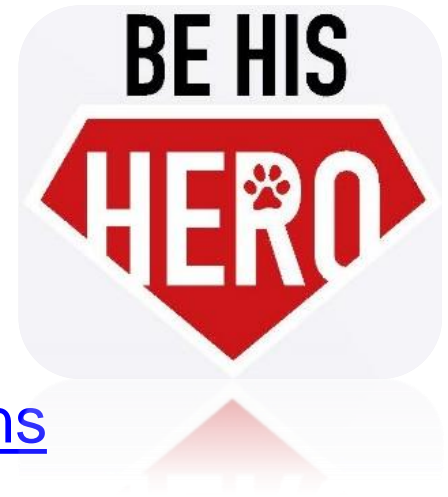
- **Aim of the OIE Campaign**
 - Progressive decreasing of dog abandonment on the streets
 - Sustainable dog population management in whole region



OIE STRAY DOG AWARENESS CAMPAIGN IN THE BALKANS



- Campaign material developed (in collaboration with the Communication Agency)
 - In English
 - In local languages
- ‘Be his hero’ slogan
- <https://www.facebook.com/Behishero-Balkans>
- ‘Campaign Package’ prepared by the OIE, delivered to the OIE Delegates (in their national language) in charge of implementing the Campaign at national level



OIE STRAY DOG AWARENESS CAMPAIGN IN THE BALKANS



Campaign Package

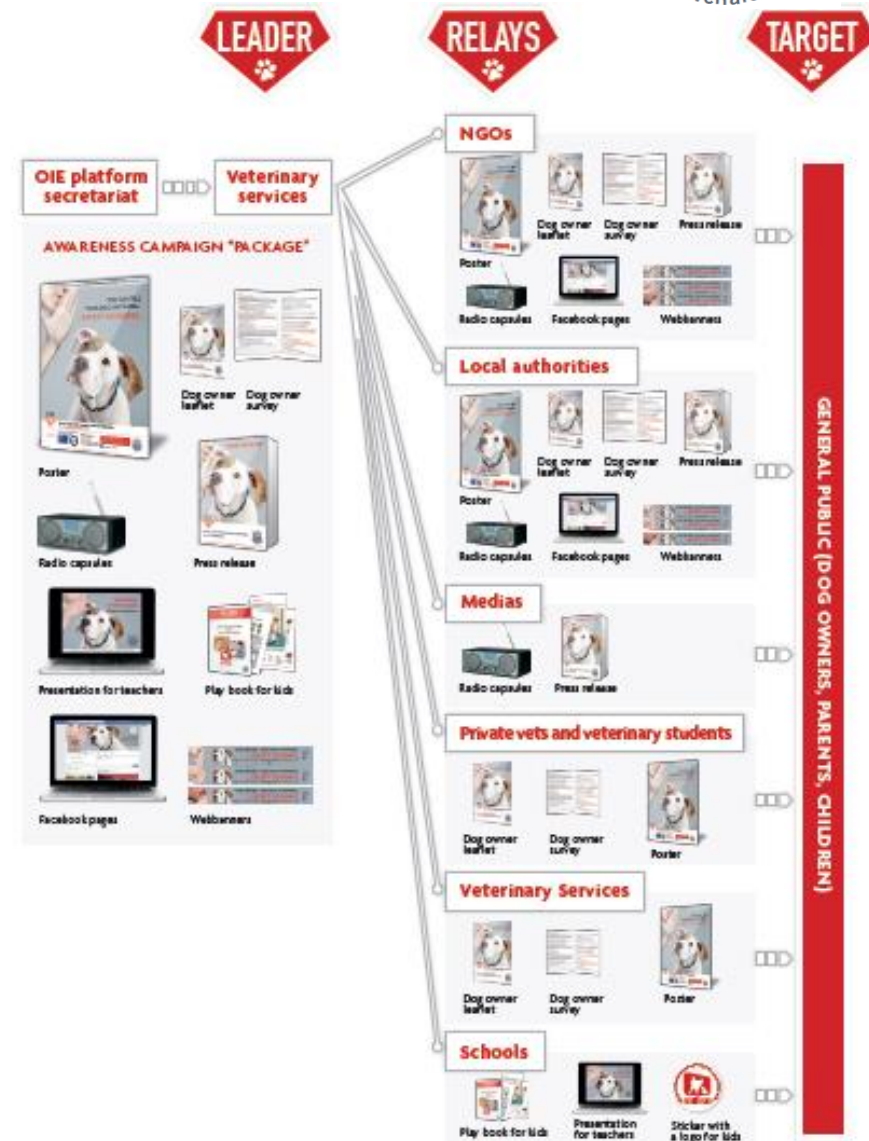
- Campaign logo
- Poster (different formats)
- Leaflet
- Questionnaire for responsible dog acquisition
- Web banner
- Template Facebook page
- Sample scripts for radio spots
- Press release
- Special kit for schools (stickers, game book for children, and a PPT for teachers)



