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OIE Platform for Animal Welfare for Europe revised draft Terms of References

Tenth meeting of the Regional Core Group (RCG10)

2-3 December 2019 – London, UK

Background

RCG7 in Bern, December 2018 – discussion and follow up action

Review of the Concept Note to reinforce the participation of the regional commission

External Evaluation (January – April 2019) with recommendations

ensure the 'right level of participation' in the SG and events

drop in the level of engagement?

seek ways to keep momentum - rotation of the SG membership

RCG8 in Madrid, April 2019

The first draft on ToR - reinforce the link between the SG and the Regional Commission / RCG and adjust the composition and functioning of the SG as relevant

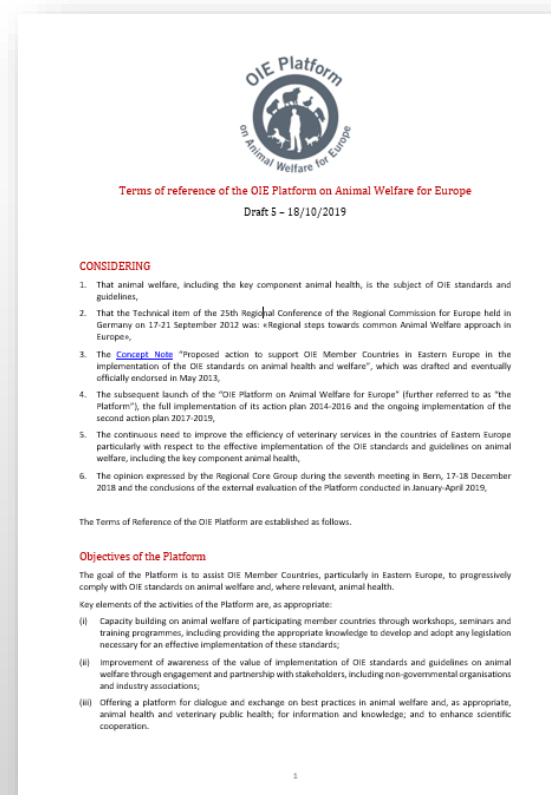
SG10 in Lyon, May 2019

Discussion and comments generally in line with the feedback form RCG

the ToR (revised according to comments from SG and RCG) to be presented for discussion at **RCG10 in London, December 2019**

Terms of reference of the OIE Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe

- Objectives of the Platform
- Governance of the Platform
 - *Responsibilities of the Steering Group*
 - *Responsibilities of the Secretariat*
 - *Composition of the Steering Group*
 - *Appointment and renewal of the Steering Group members*
 - *Functioning of the Steering Group*



Objectives of the Platform

The goal of the Platform is to assist OIE Member Countries, particularly in Eastern Europe, to progressively comply with OIE standards on animal welfare and animal health.

Objectives of the Platform

Key elements

- (i) **Capacity building** on animal welfare of participating member countries through workshops, seminars and training programmes, including providing the appropriate knowledge to develop and adopt any legislation necessary for an effective implementation of these standards;
- (ii) **Improvement of awareness** of the value of implementation of OIE standards and guidelines on animal welfare through **engagement and partnership with stakeholders**, including non-governmental organisations and industry associations;
- (iii) Offering a **platform for dialogue and exchange** on best practices in animal welfare and, as appropriate, animal health and veterinary public health; for **information and knowledge**; and to **enhance scientific cooperation**.

Governance of the Platform

The Platform is governed by the **Steering Group**, under the supervision of the OIE Regional Commission for Europe.

The **Secretariat** of the Steering Group (further referred to as “the Secretariat”) is ensured by the OIE sub-Regional Representation in Brussels.

Responsibilities of the Steering Group

- (i) Providing guidance to the Secretariat for the drafting of the Action Plan, assessing and approving the draft Action Plan before it is submitted to the OIE Regional Commission for Europe for endorsement;
- (ii) Monitoring the implementation of the action plan, providing guidance and recommendations on the activities and, where necessary, approving adjustments to the initial plans;
- (iii) Providing support in terms of methodology, data, resources or any other need expressed by the Secretariat;
- (iv) Liaising with the other members of the OIE Regional Commission for Europe to explain and promote the activities of the Platform and collect their comments and suggestions.

