

Fifth meeting of the Regional Core Group of the OIE regional Commission for Europe
RCG5 – Moscow / Russia – 17-18 April 2018



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Introduction

- 1. OIE Platform launched in December 2013** – Improve AW in Europe (by empowering VS to take actions)
- 2. Adoption of the Second Platform Action Plan (2017-2019)** in May 2017 (5 technical topics)
- 3. Completion of YEAR 1 (2017) of the second Action Plan →**
2017 Newsletter

OIE Platform activities ‘embedded’ in the Regional Action Plan Framework of the OIE Commission for Europe (objective 2.6; activity 3.10)

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IMPROVING ANIMAL WELFARE IN EUROPE

2017 Newsletter

By Dr. Ingrid Isenhardt
Chairperson of the Steering Group

I am pleased to introduce this newsletter, which presents the results achieved by the OIE Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe in 2017 and its activities planned for 2018. Animal welfare is of great importance for the European Union (EU). The EU actively supports the OIE standard setting process and is a major driver in order to support the implementation of OIE standards globally and particularly in Europe.

The European Commission is a member of the Steering Group of the OIE Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe. It has achieved remarkable results in 2017, in particular concerning animal welfare during transport and at slaughter, as well as on stray dog population control. New priority areas are envisaged in the second Action Plan including animals in disaster and working equids. We look forward to continuing supporting the OIE in its European activities with even closer cooperation, as to raise animal welfare standards in the Region.

This can only be achieved with the active involvement of all of us and I am sure that we will all contribute to make Europe a model for the rest of the world.

Dr. Ingrid Isenhardt
RCOIG Chair

RECAP 01

TOP NEWS 02

ADOPTION OF THE 2ND ACTION PLAN

After the successful completion of the first Action Plan end of 2016, Member Countries in Europe have renewed their confidence in the OIE Platform by unanimously adopting its 2nd Action Plan during the 80th OIE General Session in May 2017. This 2nd Action Plan, covering 2017-2019, was prepared in close consultation with Member Countries and stakeholders.

It provides full continuity while incorporating two new topics (the welfare of working equids and disaster management) to reflect ongoing work and the socio-economic situation in Europe, especially in the context of climate change.

Download the 2nd Action Plan

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LIST OF ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED IN 2017

TRANSPORT
3 ToT Workshops for Belgium, Luxembourg, Slovakia and Lithuania

WORKING EQUIDS
2 Awareness Days for Street Equines countries

GOVERNANCE
2 Steering Group + 1 stakeholder meetings
Website redesigned

STRAY DOG
Regional Roadmap for West Eurasia – 2nd meeting to monitor progress

SLAUGHTER
2 ToT Workshops for Austria countries

DISASTER MANAGEMENT
First workshop under preparation

GOVERNANCE
2 Steering Group + 1 stakeholder meetings
Website redesigned

- 28 experts trained on long distance transport (West Eurasia)
- 28 experts trained on slaughter (Belgium)
- Creating activities to take place in the areas of legislation/initial and continuing veterinary education/business operators information
- Establishment of expert networks in transport and in slaughter
- Stray dog Roadmap in West Eurasia on track (target 2020)
- Awareness raised on working equids in West Eurasia

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FUNDING

In total, **190 K€** were allocated for the implementation of activities planned in Year 1 under the 2nd Action Plan (2017). Half of the funds (10%) were allocated for long distance transport activities, a topic that had not been addressed in the first Action Plan. The European Commission, Germany, Ireland, Switzerland, Italy, UK/CA and the International Coalition for the welfare of Working Equids have provided financial support to these activities through the OIE World Animal Health and Welfare Fund.

Activity	Funding (K€)	Percentage
Working Equids	8,8 K€	4%
Governance	34,9 K€	2%
Slaughter	45,7 K€	19%
Stray dogs	66,7 K€	19%
Transport	84,2 K€	50%

Distribution of funds per topic in 2017

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2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS (first semester)

Check the whole calendar

Topic	Dates	Month
Transport	13-15	March
Transport	25-27	April
Governance	3-4	May
Stray dogs	13-15	June
Disaster management	tbc	September
Working equids	1-31	Jan-Dec

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VISIT US!

