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Stakeholders consultation meeting

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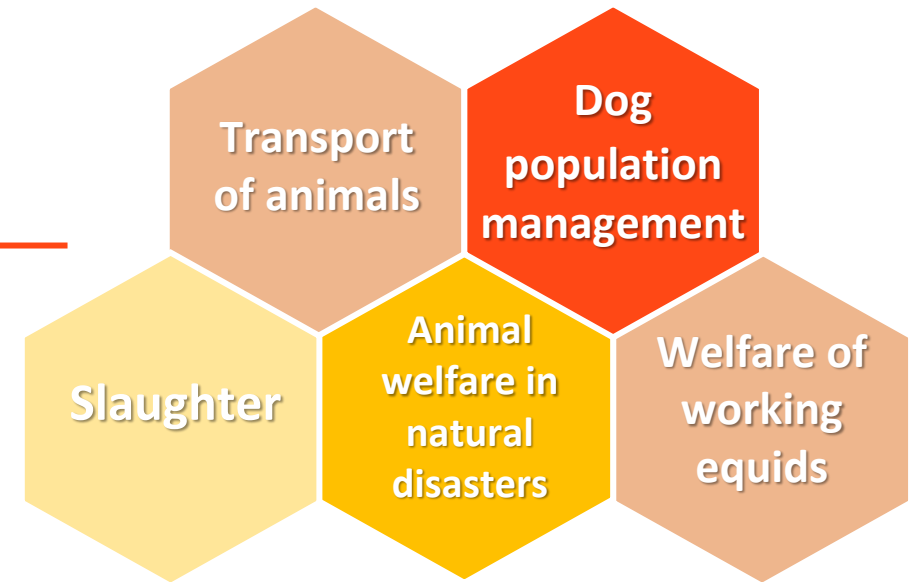
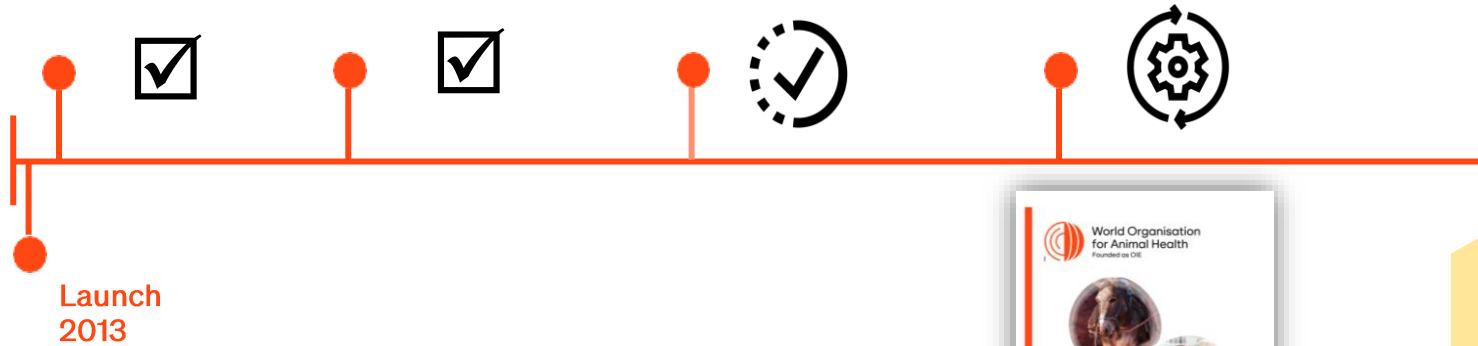
Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe

1st Action Plan
2014 - 2016

2nd Action Plan
2017 - 2019

3rd Action Plan
2021 - 2023

4th Action Plan
2024 - 2026



Transport of animals



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Whole Journey
Scenario
Workshops

