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# Regional training seminar for WOAHP National Focal Points on Animal Welfare for Europe

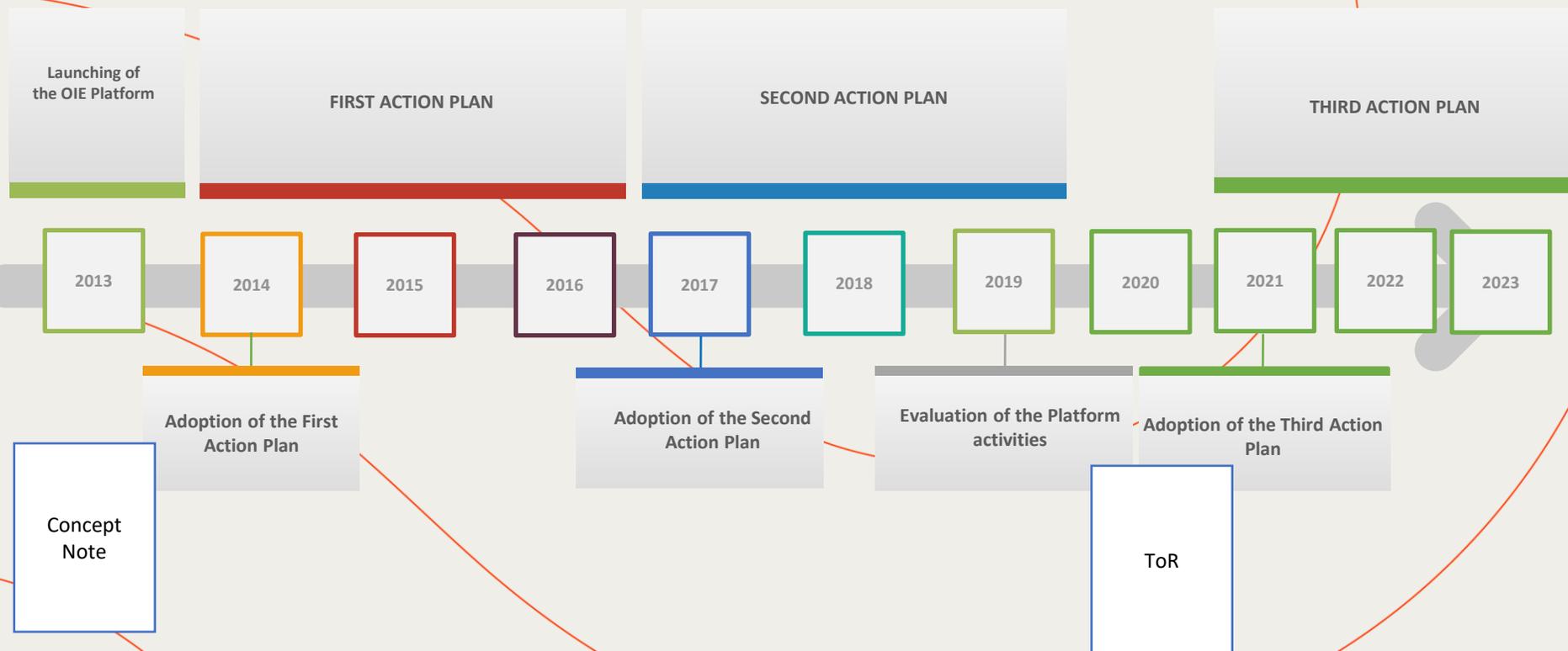
16-17 November 2022 – teleconference



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# General 'tempo' of the Platform life





# *3<sup>rd</sup> Action Plan for 2021 – 2023*

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**Continuity** Transport of animals by land and by sea

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Slaughter of animals

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Stray dog population control

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Welfare of animals in disasters

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Welfare for working equids

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**Governance**

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**Stakeholders' coordination**