The new website of the OIE Platform is currently being finalized and will be fully operational in 2018. It comprises a public access and private access for the Platform Steering Group Members and OIE Focal Points on animal welfare: <http://www.oie.ch>



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2018 Update – technical activities COMPLETED

-  **OIE regional Workshop on LDT by land** for 8 Russian speaking countries (Chisinau, Moldova, 13-15 March 2018)
-  **Survey on the cascading activities** conducted in countries following OIE ToT Workshops on LDT (ToTs Kazakhstan and Ukraine) → positive results!
-  **Webinar on LDT to present the survey** (ToT Russia), 13 April
-  **OIE regional Workshop on LDT by land + sea** for 6 countries in the Middle East (Sessions in Nov2017, Feb2018 & March2018)

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NOTE

2017-2018 → Strong focus on LDT

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TRAINING
MODULES
elaborated

2

3 ToT and
1 REGIONAL
WORKSHOP
conducted

3

A REGIONAL
NETWORK
established
in Europe

4

AMPLIFICATION
organised
in several
countries

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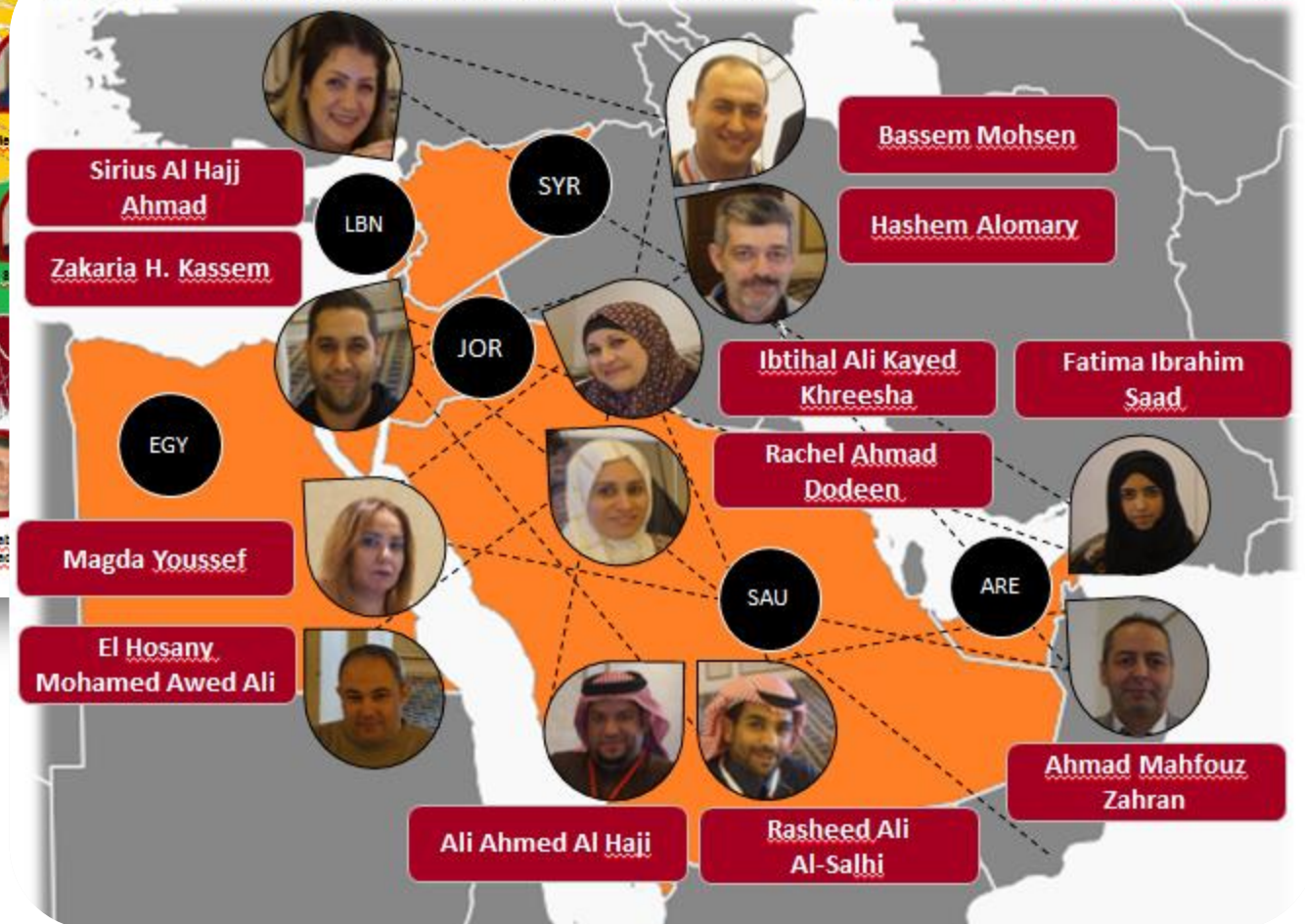
NEW CONCEPT
WORKSHOPS
(whole journey)
to come

