

World Organisation for Animal Health and its mandate on animal welfare

Multi-regional Whole Journey Scenario workshop on long-distance transport
by land and sea between Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa

8 - 10 November 2022, Cairo, Egypt



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for Animal
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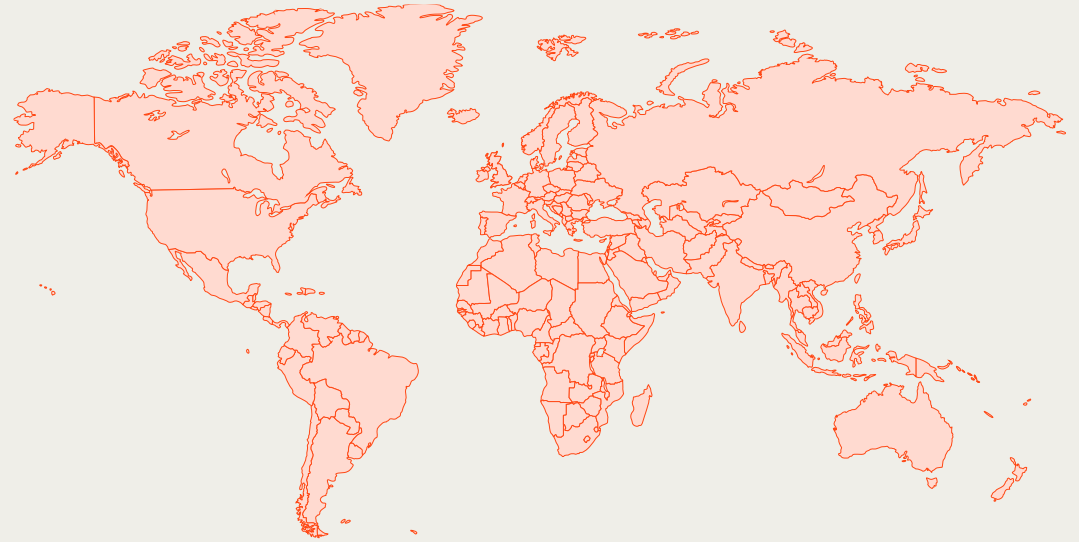
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mondiale
de la santé
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World Organisation for Animal Health

Founded as OIE



- **intergovernmental organization with focus on transparently disseminating information on animal diseases, improving animal health and welfare globally and thus build a safer, healthier and more sustainable world.**
- **182 Member Countries**
- **5 Regional and 8 Sub-Regional Offices**



Animal welfare has been identified as a strategic priority for the OIE since 2001, under the mandate granted by all Members.

Resolution XIV from the 70th OIE GS - 2002





Global Animal Welfare Strategy

*A world where the welfare of animals is respected,
promoted and advanced,
in ways that complement the pursuit of animal health,
human well-being, socio-economic development and
environmental sustainability.*

(May 2017)





Regional Animal Welfare Strategies (RAWS)

- Regional priorities
- Regional partners
- Governance
- Actions plans addressing regional needs

AMERICAS
RAWS

OIE Platform on Animal
Welfare for EUROPE

MIDDLE EAST
RAWS

African Platform for
Animal Welfare

Asia, the Far East and
Oceania
RAWS

Continents Source



Strategic pillars



**DEVELOPMENT OF
ANIMAL WELFARE
STANDARDS**



**CAPACITY
BUILDING AND
EDUCATION**



**IMPLEMENTATION
OF ANIMAL
WELFARE
STANDARDS AND
POLICIES**



**COMMUNICATIO
N WITH
GOVERNMENTS,
ORGANISATIONS
AND THE PUBLIC**



THE WOAH STANDARDS

CODES

- Terrestrial
- Aquatic



MANUALS

- Terrestrial
- Aquatic



Available on the
WOAH website
(www.woah.org)