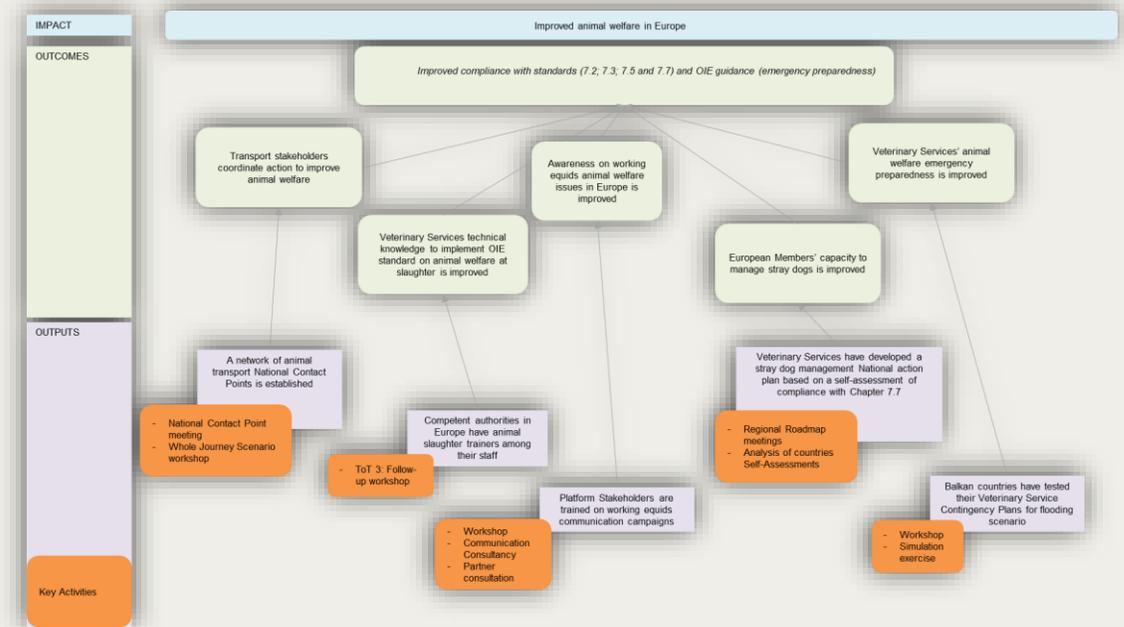
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**Monitoring and Evaluation**

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# 3<sup>rd</sup> Action Plan for 2021 – 2023

- The desired **impact (long-term objective)** is to improve animal welfare in Europe through the identified priority topics.
- The **short/mid-term objective** is to progressively improve the compliance of OIE Member Countries from the region of Europe with OIE Animal Welfare standards and OIE guidance on emergency preparedness.
- continuity with the two previous Action Plans by building upon their achievements
- focuses on strengthening the OIE Member Countries involvement in the development of standards and the regional collaboration towards its implementation
- supported by developed the Result Framework and the Theory of Change





## Indicative timetable for the implementation of the third Action Plan for 2021-2023

Activities of the Platform	2021				2022				2023			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<b>SLAUGHTER (SA)</b>												
SA_A1 Regional seminars					SA-EE1			SS-EE2				SS_B
SA_A2 Training modules			Revision and development of new training material									
SA_A3 Slaughter Self-Assessment Tool			SAM development								Development	
<b>TRANSPORT OF ANIMALS (TA)</b>												
TA_A1 Whole journey scenario workshops		WJS-E/ME1	WJS-E2			WJS-E/NA1			WJS-E/ME2		WJS-E	
TA_A2 Transport contact points meeting				TCP1								TCP2
TA_A3 Transport Self-Assessment Tool			SAM development		1st self-assessment							
<b>STRAY DOG POPULATION CONTROL (SD)</b>												
SD_A1 Regional roadmap for Balkans		SDB4								SDB5		
SD_A2 Self-Assessment and Monitoring Balkans	3 <sup>rd</sup> self-assessment exercise				4 <sup>th</sup> self-assessment							
SD_A3 Regional roadmap for Wester Eurasia						SDWE4						
SD_A4 Self-Assessment and Monitoring West Eurasia			2 <sup>nd</sup> self-assessment (1 <sup>st</sup> self-assessment for BLR, MLD, RUS, UKR)								3 <sup>rd</sup> self-assessment (1st self-assessment for BLR, MLD, RUS, UKR)	
<b>DISASTER MANAGEMENT (DM)</b>												
DM_A1 Building VS preparedness				DMAWB3								
DM_A2 Emergency preparedness needs assessment		Regional capacity and needs assessment										New initiative
<b>WORKING EQUIDS (WE)</b>												
WE_A1 Development of an Awareness campaign package	WEAC_PREP											
WE_A2 Preparatory workshop for the implementation of the campaign			WEAC_PREP									
WE_A3 Implementation of the campaign					Launching and deployment							
WE_A4 Evaluation of the campaign implementation									Evaluation			
<b>GOVERNANCE</b>		SG16		SG17		SG18		SG19		SG20		SG21
<b>COMUNICATION</b>												
Website of the IOE Platform	Maintenance/update				Maintenance/update				Maintenance/update			
Newsletters	NL2021				NL2022				NL2023			
Russian translations of documents												
<b>STAKEHOLDER COORDINATION</b>		SC6				SC7				SC8		
<b>MONITORING AND EVALUATION</b>	Development Platform's M&E tool						External evaluation					



# ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

State of the art of  
the WOAH Platform for  
Animal Welfare in Europe  
2021-2023 action plan  
implementation

- SLAUGHTER
- DOG POPULATION MANAGEMENT
- TRANSPORT
- NATURAL DISASTERS
- WELFARE OF WORKING EQUIDS



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# SLAUGHTER

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## Regional OIE 'Train-the-Trainers' workshops on animal welfare during transport and slaughter

### • Georgia (2015)

- Kazakhstan
- Ukraine
- Moldova
- Georgia
- Azerbaijan
- Turkmenistan

### ▪ Russia (2016)

- Armenia
- Belarus
- Russia
- Kyrgyzstan
- Tajikistan
- Uzbekistan

### ▪ Balkans(2018)

- Albania
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Kosovo\*
- Montenegro
- North Macedonia
- Serbia





# Slaughter of animals 3<sup>rd</sup> Action Plan

The follow up of the ToT Workshops on slaughter will be ensured with relevant partners through the organisation of two regional seminars.

The seminars will aim to keep up to date the knowledge of the previously trained participants and AW Focal Points, encourage sharing best practices and experience on how to address challenges in OIE standard implementation.

The OIE TAHC Chapter 7.5 is currently under revision.



# Slaughter of animals 3<sup>rd</sup> Action Plan

## Proposal:

- Revise and update existing training materials on slaughter of animals and develop online format for the refresher/follow up training
- If possible, with additional elements of the existing material, create a toolbox that the trainers could use for their training (videos, tests, checklists, posters, ...)
- Translate the materials into different languages to be used across the Europe region and beyond (Russians, French and Spanish)

Existing materials OIE and partners materials:

- OIE Improved Animal Welfare Programme
- OIE Regional ToT training materials,
- Education program on animal welfare at the time of slaughter and other types of killing DISA (SCAW)

**Next steps** - Concept note defining target audience, learning objectives, methodology and IT tool – in collaboration with IZSAM Teramo and SCAW.

# DOG POPULATION MANAGEMENT

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## Since 2014, **stray dog population control** a priority topic of the WOAHE Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe

Within this context, **regional stray dog roadmaps** for **11 Balkans** (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Rep. of North Macedonia, Greece, Kosovo, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia and Turkey) and **8 West Eurasia** (8 Central Asia and Caucasus countries - Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan)

### **Members**

were launched with the objective to achieve the ***full compliance with OIE standards on stray dog population control by 2025 for the Balkans and by 2030 for West Eurasia***

In 2019, other **4 Western European** (Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine) **Members** joined the initiative

Fully in line with the **FAO/OIE/WHO “Zero by 30” Global Strategic Plan** to end human deaths from dog-mediated rabies by 2030