“Whole Journey Scenario” workshops

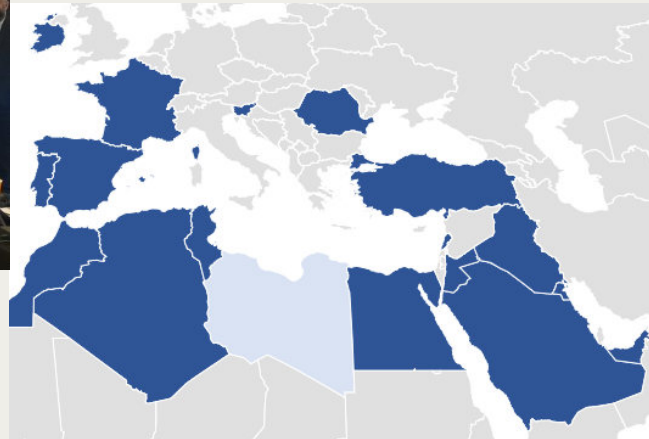
- **Objective** to help countries **improve animal welfare during long distance and cross-border transport** in compliance with OIE standards for the whole duration of the journey along the specific route
- **Focus** on the **responsibilities of the Competent Authorities** over the entire journey
- **Opportunity**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



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



- **Country reports** (competent authorities, border post, main livestock trade, legislation, implementation of the WOA standards and main challenges)
- **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
- **Working group exercises – case studies**
- **Movement of competition horses**



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 WOAHA 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 WOAH National Contact Points on long-distance transportation in Europe

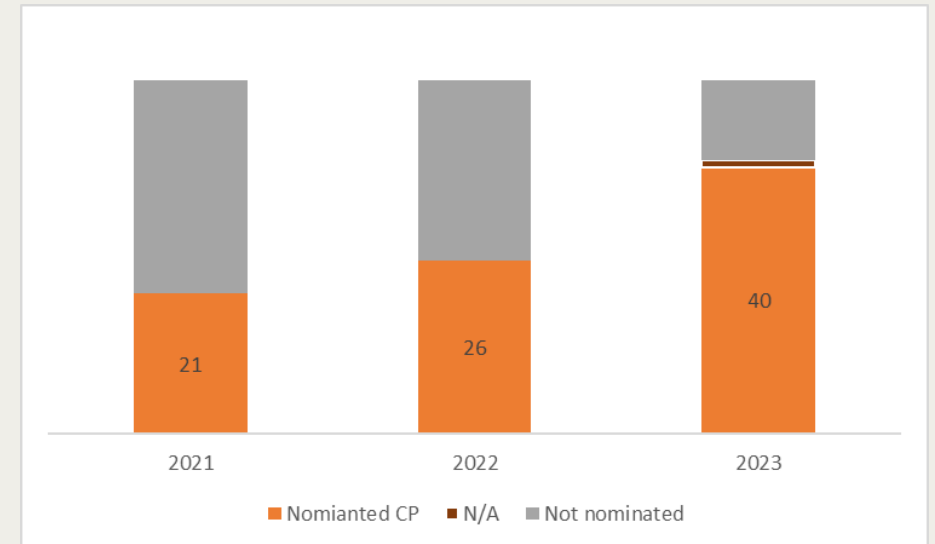
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WOAH National Contact Points (*nominated by the Delegate*)

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

-  1st meeting – November 2021
-  2nd meeting – December 2022
-  3rd meeting – 20-22 June 2023

- To reinforce the involvement of National Contact Points
- Strengthening communication and collaboration
- Sharing experience
- How to address WOAH members' needs within planned activities of the next action plan of the Platform

