

# WOAH Platform on animal welfare for Europe

## Transport of animals

**Regional training seminar for WOAH National Focal Points on Animal Welfare for Europe**

**16-17 November 2022 – teleconference**



World  
Organisation  
for Animal  
Health

Organisation  
mondiale  
de la santé  
animale

Organización  
Mundial  
de Sanidad  
Animal



## 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



**OIE Platform**  
on Animal Welfare  
for Europe

## **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

1<sup>st</sup> Action Plan (2014-2016)

2<sup>nd</sup> Action Plan (2017-2019)

3<sup>rd</sup> 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







## Transport of animals





OIE training  
modules for  
transport by land  
and sea

## 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

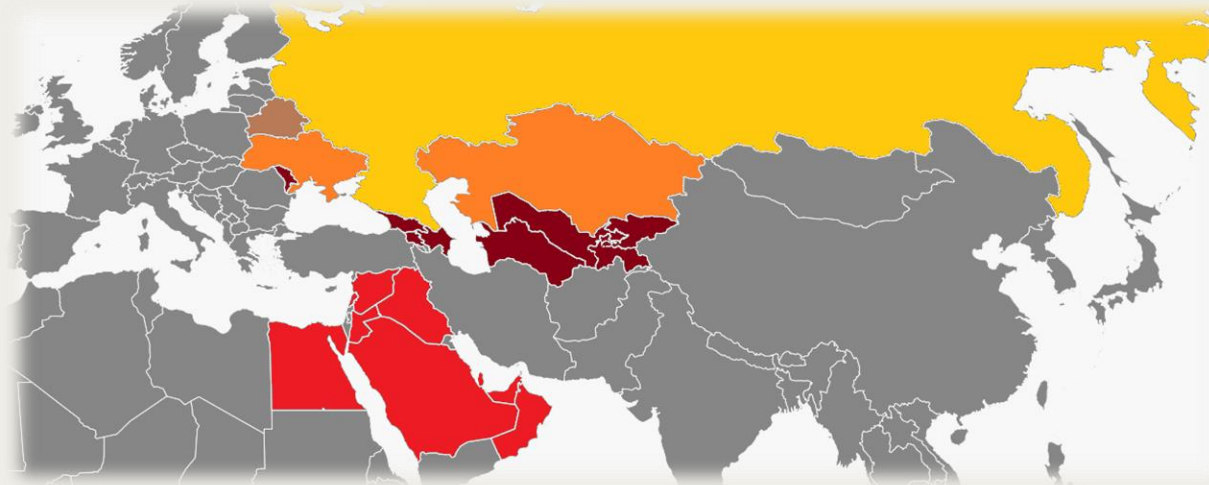


Centre for Animal Welfare and Ethics University of Queensland in Australia  
OIE Collaborating Center on Animal Welfare Science and Bioethical Analysis.



## 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)







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



## 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





Whole Journey  
Scenario  
Workshops

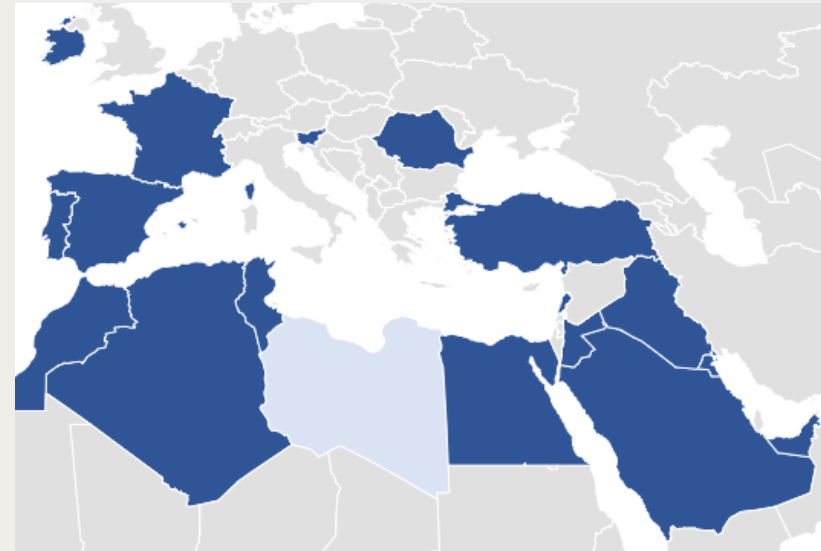
## Multi-regional WJS workshops

**Multi-regional Whole Journey Scenario (WJS) 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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## Multi-regional Whole Journey Scenario (WJS) workshop on long-distance transport by land and sea between Europe, the Middle East and North Africa.