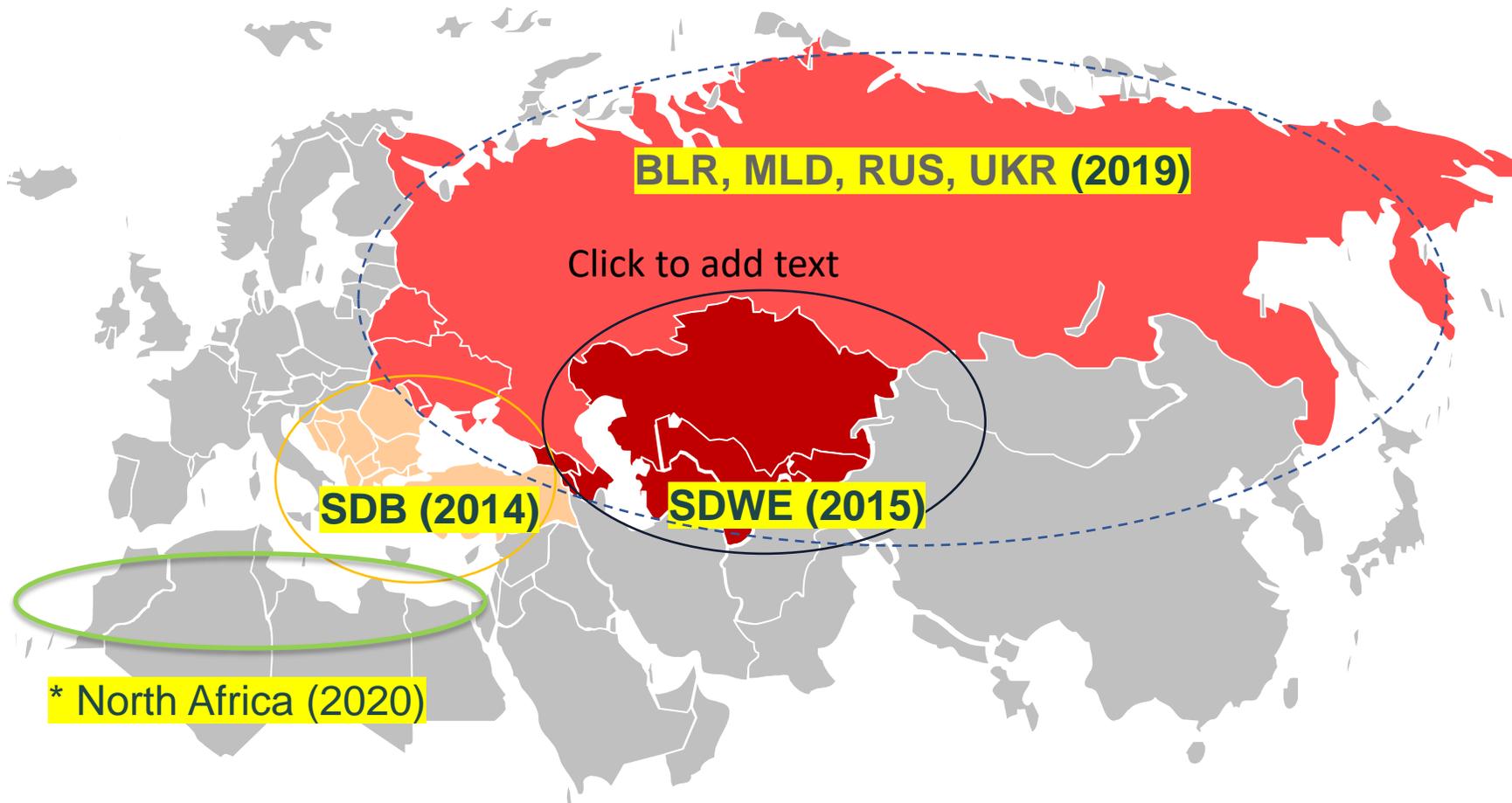
## **WOAH Self-Assessment and Monitoring Tool (SAM Tool)** developed in 2015 and reviewed in 2017 with a new section on rabies based on Chapter 8.14

To **facilitate** the implementation of the TAHC Chap.7.7 on stray dog control and **empower** Veterinary Services to do so, the WOAH and the IZS - Teramo/OIE CC jointly prepared a **Self-Assessment and Monitoring Tool (SAM Tool 1.0)**, under the format of an e-questionnaire:

- ✓ to **set a baseline** on the national stray dog population situation;
- ✓ to conduct a series of **assessments and capacity building activities**, with a focus on both the welfare of dogs as well as public health aspects, including the rabies dimension;
- ✓ to **measure compliance progress** overtime;
- ✓ to **identify possible gaps** in their capacities to implement TAHC Chap.7.7 measures.



- Roadmap for the Balkans since 2014 (11 countries)
- Roadmap for West Eurasia since 2015 (8 countries) + BLR, MLD, RUS, UKR since 2019
- \* ERFAN report in North Africa in 2020





**The fourth OIE Regional Workshop on Stray Dog population management (SDB4) initially planned on 2020** and later postponed due to persistent uncertainties related to the COVID-19 pandemic, was held in **virtual mode on November the 30th, 2021**.