OIE STRAY DOG AWARENESS CAMPAIGN IN THE BALKANS



- Campaign leaders (nationally)
 - OIE Delegate
 - OIE Focal Point for AW
 - OIE Focal Point for COM
- Stakeholders
 - local authorities
 - private veterinarians
 - pet shops
 - schools
 - non-governmental organizations
 - journalists



OIE STRAY DOG AWARENESS CAMPAIGN IN THE BALKANS



Implementation

- First evaluation (November 2016; questionnaire; qualitative – indicators?)
- High level of national participation
- Different level of implementation
 - Successful stories
 - Difficulties and challenges
 - Valuable experience

ASSESS YOUR CAMPAIGN!

Although this campaign is time-limited, one of the expected long-term outcomes is that, by raising awareness, it will serve as a first step towards a life-long adherence to actions that will benefit both dogs and the wider community. The campaign and its tools can also be repeated, for example, once a year.

To estimate the campaign's outcomes and ultimately guide future campaigns, the campaign's evaluation phase is an important step in assessing what did and did not work and determining whether the campaign's objectives were met.

To facilitate this process, we propose using the following three types of indicators:

1. For the overall objective, a good Specific, Measurable, Agreed, Realistic and Time-bound (SMART) indicator might be: An X per-cent decrease in the number of abandoned dogs in the year following the awareness campaign.

3. For the organisation and implementation of the campaign, good indicators might include:

2. For the specific objectives, good indicators might include (all with regard to the year following the awareness campaign):

- **Number of tools used**
- **Number of potential partners** mobilized to relay the campaign
- **Human resources** used for the campaign
- **Financial resources** used for the campaign

- **Number of bites** by stray dogs
- **Number of car accidents** due to stray dogs
- **Number of livestock killed or injured** by stray dogs
- **Number of compensation claims** for issues with stray dogs
- **Number of cases of rabies** in humans due to bites by stray dogs
- **Number of visits to vets** (indicating a growing interest in pet dogs, even if the visits are made for reasons other than vaccines/identification/sterilisation) in both urban and rural areas
- **Increase in the number of vaccinations** in the year following the awareness campaign
- **Increase in the number of dogs identified** and registered in the year following the awareness campaign
- **Increase in the number of dogs sterilised** in the year following the awareness campaign
- **Number of pet dogs sold at Christmas** (difficult to obtain)
- **Number of pet dogs given to shelters**