- WOAAH and WOAHA mandate on animal welfare, and global and regional strategy
- TAHC Chapter 7.2 and 7.3
- Country reports (overview of state of play - competent authorities, border post, main livestock trade, legislation, implementation of the WOAHA standards and main challenges)
  - [France](#), [Ireland](#), [Portugal](#), [Romania](#), [Slovenia](#), [Spain](#), [Türkiye](#)
  - [Jordan](#), [Iraq](#), Kuwait, [Lebanon](#), [Saudi Arabia](#), [United Arab Emirates](#)
  - [Algeria](#), [Egypt](#), [Morocco](#), [Tunisia](#)
- Working group exercises – case studies  
4 scenarios

### Addressing the challenges and best practices

- Inspection and approval of dedicated Livestock Vessels – Ireland
- Integrated journey plan – Spain
- Coordinated response for emergency case – Egypt (response to address potential animal welfare issues during blockage of the Suez Canal - March 2021)
- Master of livestock vessel perspective – Egypt

### Movement of competition horses

WOAH and International Horse Sports Confederation collaboration activities

Movement of Competition Horses – UAE perspective - Quarantine procedures (Emirates Racing Authority) and

WOAH international standards and tools to facilitate international movement of (competition) horses - Roadmap for Veterinary Services



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

### Initial conclusions



- need for strengthening communication and collaboration between Competent Authorities and all actors involved in the transport of live animals – exchange of information
- importance of defining responsibilities (especially between departure port and destination)
- importance of appropriate planning and emergency procedures
- further activities supporting the implementation of WOH standards on animal transport aiming at strengthening the collaboration between Competent Authorities and inter-regional cooperation and sharing the experience (workshops, trainings, development of IT tools, guidance documents and checklist)



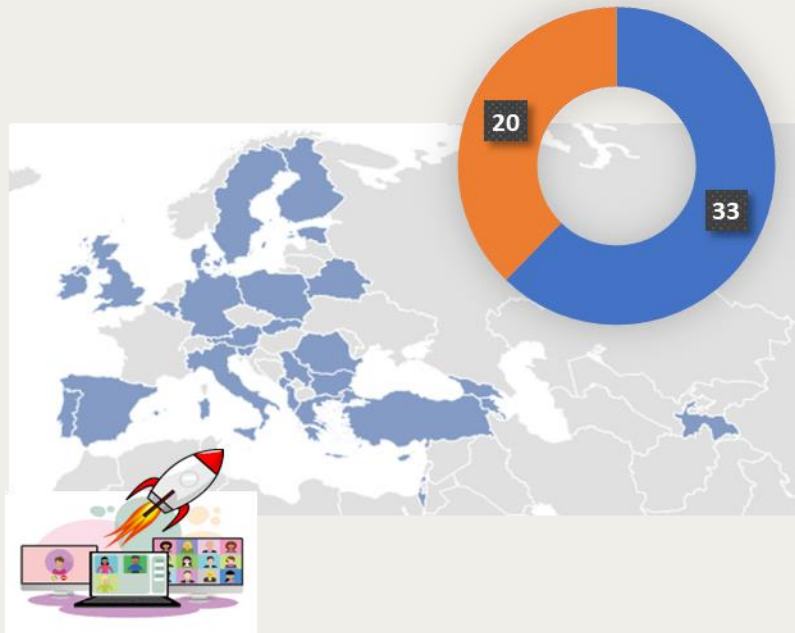
Regional  
Network  
in Europe

## 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 \(29th Regional Conference, 9-10 November 2020\)](#)

WOAAH 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022 (online)*



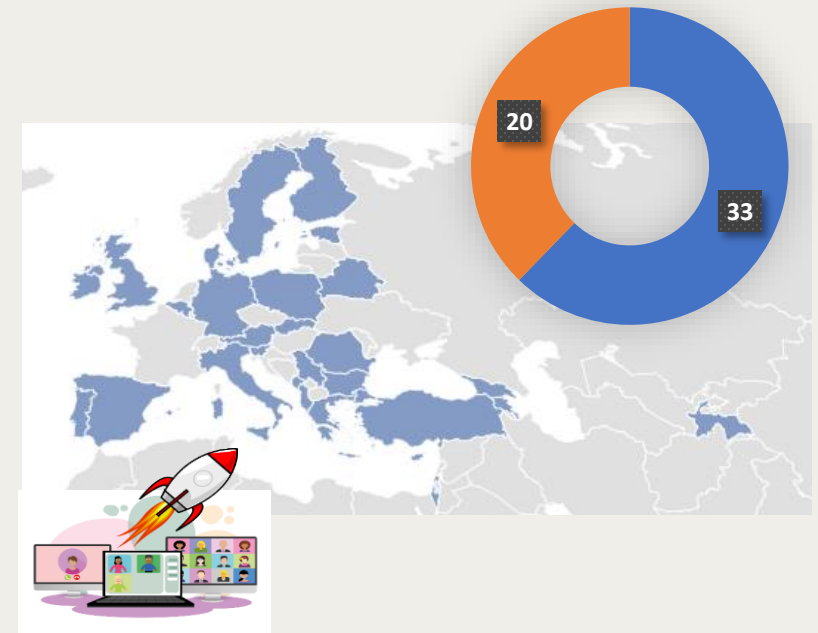
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## Network of Contact Point on Long-Distance Transportation