**19 participants in representation of 8 WOAHA Members** - Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia, Romania, Bulgaria, Republic of North Macedonia, Montenegro, Greece (Albania, Turkey and Kosovo could not attend).

**Objective:**

To assist countries in achieving full compliance with OIE standard on stray dog population control (and rabies) by 2025, notably on how to progress with tailor made activities according to different Members needs.

**Focus:**

To gain thorough understanding on the following topics:

- The OIE Platform for Animal Welfare in Europe **new Action Plan 2021-2023**;
- The OIE **new developments** on Animal Welfare and OIE TAHC Chapter 7.7 revision process;
- The **experience of the Republic of North Macedonia** in the development and implementation of the Veterinary Services National Plan (with a rabies component);
- The Countries' level of adoption of the **OIE awareness "Be my hero" campaign**;
- The potential role of the **Regional Animal Welfare Centre (RAWC) in assisting the Balkan countries** and what regional expertise is available to support the implementation of the OIE standards on stray dog control.



# OIE Regional stray dog roadmaps

## Balkans

**1<sup>st</sup> SDB Workshop**  
(June 2014, Romania)

1<sup>st</sup> self – assessment (2015)  
(10/11 - stray dogs)

**2<sup>nd</sup> SDB Workshop**  
(June 2016, Albania)

2<sup>nd</sup> self – assessment (2018)  
(9/11 - stray dogs and rabies)

**3<sup>rd</sup> SDB Workshop**  
(June 2018, Serbia)

3<sup>rd</sup> self – assessment (2021)  
(8/11 - stray dogs and rabies)

**4<sup>rd</sup> SDB Workshop**  
(November 2021, Online)

4<sup>th</sup> self – SAM 2.0 self-assessment  
(stray dogs and rabies - 2023)

**5<sup>th</sup> SDB Workshop**  
(September, 2023 - TBC)

## West Eurasia (Central Asia + Caucasus)

**1<sup>st</sup> SDWE 1 Workshop**  
(October 2015, Kyrgyzstan)

1<sup>st</sup> self – assessment (2017)

7/7 - stray dogs and rabies

**2<sup>nd</sup> SDWE Workshop**  
(September 2017, Uzbekistan)

NO self – assessment (meeting with Fabien - teramo)

**3<sup>rd</sup> SDWE Workshop**  
(September 2019, Tblisi)

2<sup>nd</sup> self – SAM 2.0 self-assessment  
(stray dogs and rabies - 2023)

**4<sup>rd</sup> SDWE Workshop**  
(September, 2023 - TBC)

## BLR, MLD, UKR, RUS

**3<sup>rd</sup> SDWE Workshop**  
(September 2019, Tblisi)

1<sup>st</sup> self – SAM 2.0 self-assessment  
(stray dogs and rabies – 2023)

**4<sup>rd</sup> SDWE Workshop**  
(September, 2023 - TBC)



## Next steps

- ✓ **To contribute to the development of the SAM Tool 2.0**, to be used for conducting the next self-assessment rounds to monitor the Roadmaps progress over time
- ✓ **To organize the next self-assessment Rounds -> Workshops**
- ✓ **To strengthen the Platform's level of technical assistance** by setting a pool of 'stray dog managers' in the Balkans and **to expand the range of training and capacity building programs** aiming at increasing:  
(1) professional skills and capacities of the VSs involved in the development and implementation of the National Action plans and DPMs  
(2) technical know-how of the personnel carrying out carrying out stray dog control activities at Municipal/local level
- ✓ **To enhance the opportunities to access to technical assistance projects/financial measures** with the support of the Platform Secretariat, the OIE Network of CCs on Animal Welfare, RAWC, other sub-regional Academic bodies/Institutions and local/international NGOs **(2022-2025 WOAHA Regional Strategic Action (RSA) on Animal Welfare for Europe )**

# TRANSPORT OF ANIMALS

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# NATURAL DISASTERS



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1. The Platform's second action plan (2017-2019) **included the welfare of animals in disasters among its priority topics.**
2. The Platform Secretariat has been tasked with **exploring, developing and implementing possible activities** in order to enhance WOAHA Members' DMRR capacity in Europe, in line with the WOAHA Guidelines