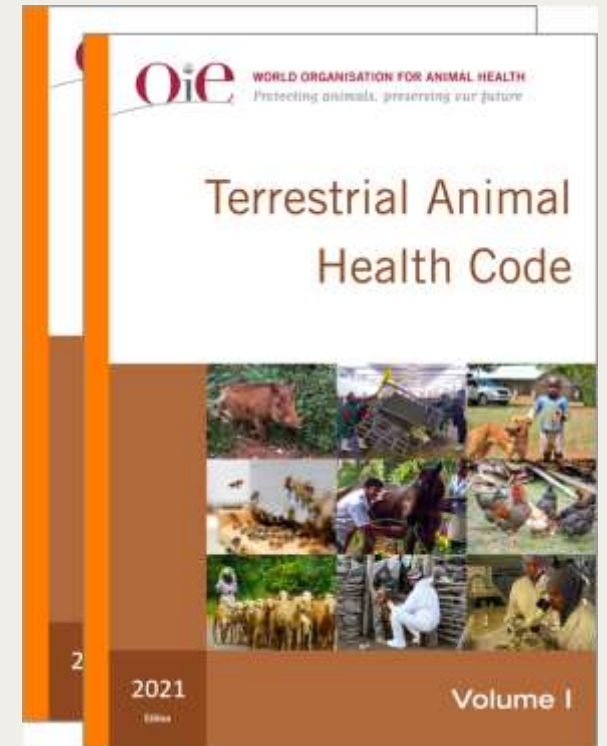
Standards to improve health and animal welfare,
and veterinary public health



TERRESTRIAL ANIMAL HEALTH CODE

SECTION 7. ANIMAL WELFARE

- 7.1. Introduction to the recommendations for animal welfare
- 7.2. Transport of animals by sea
- 7.3. Transport of animals by land
- 7.4. Transport of animals by air
- 7.5. Slaughter of animals
- 7.6. Killing of animals for disease control purposes
- 7.7. Dog population management
- 7.8. Use of animals in research and education
- 7.9. Animal welfare and beef cattle production systems
- 7.10. Animal welfare and broiler chicken production systems
- 7.11. Animal welfare and dairy cattle production systems
- 7.12. Welfare of working equids
- 7.13. Animal welfare and pig production systems
- 7.14. Killing of reptiles for their skins, meat and other products





AQUATIC ANIMAL HEALTH CODE

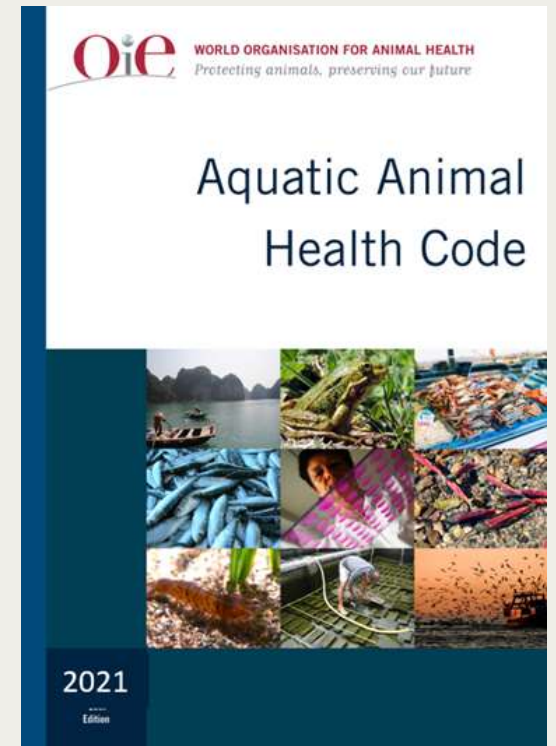
SECTION 7. WELFARE OF FARMED FISH

7.1. Introduction to recommendations for the welfare of farmed fish

7.2. Welfare of farmed fish during transport

7.3. Welfare aspects of stunning and killing of farmed fish for human consumption

7.4. Killing of farmed fish for disease control purposes





Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe

(launched in December 2013)

to improve animal welfare in all 53 countries of Europe
and empower Veterinary Services to take action on
animal welfare in compliance with OIE standards



OIE Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe

1st Action Plan (2014-2016)

2nd Action Plan (2017-2019)

3rd Action Plan (2021-2023)

