



OIE Platform
on Animal Welfare
for Europe



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

Governance and arrangements of the Platform

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

Responsibilities of the Steering Group

The Steering Group is tasked with:

- (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 validation;
- (ii) Monitoring the implementation of the Action Plan, providing guidance and recommendations on the activities and, where necessary, approving adjustments;
- (iii) Providing support in terms of methodology, data, resources, fund raising, 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 to collect their comments and suggestions.

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Composition of the Steering Group

- i. a member of the Bureau of the OIE Regional Commission for Europe as chairperson
- ii. representatives of three Member Countries not part of the European Union or of the European Free Trade Association
- iii. representatives of two Member Countries of the European Union or of the European Free Trade Association
- iv. a representative of the OIE headquarters
- v. a representative of the European Commission / DG SANTE
- vi. a representative of the OIE Collaborating Centre on Animal Welfare in the region

The Steering Group shall invite resource partners from organisations and Member Countries as Observers and, on an ad hoc basis, any other interested parties, notably from the civil society, the industry, professional organizations and NGOs.

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Appointment and renewal of the Steering Group members

The Members are selected, for a three-year renewable mandate, by the OIE Regional Commission for Europe (during the OIE General Session), considering the sub-regional balance and current priority topics addressed by the Platform.

A progressive rotation of the Member Countries is advisable.

Current composition of the Steering Group (2014)

Concept note	Members
(i) a representative of OIE HQ, who will chair the Steering Group;	Initially the OIE DDG currently '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

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- It is evident and it has been highlighted and felt clearly, that the improvements of the Steering Committee governance mechanism (rotation, geographical balance etc) should also take into account the results of the platform external evaluation.
- It is utterly evident, that a new vital lymph to the work is given by the Steering Group composition and harmony. The evaluation has clearly highlighted how good the platform has so far worked thanks to the many positive inputs provided and in view of the great commitments by several dedicated individuals/countries. Nevertheless, further improvements are (and must be) expected, but they should be adopted without revolutionizing the platform composition and *modus operandi*.
- So far, the platform still represents a huge and successful model for not only for the European Region but also for the OIE galaxy and the veterinary community at large. We are here to make it better.

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- There is a full consensus amongst Donors, Steering Group Members and especially the OIE Headquarters through the DG vision in the 7th Action Plan that a stronger impact should be obtained by the platform activities and (this would require an even bigger) involvement of the beneficiaries, who have been ultimately always the driving force of the platform initiatives
- The Platform is more and more attracting new competences from the most prestigious international organizations as the International Society for Applied Ethology (ISAE) that will be beneficial for the current and future platform activities. This is the evident result that the steering group has created a first-class programme
- Another example is extremely important, the platform has developed a self-assessment questionnaire in compliance with Chapters 7.7 and 8.14 of the OIE TAHC relating to stray dog population control and rabies prevention, this tool has been successfully adapted and exported to other Regions.

Next Steps

- Delegates are invited to send their expression of interest by the 15th April (to Brussels office and to the Bureau).
- Names will be discussed at the following RCG meeting(22nd April) for geographical balance.
- If more than 5 Candidates are being listed, an Election will take place during the next Regional Commission Meeting which will be held at the 88th General Session.
- We encourage also the presence of many countries also as Observers as we would like to increase the and amplify the expertise

Thank for your Attention !!!

- Questions?