



2nd meeting of WOAHP regional network of National Contact Points on long-distance transportation in Europe

15 December 2022 – teleconference



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Introduction



WOAH 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



Priority topics

1st Action Plan (2014-2016)	2nd Action Plan (2017-2019)	3rd Action Plan (2021-2023)
Transport of animals by land	Transport of animals by land	Transport of animals by land and by sea
Slaughter of animals	Slaughter of animals	Slaughter of animals
Stray dog population management	Stray dog population management	Stray dog population management
	Animal welfare in disasters	Animal welfare in disasters
	Welfare of working equids	Welfare of working equids



Transport of animals - activities





Network of Contact Point on long-distance transportation in Europe

- **Transport of animals – priority topic since (2014)**
- **Pilot Whole Journey Scenario Workshop in Poland (2018) proposed follow - up action**
(base on reference to the existing network of contact points already set up in the EU)
- **OIE National Focal Points on Anima Welfare seminar in The Hague, June 2019** (unanimous support)
- **Draft Terms of Reference of the National Contact Point on Long-Distance Transportation**
(developed by OIE Platform Secretariat and Steering Group in coordination with RCG (July 2019 – April 2020)
- **29th Conference of the OIE Regional Commission for Europe November 2020 - ToR of Terms of Reference of the National Contact Point on Long-Distance Transportation adopted by OIE Regional Commission for Europe**



National Contact Points on long-distance transportation in Europe

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Terms of Reference of the National Contact Point on Long-Distance Transportation¹

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The National Contact Point on Long-Distance Transportation

is placed under the supervision of the OIE Delegate.

Should be regularly, actively and directly involved at national level in the supervision or control of long-distance transportation of live animals, including the animal welfare dimension, upon exportation, transit and/or importation.

Should be allowed to have direct exchanges of information, by email and other forms of communication, with the network of Contact Points (hereafter 'the Network') on practical issues pertaining a future, ongoing or recent consignment of animals.

Should maintain a high-level coordination with the OIE National Focal Point for Animal Welfare (hereafter 'the Focal Point'), when Contact Point and Focal Point are different.

Proposed tasks of the National Contact Point on Long-Distance Transportation:

1. To establish and maintain direct operational communication links with the other Contact Points in Europe, especially with those in countries with which there is regular trade and with those in countries through which long distance journeys transit.
2. To provide, upon request of another Contact Point, and within the shortest possible delay, accurate information, such as approved border posts (opening hours of Customs and Veterinary services offices, capacity), approved/registered control posts / resting points (location, capacity regulation, etc).
3. To inform the Contact Points of the country of origin, possible countries of transit along the route, or any other relevant country, of any non-compliance or problem observed upon control of a specific consignment.
4. To address, if possible, any assistance request from another Contact Point.
5. To keep the OIE Delegate and the Focal Point informed of his/her activities as Contact Point.

The network of National Contact Points on Long-Distance Transportation in Europe

The Secretariat of the OIE Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe is responsible for establishing and keeping updated the list of National Contact Points in Europe.

The list will not be made publicly available but shared only with the OIE Delegates, the Focal Points and the National Contact Points in Europe.

¹ Adopted by the OIE Regional Commission for Europe during 29th Regional Conference, 9-10 November 2020



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- Any general information sent to the Network should be copied to the Delegates and the Focal Points.
- The WOAH Platform may organize meetings of the Network, allowing the Contact Points to discuss common issues and share best practises related to long-distance transportation.



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Kick off meeting - 18 November 2021



Agenda:

- *TOR of Contact Point on Long-Distance Transportation*
- *WOAH standards on transport*
- *Experience gained by OIE Platform activities (trainings, WJS workshops....)*
- *EU perspective and experience
EU contact points*
- *Discussion (identifying priorities, operational procedures, further activities)*



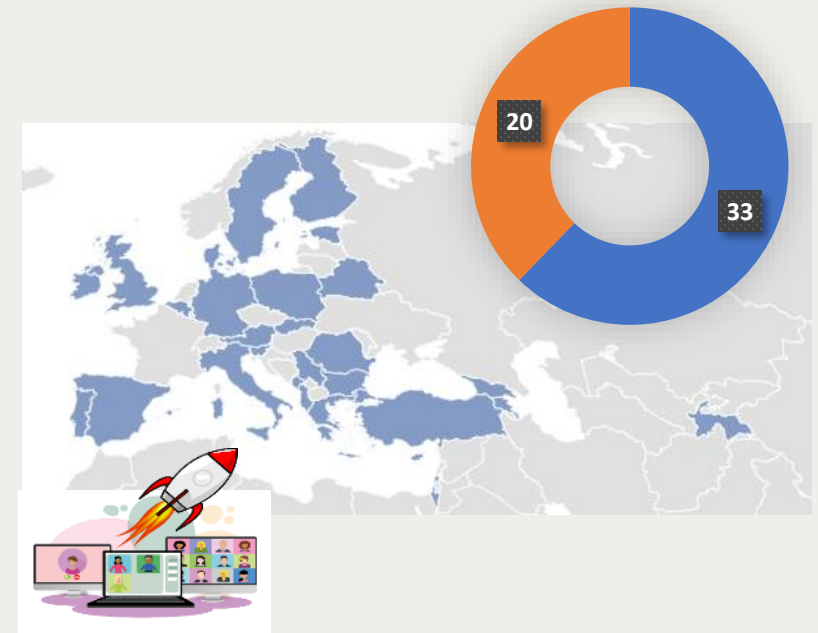
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Conclusions:

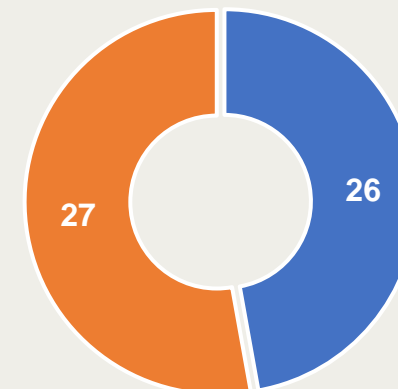
- highlighted the importance of establishing the network as a tool to facilitate communication between Competent Authorities;
- network will focus its work on two topics, transport by land and transport by sea, according to specific countries interests;
- confirmed the relevance of the activities on animal transport included in the 3rd Action Plan of the Platform, especially multi-regional activities between Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa;
- proposed to organise next meetings in 2022, if possible, as physical events, to provide a better opportunity to build strong communication network and thoroughly share and discuss best practices that has been only briefly introduced during kick-off meeting (e.g., vessel authorisation, regular feedback from destination countries, development guidance documents etc.)





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Nominated Contact Point on Long-Distance Transportation in Europe (14 December 2022)



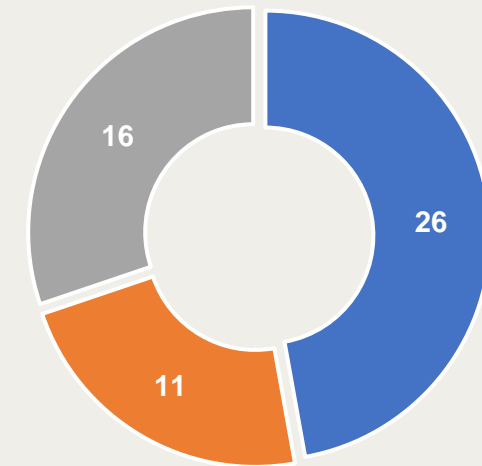
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