Priority topics

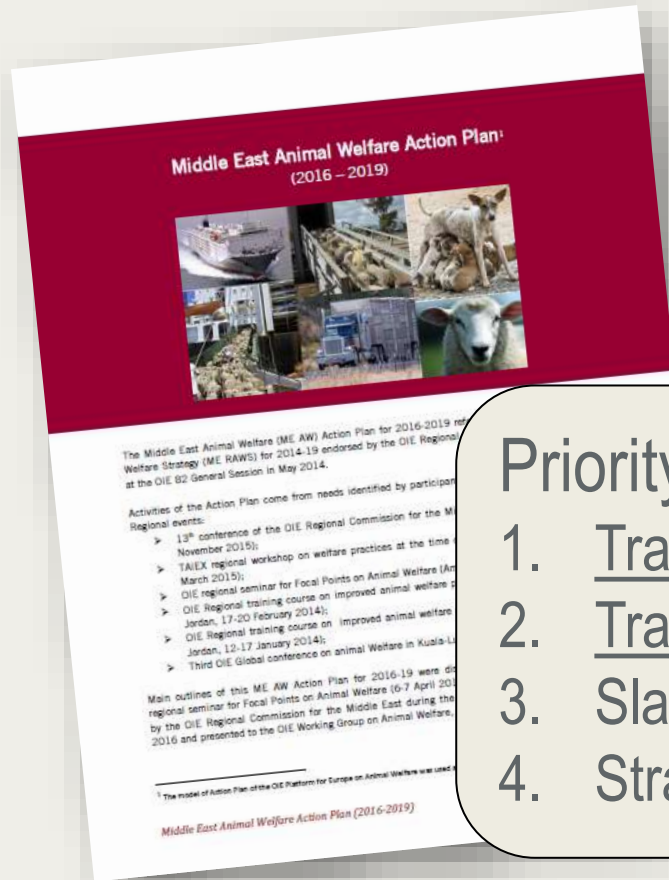
1. Transport of animals by land and sea
2. Slaughter of animals
3. Stray dog population control
4. Welfare of working equids
5. Animal welfare in natural disasters





Middle East Animal Welfare Action Plan

(2016 – 2019)



to empower
Veterinary Services to take actions in
Animal Welfare in compliance with
OIE standards

Priority topics

1. Transport of animals by sea
2. Transport of animals by land
3. Slaughter of animals
4. Stray dog population control



Transport of animals





Training materials

Animal welfare - transport by land (ENG/RUS/ARB)

1. Introduction to animal welfare
2. Animal behaviour
3. Use of animal behaviour in handling.
4. Planning and preparations
5. Loading and transport by land
6. Unloading and resting
7. Transport of poultry
8. Responsibilities and competencies
9. Animal welfare in transport and meat quality

Animal welfare - transport by sea (ENG/ARB)

4. Planning and preparations
5. Loading and transport by sea
6. Unloading

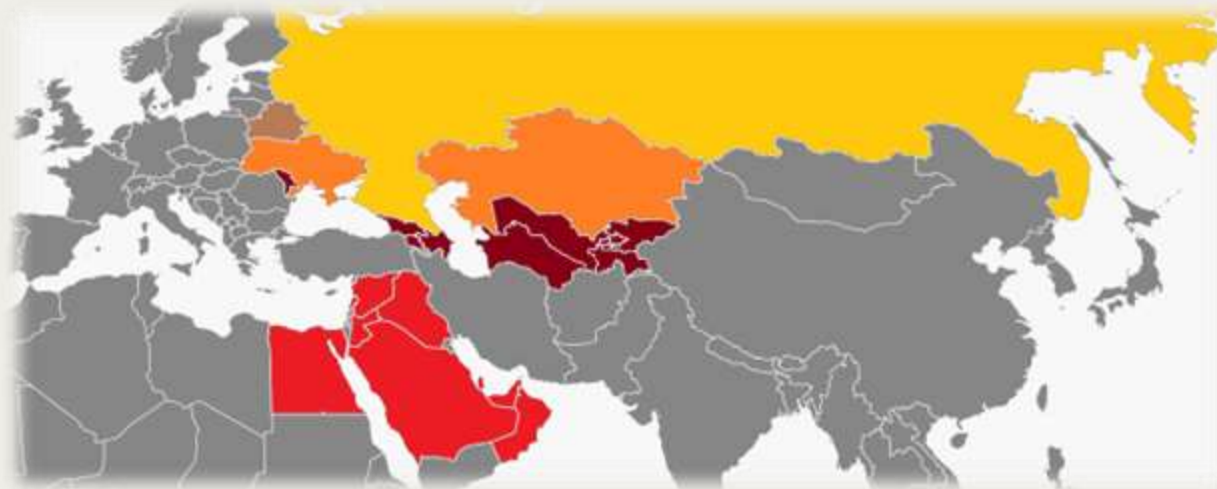


Centre for Animal Welfare and Ethics University of Queensland in Australia
OIE Collaborating Center on Animal Welfare Science and Bioethical Analysis.