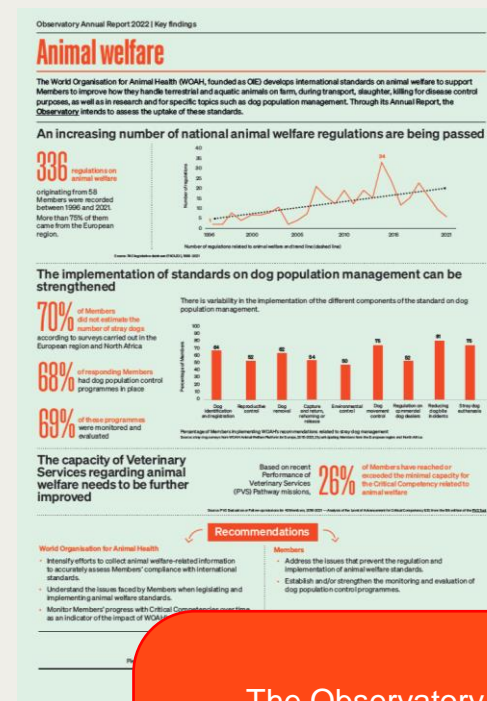




TRANSPORT self-assessment and monitoring tool

Main points of the for self-assessment and monitoring tool

- Focus on transport by sea and land
- Define the elements of the chapters relevant to assess the level of implementation of the standards
- Propose a survey
- Methodology to analyse the survey
- Point of discussion – IT aspects: host and maintenance



The Observatory developing a **thematic study** on the implementation of standards related to transport of live animals at global level