Animal welfare conditions during long distance transport is improved in Europe

OIE Regional network of experts on animal welfare during long distance transport



OIE regional network of experts on animal welfare during transport by land and by sea



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6 events still to organise
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Transport

25-27

April

**WHOLE JOURNEY
SCENARIO SEMINAR**
to enhance the
cooperation of
national competent
authorities on live
animal trade'
(Poland)

Governance

3-4

May

10TH SG MEETING
to report and plan
on the delivery of the
second Action Plan
(Germany)

Stray dogs

13-15

June

**3RD MEETING of the
ROADMAP
BALKANS**
to review progress
of the Roadmap
[Serbia]

Governance

TBC

June

**3RD STAKEHOLDER
MEETING**
to ensure the
coordination /
collaboration on AW
activities in Europe

Disaster Mngt

tbc

September

FIRST WORKSHOP
Pilot event to enhance
Balkan countries
preparedness for
natural disasters
(flooding scenario)
[Italy, tbc]

Governance

3-4

May

11TH SG MEETING
to report and plan
on the delivery of the
second Action Plan
(UK, tbc)

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Focus on some events

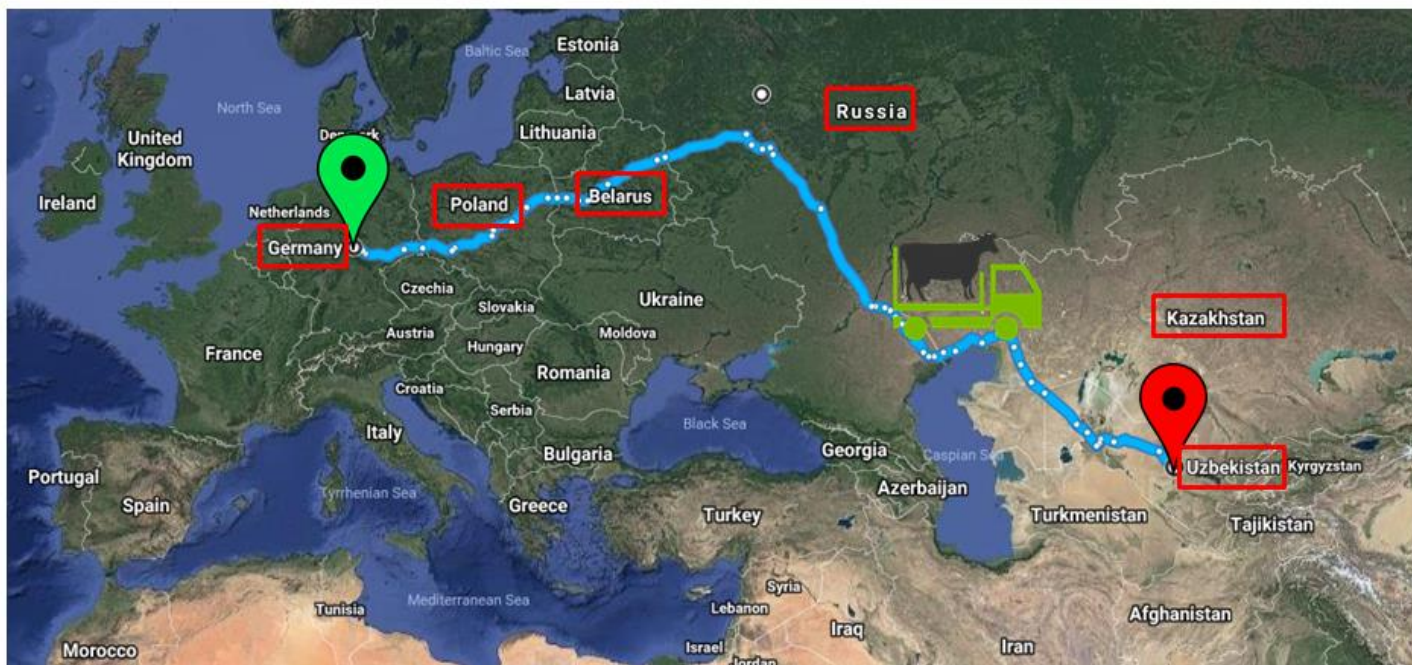


Transport

25-27

April

Zaborek,
Poland



5320 km – 66 hours (nonstop)

2018 Update – technical events in the PIPELINE

Focus on some events



Transport

25-27

April

Zaborek,
Poland

WHOLE JOURNEY SCENARIO WORKSHOP

to enhance the cooperation of national competent authorities on live animal trade

- New concept (from A to Z)
- Pilot using the route Germany to Uzbekistan
- VS + Customs Administrations
- Discussing procedures in routine and emergency situations
- If successful, implementation in other routes (Europe to ME and NA)

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Stray dogs
13-15
June

Novi Sad,
Serbia



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Stray dogs

13-15

June

Novi Sad,
Serbia

3rd MEETING of the STRAY DOG ROADMAP for BALKAN COUNTRIES (SDB3)
to review progress of the Roadmap

- First (2014) and second (2016) workshops to establish sub-regional Vision and baseline situation