OIE 'Train-the-Trainer' Workshops

- OIE 'Train-the-Trainer' Workshops on animal welfare during long distance transport by land (Kazakhstan - 2016/2017, Belarus - 2017, Russia - 2017)
- OIE Regional Seminar on animal welfare during long distance transport (Moldova - 2018)
- OIE 'Training of Trainers' Workshops on animal welfare during long transport by land and by sea for Middle East (Jordan, Egypt - 2017/2018, Oman - 2019)

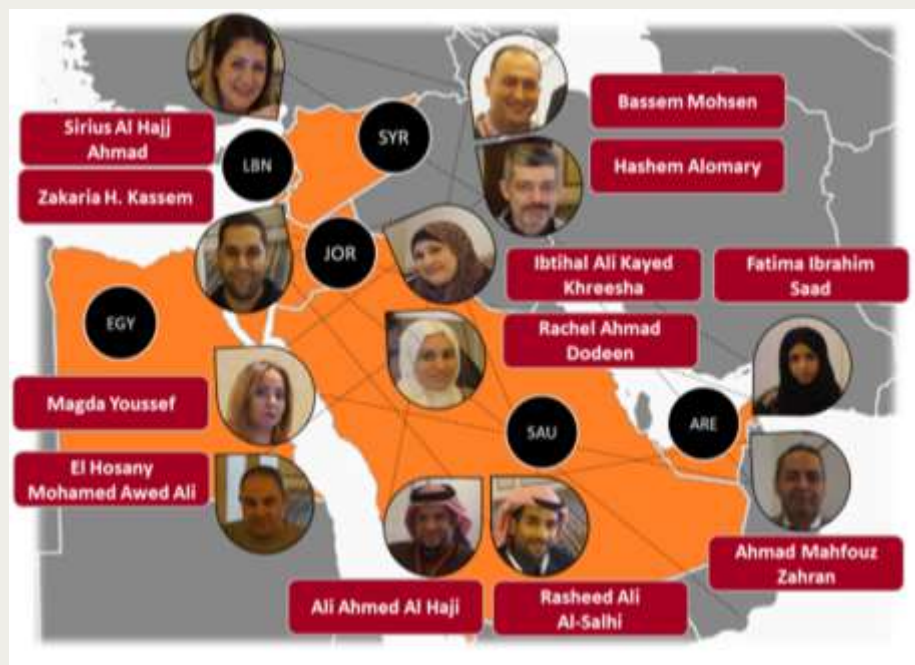




OIE Regional 'Training of Trainers' Workshop on animal welfare during long transport by land and by sea for Middle East



November 2017 – March 2018)



(February – May 2019)





Cascading
activities
organised in
countries

Cascading activities organized in countries



- dedicated workshops (veterinary services, governmental authorities, business operators)
- training session for CA
- dedicated modules included in Continuing Professional Development Programs



The 'Whole Journey Scenario' workshops

- **Objective:** to help countries **improve animal welfare** during **long distance and cross-border transport** in compliance with OIE standards for the whole duration of the **journey along the specific route**.
- **Focus:** the **responsibilities of the Competent Authorities** regarding animal welfare over the entire journey, involving all countries along the selected route.
- **Opportunity to** **share best practices** and **strengthen collaboration** between Competent Authorities, and other authorities.



Regional workshops

- Pilot WJS workshop (Poland, 2018)

example of the legal case (ruling C 424, April 2015)
the European Court of Justice

- Follow-up online meeting (2021)



- WJS workshop the Middle East (Jordan, 2019)





Multi-regional workshops

OIE Multi-regional WJS workshop on long-distance transport by land and sea between Europe and the Middle East (June 2021)



Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovenia and Turkey

Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, United Arab Emirates



*1st Multi-regional WJS workshop on transport by land and sea between Europe and the Middle East
23 June 2021 (teleconference)*

