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Self Assessment and Monitoring (SAM) Tool 2.0

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WOAH Challenge

To **explore the relevance of developing National Action Plans for stray dog population control** as support to local governmental authorities in the implementation of dog population control programmes (DP-CPs) compliant with the WOAH Standards and to **ensure monitoring and evaluation of their implementation**.

To conduct the **self-assessment regularly,** and have an understanding of their **progress over time.**

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SAM Tool 1.0

First on-line survey (implemented in 2015)

QUESTION INDEX

Section 0 - Respondent details

Section I - Understanding the situation

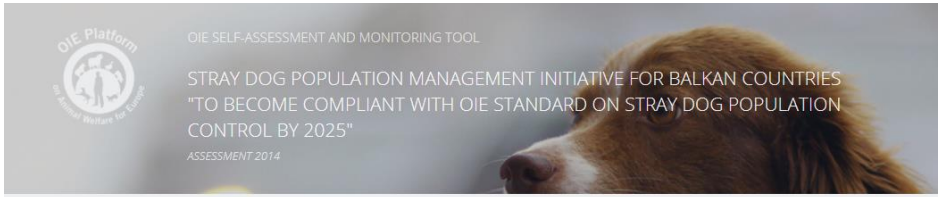
Section II - Control measures

Section III - Monitoring and evaluation

Section IV - Conclusions and next (or future) steps

Section V - Validation

Section VI - Satisfaction survey

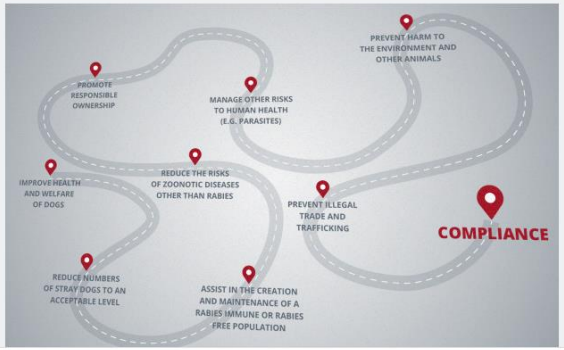


OBJECTIVES

- Background
- Geographical scope
- Objectives
- Duration
- Glossary
- Survey

The Stray Dog population management initiative for Balkan countries, promoted by the OIE Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe, aims to support them in the development process to become compliant with the OIE standards on stray dog population control, by 2025.

OIE and Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale dell'Abruzzo e del Molise "G. Caporale" (IZSAM) jointly prepared a self-assessment and monitoring tool to measure the current level of compliance with Chapter 7.7 of the OIE TAHC, relating to stray dog population control in Balkan countries.



General objective

- To develop a **web-based self-assessment platform** to assist countries in making progress on the agreed vision of full compliance with the WOAH Standards on stray dog population control in Europe.

Terrestrial Animal Health Code

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CHAPTER 7.7.

STRAY DOG POPULATION CONTROL

Preamble: The scope of these recommendations is to deal with *stray* and *feral* dogs, which pose serious human health, animal health and *animal welfare* problems and have a socio-economic, environmental, political and religious impact in many countries. Human health, including the prevention of zoonotic diseases, notably rabies, is a priority. Dog population management is an integral part of rabies control programmes. Furthermore, the OIE recognises the importance of controlling dog populations without causing unnecessary animal suffering. *Veterinary Services* should play a lead role in preventing zoonotic diseases and ensuring *animal welfare* and should be involved in dog population control, coordinating their activities with other competent public institutions and/or agencies.

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Technical specifications and functionalities

- Process data **100% electronically at country and multi-country (or multi-regional) level for reporting purposes**;
- Use the information and data already provided in **previous round(s)** of the on-line survey;
- Enter and update data and information upon need with the individual Country Profile Administrator (CPA);
- Generate - **100% electronically - country reports** (PDF file) made of schemes and graphics showing the actual level of compliance with Chapter 7.7 of the WOAH TAHC, and Chapter 8.14 on infection with rabies virus.

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Technical specifications and functionalities