- Third workshop to measure compliance progress (2nd self-evaluation)
- Focus on stray dogs + rabies (zero death by 2030)
- Review of the OIE Campaign launched in 2016

2018 Update – technical events in the PIPELINE

Focus on some events



Disaster Mngt

tbc

September

Teramo,
Italy

FIRST WORKSHOP on NATURAL DISASTE MANAGEMENT

Pilot event to enhance Balkan countries preparedness for natural disasters

New topic

Leading role of OIE CC on AW in Teramo

Pilot in the Balkans using Flooding scenario

3-year 'process' (Y1 = presentation; Y2 = development; Y3 = simulation)

If successful, implementation in other parts of Europe for other scenarios

2018 Update – technical activities in the PIPELINE

3 activities under development
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Self assessment and monitoring tool on slaughter (to monitor compliance with Chapter 7.6 of the TAHC)




Stray dog Action Plan Template based on Chapter 7.7 of the TAHC




Awareness Campaign on Working equids

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2018 Update – Governance / transversal aspects

 **Two Steering Group meetings / year** (next SG10 in Berlin) - B. Plavsic, chair of those meetings (better link with the Bureau, the RCG and OIE activities in the region on AW)

 **Annual stakeholder meeting** (June 2018; UK, tbc) + mailing list operational


 **Revitalisation of the OIE Platform website**


- Almost achieved
- Public / private space
- Consultation stats: ↗

 **Enhanced communication** (OIE News; videos)
[Video - rabies day](#)



2018 Update – Funding aspects

-  Pool of donors is growing:
 - EU main donor, but
 - Ireland: 75 K euros / year for 4 years (slaughter and transport)
 - Switzerland (stray dogs)
 - NGOS (RSPCA; IFAW; others)
 - + all in-kind contributions

-  **Enough funding to complete Year 2 activities**
(Except stray dog Roadmap for Russia and neighbors)

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Conclusions



Year 2 of the 2nd Action Plan on the right track



Activities

- More and more activities
- New activities
- Follow up activities (cascading; roadmaps; evaluation campaign; etc)



In RCG6, start thinking of the Third Action Plan? (took us 1,5 years to prepare the second one) + evaluation?