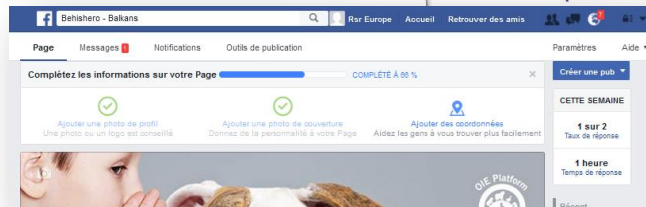
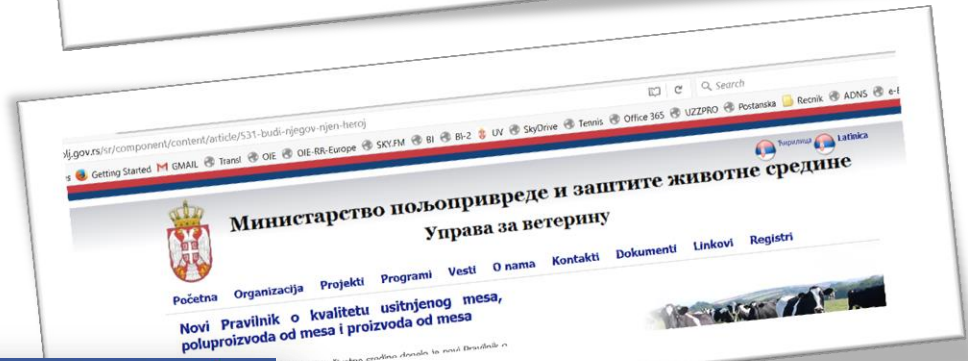
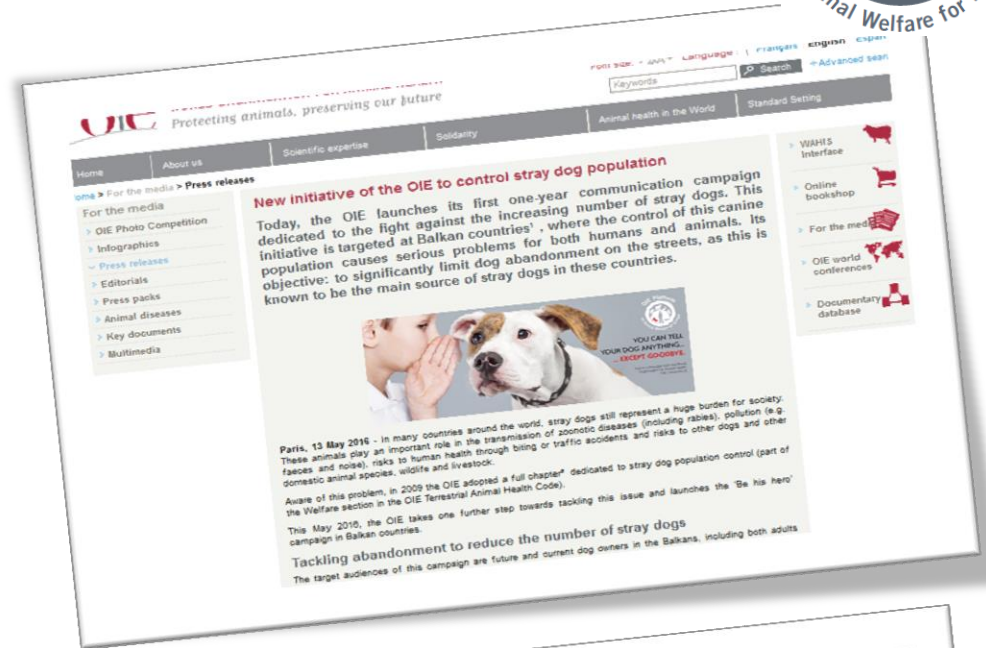
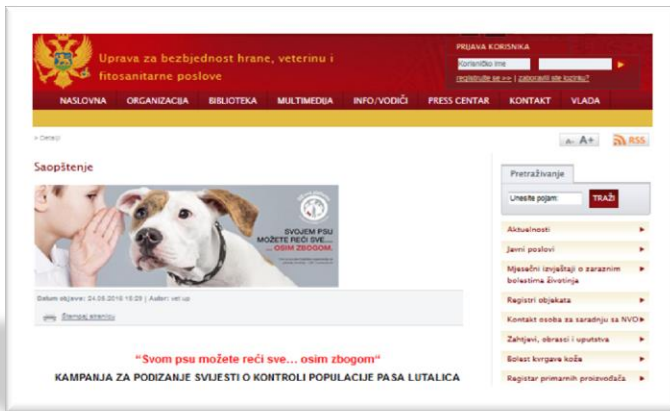
Remember to evaluate the campaign at the start of the campaign, during the campaign, and after the campaign. Please remember to base your evaluation on the following indicators:



OIE STRAY DOG AWARENESS CAMPAIGN IN THE BALKANS



Implementation



OIE STRAY DOG AWARENESS CAMPAIGN IN THE BALKANS



Implementation



Courtesy: VS Bulgaria

OIE STRAY DOG AWARENESS CAMPAIGN IN THE BALKANS



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Courtesy: VS Montenegro

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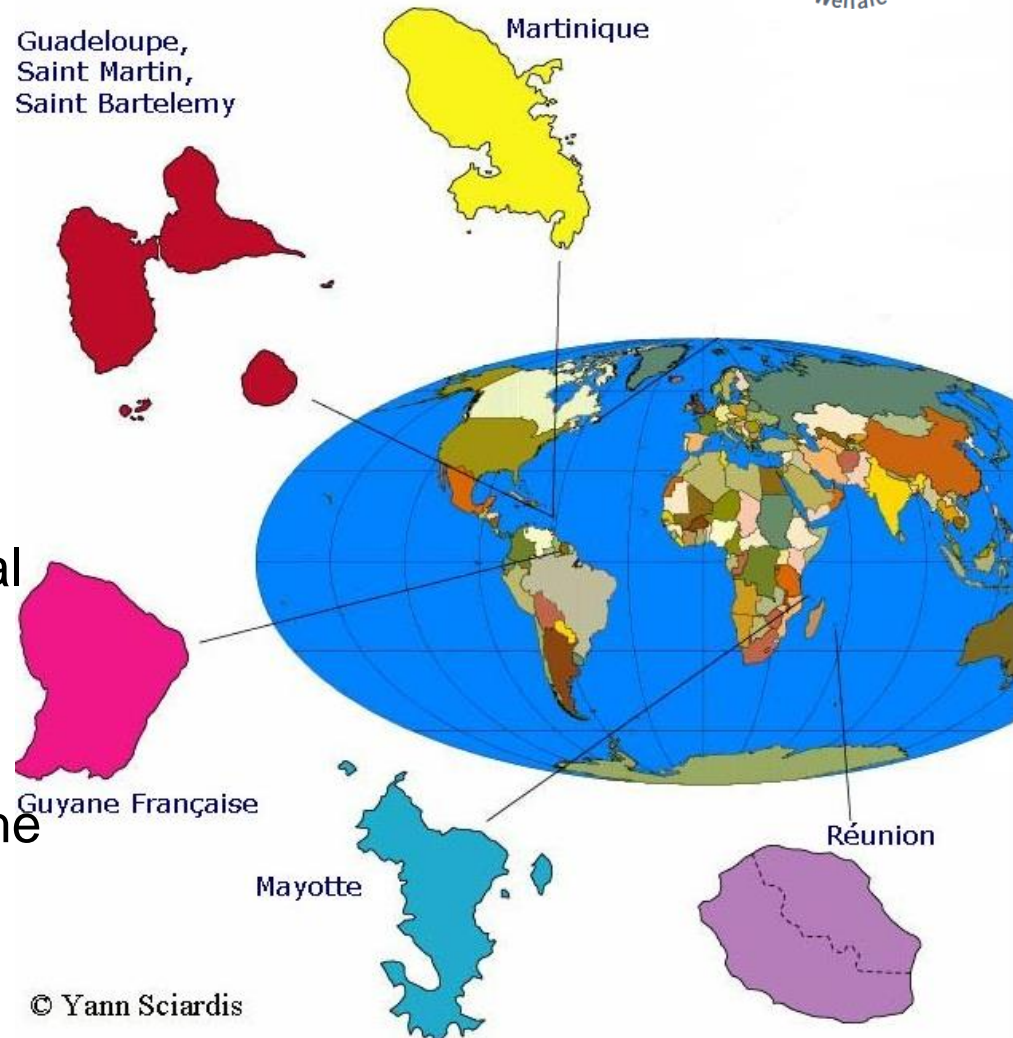
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POSITIVE OUTCOMES OF THE OIE CAMPAIGN BEYOND EUROPE



- France / 5 French Islands
(Material translated in French;
campaign under development)
- Spain: request to use in specific
provinces (material to be
translated in Spanish)
- Portugal: request to use (material
to be translated in Portuguese)

Requisite: material to be used in the
context of **stay dog population
management**