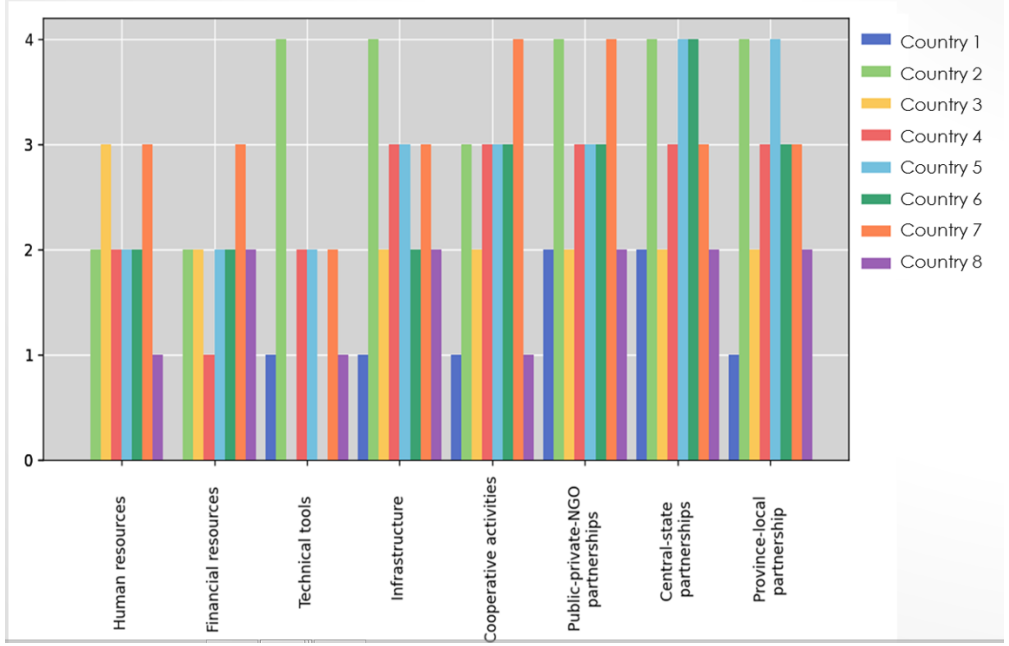
- Each country will have its own **stable and constantly available "profile"** accessible by credentials that can be reset and automatically recovered if necessary.
- The Country Profile Administrator will be also able to generate tokens to let **other subjects** (within the same country) **accessing the platform and complete other complementary forms**, and consult reports.
- After the first round, respondents can use the information and data already provided in previous round(s) of the on-line survey.

Technical specifications and functionalities

- As Platform Administrator (PA), the WOAH will figure out the country, multi-country or regional scenarios when proper/necessary, since a multi-country report made of schemes and graphics will be generated electronically with a simple process.

SECTION I «UNDERSTANDING THE SITUATION»
LEVEL OF ADEQUACY OF THE RESOURCES USED BY THE AUTHORITIES IN CHARGE OF STRAY DOG CONTROL

Scoring ranges between 1 (completely inadequate) and 5 (completely adequate).



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The methodological approach

- **Benchmarking** analysis is a specific type of research that allows organisations to compare their existing performance against "the best", and adopt improvements that fit their overall approach to continuous improvement and culture.
- It is a method for dynamic data analysis, which allow Countries to compare progressive achievements to short, medium and long term objectives.
- It facilitates the implementation of corrective actions and to implement strategies.

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The questionnaire

Section I - Understanding the situation on stray dogs
(*Section I-bis – Understanding the situation on rabies*

Section II - Control measures

Section III - Monitoring and evaluation

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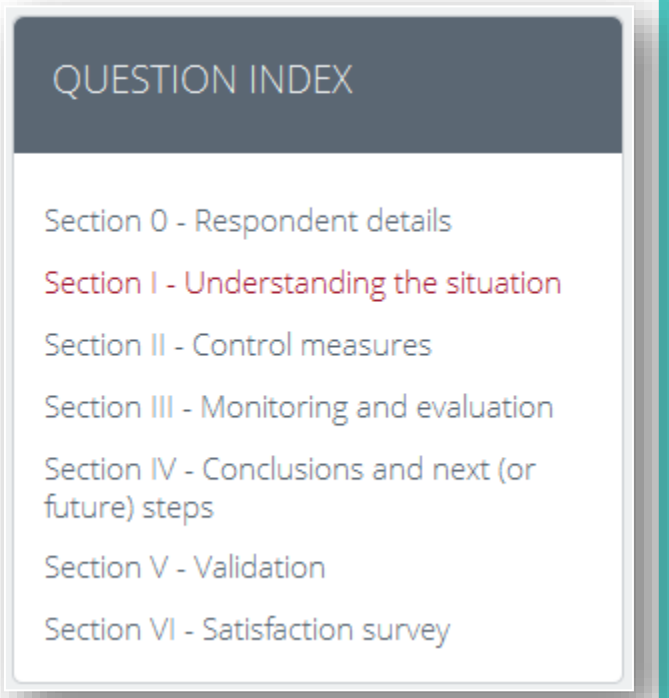

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Gantt chart

Starting date: September 1, 2022

WORK PROGRAMME	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	M6	M7	M8	YEAR 2	YEAR 3
Workpackage 1. Review of the SAM Tool 2.0 methodology										
Task 1. Setting of the experts' working group										
Task 2. Review of the questionnaire										
Task 3. Review of the Benchmarking scoring system										
Task 4. Validation of the SAM Tool methodoogy										
Workpackage 2. SAM Tool development										
Task 1. Kick-off meeting										
Task 2. System development and customisation										
Task 3. Data Migration										
Task 4. Testing and validation										
Task 5. Go-live										
Task 6. Presentation of the reports at the SDWE3 workshop										
Workpackage 3. SAM Tool 2.0 Management										
Task 1. Project Management										
Task 2. Platform Management										
Task 3. Platform maintenance										
Task 4. Platform hosting										

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Thank you!

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