### Kick off meeting - 18 November 2021

#### 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.)







***Technical Item I (with questionnaire)***

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



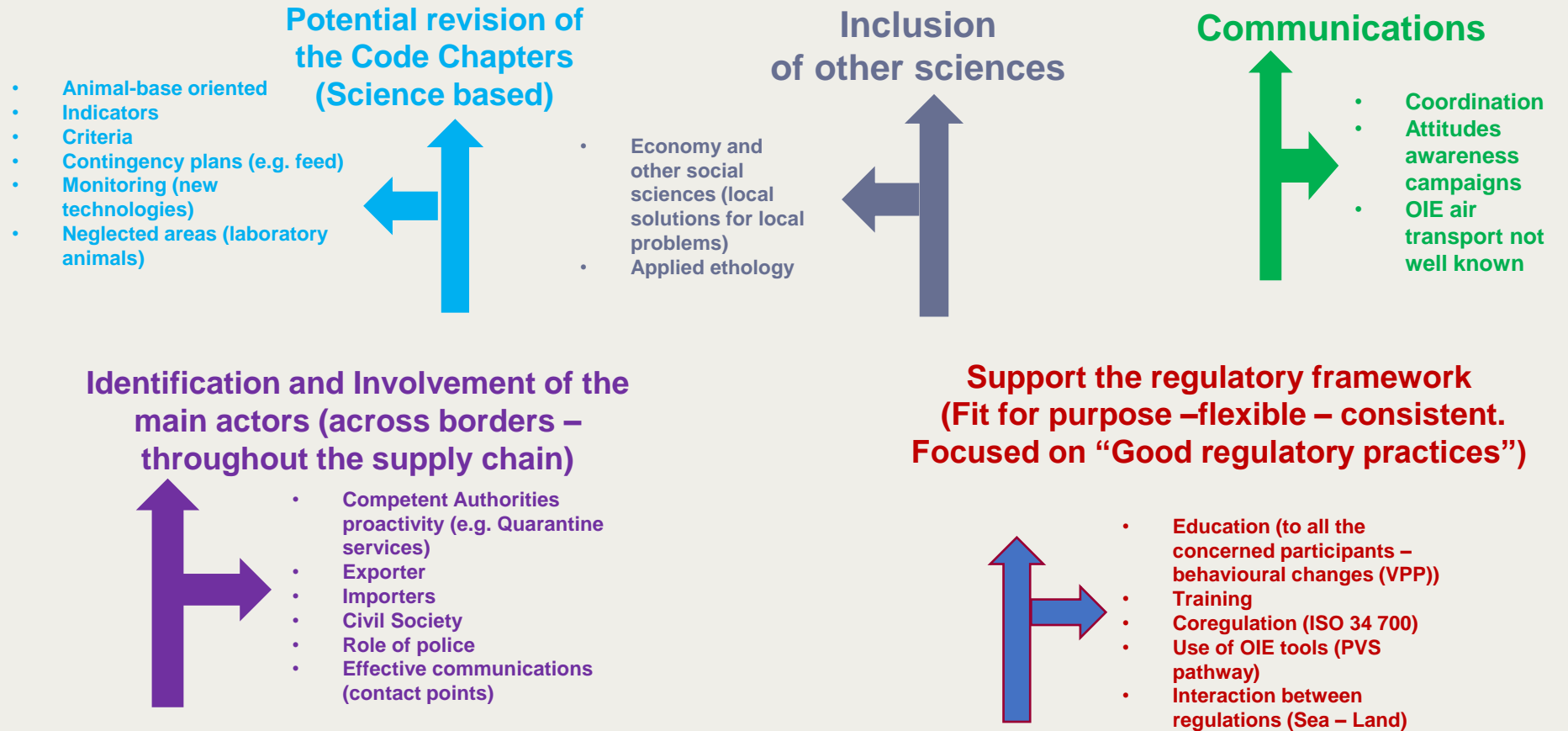
Catania, Italy 3-7 October 2022



# 2<sup>nd</sup> OIE Animal Welfare Global Forum “Animal transport - a share responsibility”



Paris, France, 11-12 April 2019



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## **What's next ?**

### **For 2023 according to the 3rd Action Plan**

- Meeting of the network of WOAHA National Contact Points on long-distance transportation in Europe - June (tbc)
- Whole Journey Scenario (WJS) workshop for Europe (tbc)
- Multi-regional Whole Journey Scenario (WJS) workshop on long-distance transport by land and sea between Europe, the Middle East and North Africa – follow up - second semester
- Initiate development self-assessment tool on transport