REGIONAL INITIATIVES ON STRAY DOGS

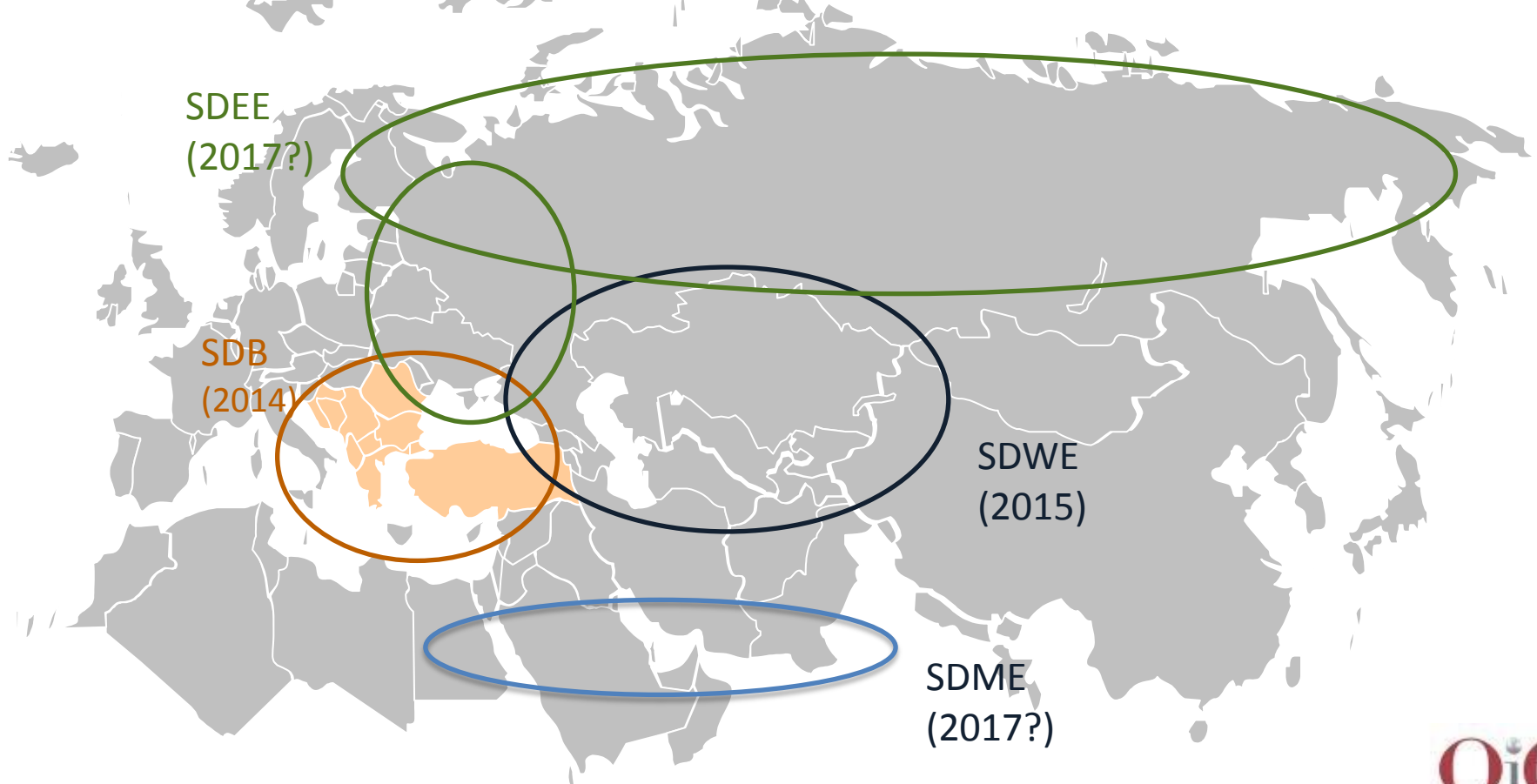


1 stray dog Roadmap for the Balkans (11 countries)

1 stray dog Roadmap for West Eurasia (8 countries)

Proposal for a stray dog Roadmap for Russia, Belarus Ukraine and Moldova

Similar ideas in the Middle-East and the Americas



OIE PLATFORM ON AW FOR EUROPE INVOLVEMENT OF STAKEHOLDERS

Implementing mechanism
To improve AW in Europe by empowering VS

First Action Plan
(2014 – 2016)

2nd Action Plan
(2017 – 2019)



OIE PLATFORM ON AW FOR EUROPE INVOLVEMENT OF STAKEHOLDERS



Platform Stakeholder consultation meetings

First stakeholder consultation meeting (March 2015, Paris)

2nd Stakeholder consultation meeting (7 June 2016, Brussels)

Objectives

- Sharing the activities of the AW Action Plan with regional stakeholders
- Asking them to share their activities in the priority topics of the Action Plan
- Finding synergies and alignment of the respective Action Plans as well as resources pooling (AW portfolio in the region)

A four pager was prepared for the OIE World Animal Health and Welfare Fund Advisory Committee (16 December 216) → objective : to interest new donors

OIE Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe Three Years in Review



100%
of the 1st Action
Plan completed

20
activities
conducted

**More than
600 KE**
disbursed

2nd
Action Plan
under
preparation

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**THE PROFILE OF ANIMAL WELFARE PROFILE HAS ALREADY BEEN RAISED IN EUROPE
LET'S CONTINUE TO PURSUE THESE EFFORTS TOGETHER**



M. Klotz, OIE Director General

I am very proud to announce that 100% of the activities scheduled under the first Action Plan of the OIE Platform on animal welfare for Europe have been implemented, with some great success including improved coordination among OIE animal welfare partners in Europe. In light of these conclusive results, donors have renewed their trust in the Platform and are supporting the development of a second Action Plan. It is currently being designed as the logical continuation of the first one, in line with the OIE Sixth Strategic Plan; it will also allow the implementation of the recommendations recently adopted in Guadalajara by the participants of the 4th OIE Global Conference on Animal Welfare.