A three-year pilot project was launched in 2018 for the Balkan countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Romania and Serbia), aiming at building a culture of emergency preparedness among Veterinary Services and relevant stakeholders



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The first two workshops consisted of discussion-based exercises designed to consider how contingency plans should be structured, which actors should be involved, and what activities and management processes should be implemented

The final workshop has been organized  
in the form of a **virtual Tabletop Exercise (TTX)**  
in 2021

The format was identified and developed according to the  
**“WOAH guidelines for simulation exercises”**



The TTX aimed at:

- ✓ **testing and validating model Veterinary Service's Contingency Plans (VS-CP)** for the management of animal welfare matters in a flooding scenario
- ✓ **identifying issues and improvements of protocols and operational procedures** employed in managing the event

**Romanian, Bulgarian and Montenegro** representatives updated the participants on project progress achieved over time and introduced their own VS-CP

A **fictional flood simulation scenario** offered the participants with all the **elements pertinent to the management of the imminent threat of a massive flooding and data needed to assess the potential impact** of such an event on the local population of domestic and wild animal welfare.

**Four working groups** - divided in subgroups - were asked:

- ✓ to identify and suggest the **main elements for improvements of the Rumanian model Contingency Plan** - preparedness, recovery and response phases - to be applied in **response to the simulation scenario**, prepared by the exercise planning team with the support of the ANSVSA experts ;
- ✓ to discuss **how to embed the lessons learned during earlier emergencies** when **revising operating protocols** or developing new ones.





# MAIN CONCLUSIONS

- ✓ the **importance of strengthening Veterinary Services' awareness on their crucial roles** when dealing with natural disasters, where they have proven to be responsive and effective
- ✓ the need for a **better integration in the Civil Protection mechanisms** and for organizing **more training events** and **simulation exercises**
- ✓ multi hazard intersectoral contingency planning should aim at **strengthening the resilience of local communities and maintaining business continuity** while recovering from disasters;
- ✓ all livestock production sectors, including **small scale farming systems and other animals (zoo)** should be considered;
- ✓ contingency planning should be aligned with the need to **coordinate crisis management efforts and mitigate the impact of disasters in a One Health perspective**
- ✓ **interregional cooperation is a key element for success**, as well as for the strong participation and support provided by the NGOs and private industry



## Next steps

The **finalization of the WOA Platform's triannual pilot project** in the Balkans should be seen as **a starting point for the widest implementation** of the WOA Guidelines on DMRR in the region

Other events of this kind will follow, but **Veterinary Services should maintain a proactive attitude toward contingency planning** and be prepared where risks for natural disaster are greater and where communities and animals have fewer resources to mitigate, survive, and recover from different types of disasters.

As part of the **ongoing regional needs assessment exercise** focusing on Veterinary Services preparedness and capacity levels, geographical scope and possible disaster scenarios, an **"On-line appreciative enquiry summit on animal welfare in flooding scenarios"** - targeting the triennial pilot project participants - is planned to be held in 2023.

# WELFARE OF WORKING EQUIDS

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## WELFARE OF WORKING EQUIDS

- ✓ **Awareness day on working equids**  
West Eurasian countries, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017, Tashkent (Uzbekistan)
  
- ✓ **Baseline survey**
  - developed by the OIE Platform Secretariat and the International Collation for Working equids (ICWE) (in EN/RUS). The survey address following topics:
    - Working equids population
    - Working equids in local country context
    - Veterinary services
    - Para-professional services
    - Health and welfare issues
    - Stakeholder engagement and awareness
  - aims and objectives of the survey presented at the AW OIE National Focal points meeting (June 2019)
  - data collection : July-November 2019
  - participation: 8 countries (ARM, AZE, GEO, KAZ, KGZ, TJK, TKM, UZB)
  - Initial results were presented at SG13, 21-22 January 2020 in Paris



## WELFARE OF WORKING EQUIDS

### **Awareness campaign**

(development, preparatory workshop, deployment, evaluation)

This activity is still under discussion for further development.

Development of an awareness building activates/materailas based on the results of the baseline survey conducted in 2019 - a decision should be taken about further activities that are the most applicable and would have the most impact (e.g. an awareness campaign) to be organized in selected West Eurasian countries to raise public awareness on the economic and welfare importance of working equids.



# ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

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## **Governance activities**

- **Terms of reference of the Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe**

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

- **Steering Group**

New composition (since 2021):

Ireland, Israel, Kazakhstan, North Macedonia, Portugal

**18<sup>th</sup> SG meeting, online, 20 April 2022**

**19<sup>th</sup> SG meeting (7 – 8 December 2022, Brussels)**



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**NEW COMPOSITION OF THE STEERING GROUP**

According to the new Terms of Reference of the Platform, the 30th Regional Commission for Europe at its meeting during the 8th OIE Global Session in May 2022 agreed on the new composition of the Steering Group for the Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe. The new members were welcomed by their predecessors during the 37th meeting of the Steering Group held in November 2022.

**ACTIVITIES**

**ACTIVITIES IN 2021/2022**

**Transport**

**Dog population management**

**Working equids**

**Governance**

**WHAT'S NEXT**

**PRESENTATION OF THE SAM TOOL 2.0**



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## Governance activities

- **Annual Platform stakeholders' consultation meeting**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Stakeholder consultation meeting (July 2022)**
- **External evaluation**  
A new external evaluation to be conducted at the end of the 3rd Action Plan, in order to monitor the progress made since the 2019 external evaluation and to support development of 4th Action Plan scheduled for 2023
- next steps: drafting of the Terms of Reference (ToR) of the evaluation according to purpose and budget – to be validated by the SG December 2022
- **Development Platform's M&E tools**  
Further to the development of SAM Tools / other monitoring tools for each specific topic, there is a need to set relevant horizontal indicators for the Platform  
Proposed impact/outcome/outputs indicators listed in the Results Framework of the 3rd Action Plan
- **Identification of priorities and countries needs for development of the next Action Plan of the Platform (beyond 2023)**

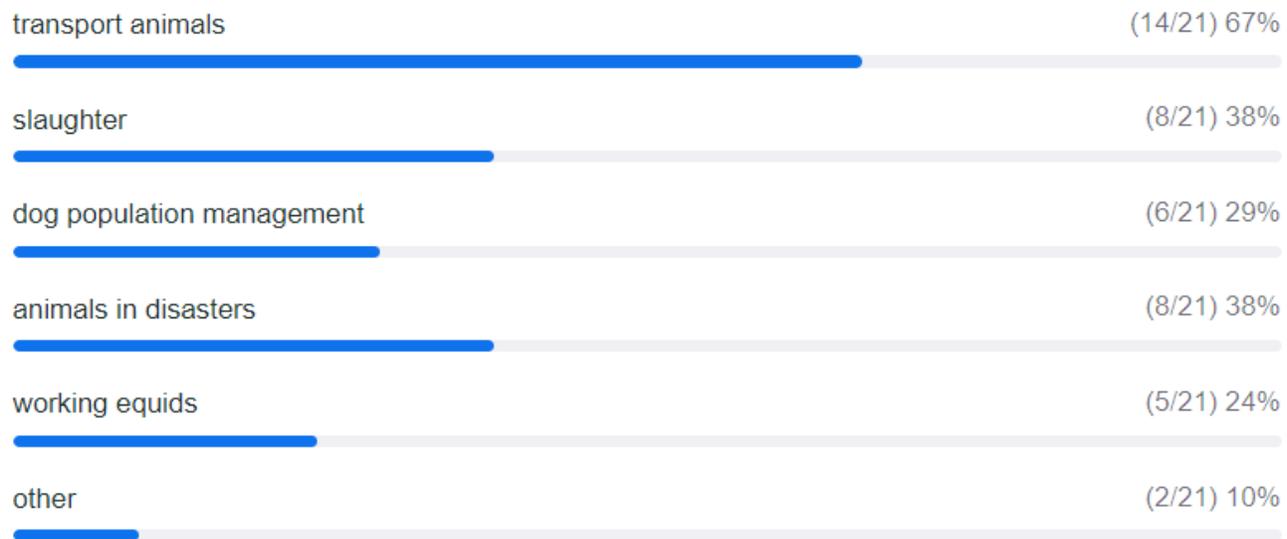


## Priority topics

1 questions | 21 participated

### 1. Please indicate priority topics for next action plan (Multiple Choice) \*

21/21 (100%) answered





## next action plan activities

1 questions | 24 participated

### 1. Actions or activities to be included in the next Action Plan of the Platform (2024 - 2026)

(Multiple Choice) \*

24/24 (100%) answered



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