Responsibilities of the Secretariat

- (i) Proposing dates and venues for the Steering Group meetings, ensuring the logistical organisation in coordination with the hosting parties, drafting the agendas and preparing the reports;
- (ii) Drafting the Action Plan of the Platform;
- (iii) Implementing the approved Action Plan of the Platform, including the organisation of workshops and the drafting of various documents;
- (iv) Monitoring the financial resources and expenses incurred in the implementation of activities;
- (v) Maintaining and updating the website of the Platform;
- (vi) Reporting to the Steering Group.

Composition of the Steering Group

- Chairperson: a member of the Bureau of the OIE Regional Commission for Europe,
- 3 Member Countries (non EU or EFTA)
- 2 Member Countries (EU or EFTA)
- OIE HQ
- European Commission / DG SANTE,
- OIE AW Collaborating Centre
- representative of donor Member Countries
- representative of donor organizations*
- representatives of the OIE RR in Moscow and the SRR for Central Asia and SRR in Brussels.

Appointment and renewal of the Steering Group members

The Chairperson and the Members are selected during the meetings of the Regional Commission for Europe, taking into account the sub-regional balance and current priority topics addressed by the Platform, for a three-year mandate (renewable). A progressive rotation of the Members is advisable.

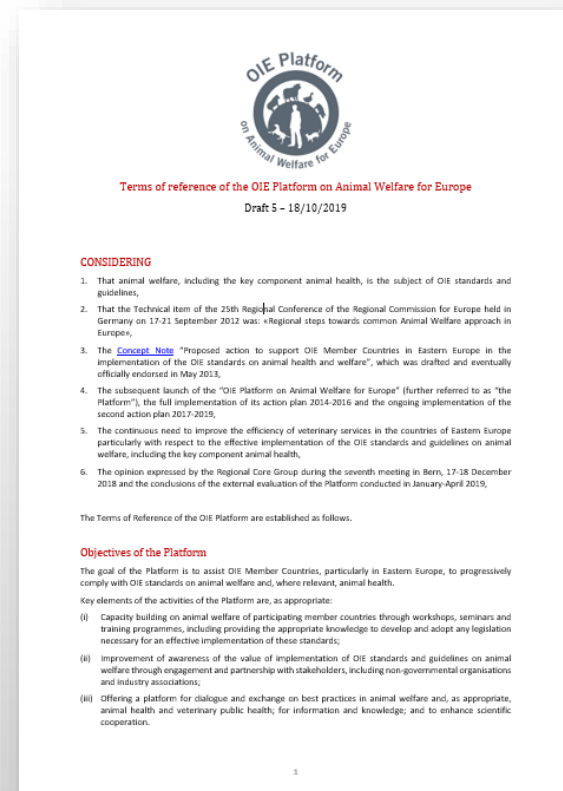
The representative of donor Member Countries and the representative of donor organisations are selected by the Regional Core Group for a three-year mandate (renewable) or for as long as they are a donor to the Platform.

Functioning of the Steering Group

- Meetings every six months with a location on a rotational basis.
- Chaired by a member of the Bureau of the OIE Regional Commission for Europe (or OIE Delegate of MC).
- Members generally are represented by the OIE Delegates (exceptionally represented by their national focal point on animal welfare or another empowered representative).
- The decisions based on consensus. If vote would be necessary, only the chairperson and the Members have the right to vote (one member = one vote).

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Current composition of the Steering Group

| Concept note | Members |
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| (i) a representative of OIE HQ, who will chair the Steering Group; | Initially the OIE DDG lately the 'chargé de mission' for animal welfare |
| (ii) representatives of three Eastern European countries, being either the OIE National Delegate or the nominated national Focal Point for Animal Welfare (see Annex 2); | Russia Serbia Turkey |
| (iii) representatives of two countries of the European Economic Area, being either the OIE National Delegate or the nominated national Focal Point for Animal Welfare (see Annex 2); | Ireland Spain |
| (iv) a representative of the European Commission / DG SANCO; | Desk officer in charge of animal welfare |
| (v) a representative of an OIE Animal Welfare Collaborating Centre in the region; | IZSAM Teramo |
| (vi) a representative of the OIE Regional Representation of Sofia; | Regional representation Sofia and later Moscow |
| (vii) a representative of the OIE sub-Regional Representation in Brussels; | Sub-Regional Representation in Brussels |
| (viii) a representative of a donor organisation active in Eastern Europe. | France |