- OIE and OIE mandate on animal welfare OIE
TAHC Chapter 7.2 and 7.3
- Country reports (selected countries):
 - Czech Republic - origin country,
 - Slovenia – transit, EU exit country
 - Jordan – destination country
 - Lebanon – destination country
- Outcomes of the EU report and the EU
contact points network and working
documents (European Commission)
- Presentations best practices for vessels
authorization (Ireland)
- Role of the Custom Services in the
transport of live animals and collaboration
with Veterinary Services (UAE)
- Business operator perspective
(TALIA shipping company)
- Competent Authority role in an emergency
– case presentation (Egypt) – response to
address potential animal welfare issues
during blockage of the Suez Canal (March
2021)





1st multi-regional WJS workshop on transport by land and sea between Europe and the Middle (teleconference) - 2021

Conclusions

- need for strengthening communication and collaboration between Competent Authorities and all actors involved in the transport of live animals
- importance of appropriate planning and emergency procedures, including the processes for their verification
- establishment of bilateral and multi-lateral agreements among countries
- further activities supporting the implementation WOAH standards on animal transport aiming at strengthening the collaboration between Competent Authorities and inter-regional cooperation



Multi-regional WJS workshops

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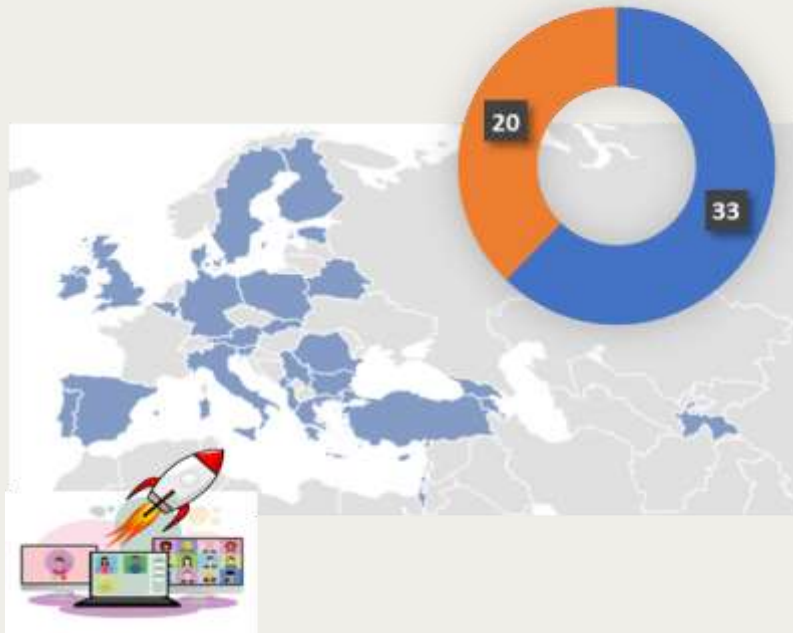
Regional
Network
in Europe

The network of WOAAH National Contact Points on long-distance transportation in Europe

[Terms of Reference of the National Contact Point on Long-Distance Transportation \(29th Regional Conference, 9-10 November 2020\)](#)

WOAH National Contact Points (*nominated by the OIE Delegate*)

Main tasks - establishing operational communication links within the network of contact points in Europe to facilitate the exchange of the relevant information and solving problems arising with long-distance and cross border transport of animals in the region



First (kick-off) meeting 18th November 2021 (teleconference)

TOR, OIE standards on transport, Experience gained by OIE Platform activities (trainings, WJS workshops...), EU perspective and experience and EU contact points

Initial discussion (identifying priorities, operational procedures, further activities)

Next meeting November 2022 (tbc)



Technical Item I (with questionnaire)

Long-distance transport of live animals: WOAH standards and best practices including societal perception and communication aspects