I invite all of you to join us in continuing to raise the profile of animal welfare, which is more and more at the heart of European society.

**FIRST ACTION PLAN -
LOGICAL FRAMEWORK APPROACH**

Goal
Improving animal welfare in Europe

Purpose
Empowering Veterinary Services to take action on animal welfare in compliance with OIE standards

Outputs

- Awareness is raised and a high level of understanding of animal welfare is achieved
- Implementation of OIE animal welfare standards is progressively improved
- Participation of Countries in the OIE's standard setting procedures is encouraged

Activities
A set of 20 activities will be implemented

Overview - State of activity implementation

• Training of Trainers (ToT) Workshop on transport and slaughter (1)	+	0/0	0/0
• ToT Workshop on long distance transport, including module development	+	0/0	0/0
• Regional stray dog Roadmap for Balkan countries - including an awareness Campaign	+	0/0, S, W	0/0, S, W
• Regional stray dog Roadmap for West Eurasia	+	0/0, W	0/0, S, W
• Steering Committee meetings (1)	+	0/0, S, W	0/0, S, W
• Knowledge and Advisory documents	+	0/0, S	0/0, S, W
• Platform website	+	0/0, S, W	0/0, S, W
• Translation in Russian	+	0/0, S, W	0/0, S, W

**BALKANS
(11 countries)**

to become
compliant with OIE
Terrestrial Code
Chapter 7.2 by
2025

1. Stray dog population control

← Regional stray dog Roadmap →

National stray dog Report

OIE Campaign
official launch
13 May
2016

**WEST EURASIA
(8 countries)**

to become
compliant with OIE
Terrestrial Code
Chapter 7.2 by
2030

• Self-assessment (2015)
• Regional Workshops (2014, 2016)
• National Reports
• Regional Report
• OIE Awareness Campaign on stray dogs

• Self-assessment (2018)
• Regional Workshops (2016)

Rabies discussion is taken into account in the Regional stray dog Roadmap

OIE Campaign on stray dogs material

II. Slaughter of production animals

OIE Improved Animal Welfare Program methodology (3 sessions back to back)

Stage 1 (First Workshop)
• An open session of 30 minutes on the background of the program and the objectives of the first workshop

Stage 2 (Second Workshop)
• An open session of 30 minutes on the background of the program and the objectives of the second workshop

Stage 3 (Last Workshop)
• An open session of 30 minutes on the background of the program and the objectives of the third workshop

First ToT Workshop on slaughter, Tallin / Georgia, First semester 2015 (3 countries, 30 trainers trained)

Second ToT Workshop on slaughter, Bryansk and Moscow / Russia, First semester 2016 (7 countries, 14 trainers trained)

Post Workshop evaluation
On the basis of a questionnaire indicated that countries have cascaded the training at national level in most cases. Kazakhstan used the training material to revise its veterinary core curriculum.

III. Long distance transport

Development of training modules content:

- Animal behaviour
- Planning and preparations for the journey
- Loading and transport
- Unloading and resting and the resting points
- Training of drivers, theory, practice, legislation, examination
- Animal welfare in transport and meat quality

**Cattle
Pig
Sheep
Horses
Poultry**

First ToT Workshop on long distance transport, for Kazakhstan and Ukraine (30 trainers trained), in Astana / Kazakhstan

Session 1: 13-15 December 2016 (3 days)
Session 2: 14-20 January 2017 (6,5 days)
Session 3: 22-23 February (1,5 day)

Many long distance activities to be carried out under the Second Action Plan (see page 4).