Catania, Italy 3-7 October 2022

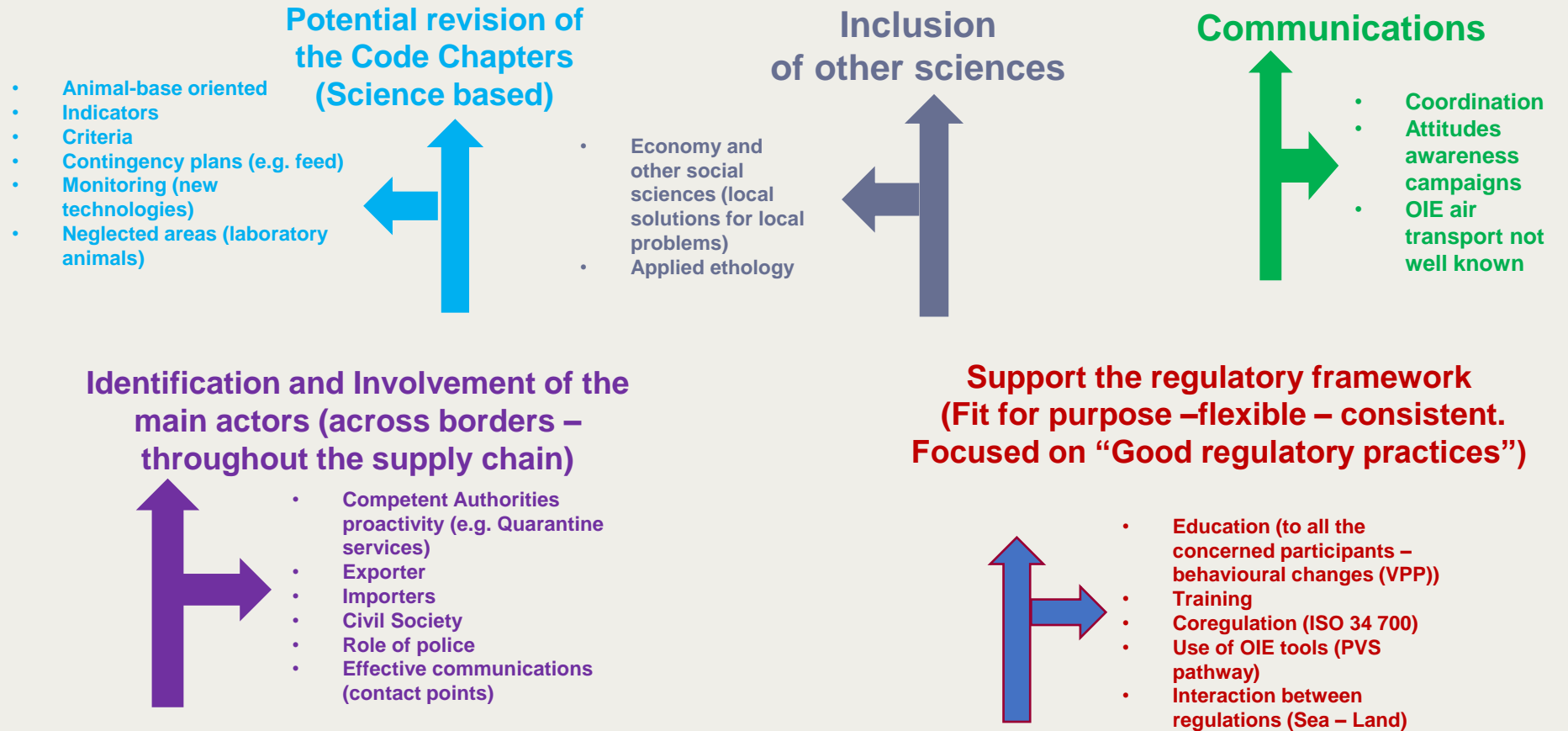
Summary

- most of the Members have in place specific legislation on animal welfare during transport and generally aligned with WOAH standards,
- however, in many members certain crucial requirements are not included (specific responsibilities and mandatory documented training/practical experience for people in responsible for animals)
- major gaps for implementation of standards: limited budget and/or limited availability of resources and trained personnel
- suggested WOAH initiatives - developing training activities and provide additional guidance through revised and/or new standards in the Terrestrial Code and/or through other WOAH documents



Paris, France, 11-12 April 2019

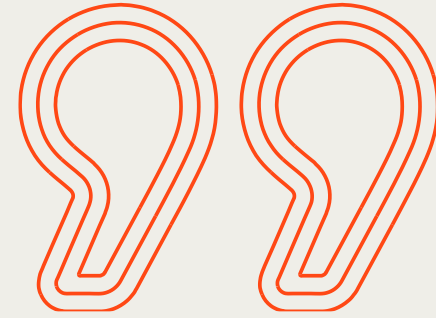
2nd OIE Animal Welfare Global Forum “Animal transport - a share responsibility”



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Animal welfare is a journey not a destination



David Bayvel