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IV. Governance activities

Steering Group meetings

Composition of the Steering Group (SG)

- Country representatives (Ireland, Russia, Serbia, Spain, Turkey)
- European Commission
- OIE Headquarters and region
- ISIAM Teramo (OIE Collaborating Center on AW)
- Permanent observer: World Animal Protection
- Other participants invited on an ad hoc basis

The objectives of the SG meetings are to report on the implementation of the Platform activities carried out over the past 6 months (since the previous SG meeting) and present and discuss a draft programme for the next 6 months to come.



Steering Group meetings

SG1	Paris, December 2013
SG2	Moscow, April 2014
SG3	Brussels, December 2014
SG4	Belgrade, May 2015
SG5	Dublin, November 2015
SG6	Teramo, April 2016
SG7	Madrid, November 2016

Stakeholder engagement

The OIE engages with a large range of AW stakeholders at international and regional level, to conduct or promote the Platform activities (workshops, support to countries, etc.). A Stakeholder consultation meeting is organized every year to exchange on respective AW activities in Europe and create synergies and complementarities. The OIE also encourages the OIE Delegates to consult Stakeholders present at national level. Countries are notably invited to establish a stray dog multi-stakeholder Advisory Group (or a national stakeholder framework) as stated in article 7.2.3. of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code.



Second Stakeholder consultation meeting (June 2016, Brussels)



National stray dog framework

What is Next?

Continuation of the first Action Plan

- Stray dogs: continuation of the stray dog Roadmaps for the Balkans and for West Eurasia (workshops every 2 years and capacity building activities in collaboration with stakeholders)
- Transport: (I) Second ToT Workshop on long distance transport, Belarus (Dec), second trimester 2017 (2 countries, 14 trainers to be trained); (II) Regional workshops on long distance transport, for West Eurasia and Balkans countries (date and location tbc); (III) Regional workshops on long distance transport, for West Eurasia and Balkans countries (date and location tbc).

Evaluation of the first Action Plan

The evaluation of the first Platform Action Plan, scheduled for early 2017, will assist in the design of a relevant second Action Plan. The evaluation process will remain simple (more qualitative than quantitative) and the countries, as main Platform beneficiaries, will be consulted. The results of the evaluation will be presented during the OIE 85th General Session (Paris, May 2017).

2nd Action Plan (2017-2019)

The first Platform Action Plan will end on 31 December 2016. There is, however, a general consensus from the beneficiary countries and donors that, despite the great achievement already accomplished through the OIE Platform, considerable work remains to be done in the field of animal welfare in Europe, and a second 3-year Platform Action Plan (2017-2019) is most welcome. It was agreed that the three priority topics of the first Action Plan, namely stray dog population control, transport and slaughter of production animals, should be continued under the second Action Plan, while there is some room to introduce some new animal welfare topics of interest to the region such as the welfare of equids and disaster management. Subsequent activities to cover these topics are currently under discussion.




Proposed features of the 2nd Action Plan

- In line with the OIE South Steering Plan
- A Continuation of the first Action Plan, with the same three priority topics (transport; slaughter; stray dog population control)
- Increased ownership by countries: the Steering Group will be chaired by a Member of the Bureau of the OIE Regional Commission for Europe
- Trans-regional activities ("whole journey scenario Workshops" from Europe to the Middle East addressing transport and slaughter)
- Proposed for endorsement during the 85th OIE General Session (Paris, May 2017)

long distance transport

Slaughter

Stray dog population control

Governance

Disaster management

Working equids

Others (tbc)

Donor support

The OIE World Animal Health and Welfare Fund is a multi-donor trust fund which receives contributions for the public, private and non-governmental entities. It serves as the main financial mechanism to support the Action Plans of the Platform.

The OIE sincerely thanks all donors who contributed financially or in-kind to the Platform activities.

Donor Advisory Committee (DAC)

- European Commission
- France
- Germany
- Ireland
- World Animal Protection
- ISIAM Teramo
- RSPCA
- Regional Animal Welfare Center for the Balkans (RAWAC), with the support of RSPCA
- Hosting countries (Romania; Russia; Belgium; Georgia; Serbia; Egypt; Ireland; Albania; Spain)

Communication

Communication activities

- Newsletters
- New Platform website
- Presentation of the Platform activities in various events

www.rpawc.oie.int

The new Platform website has interesting functionalities to support the future activities of the Platform, such as e-forums, webinars, e-survey, e-calendar, e-library (to post best practices), etc. Separate secured spaces are also provisioned, respectively for the Members of the Platform Steering Group, and for the OIE Delegates and national Focal Points. The new website will be available in English and Russian.






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Thank you