Slaughter of animals

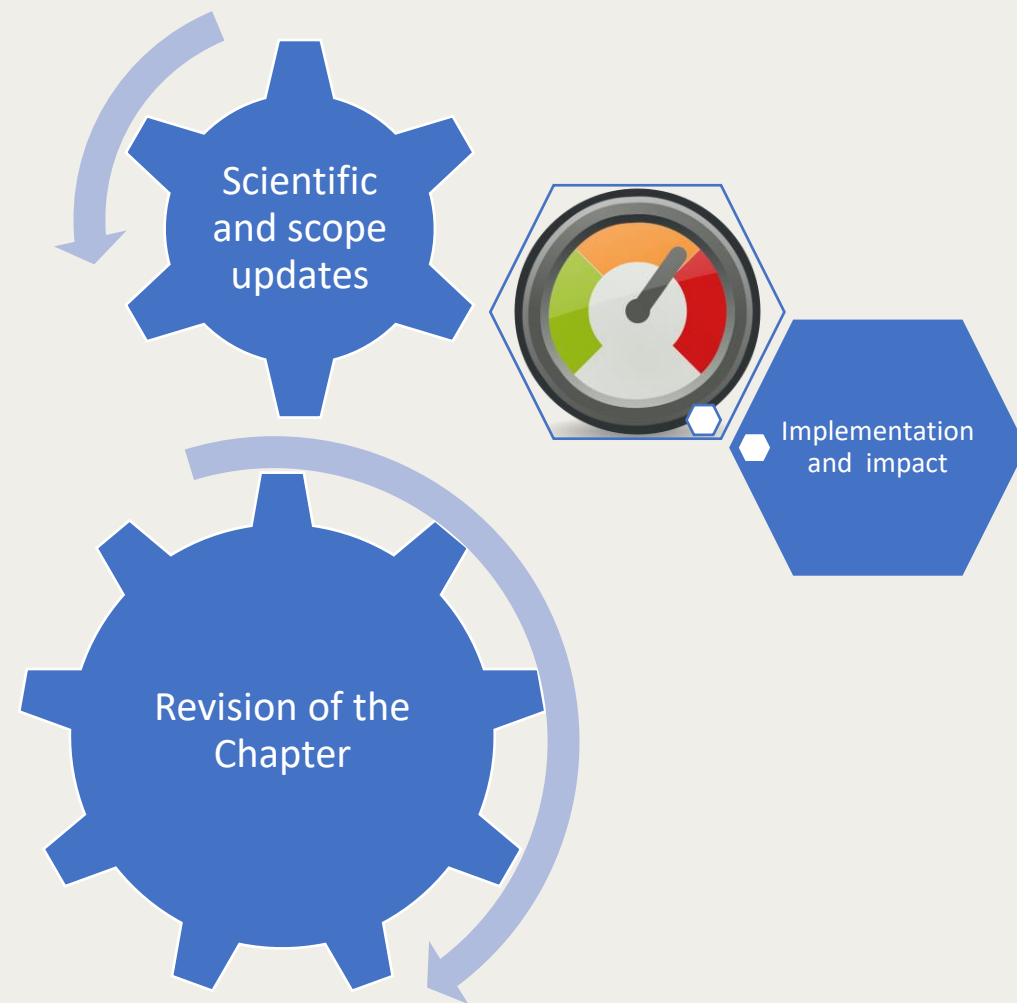
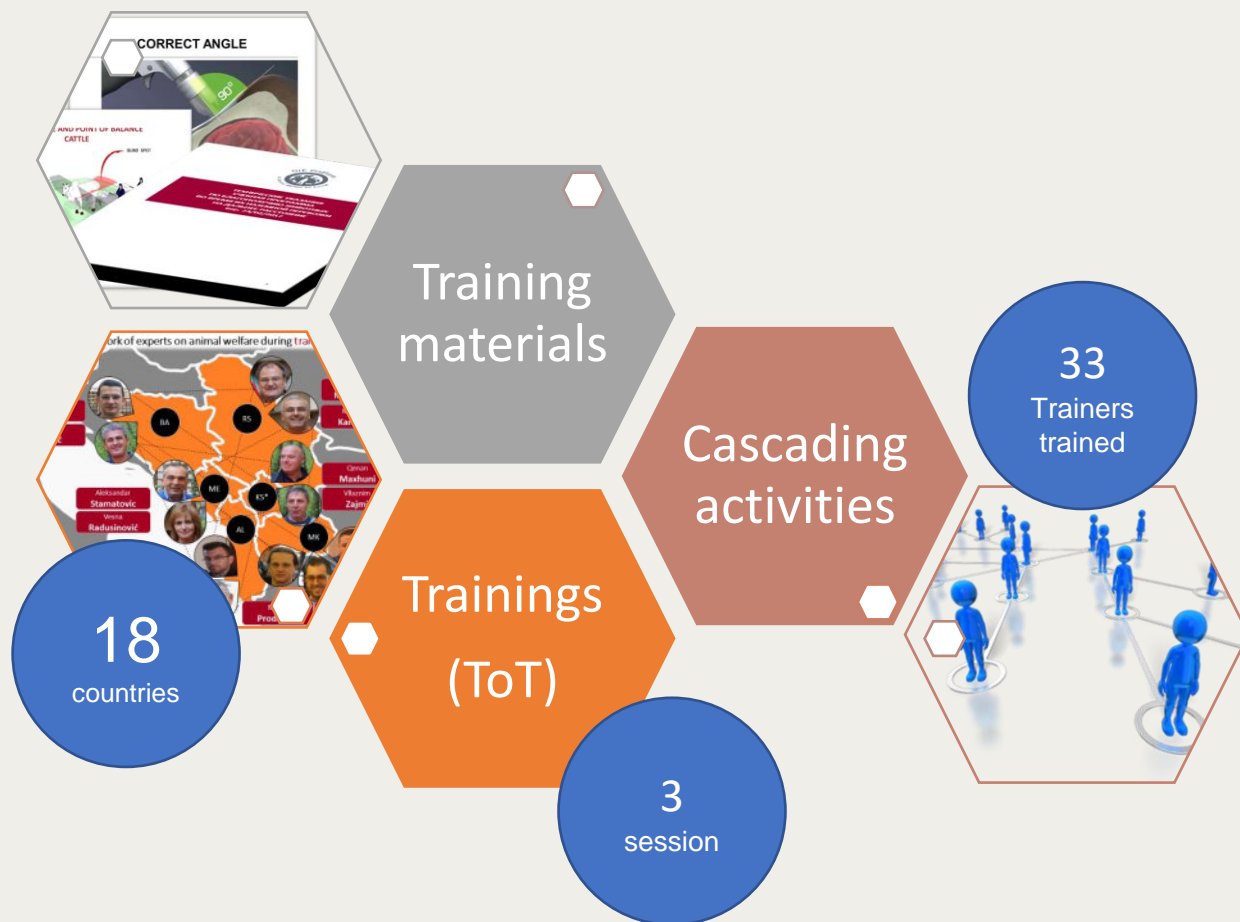


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Slaughter

Initial proposal

to develop an online follow-up training package by revising and updating existing training materials on the slaughter of animals.

Revised proposal - with additional consideration

to develop an e-module on slaughter of animal that will be published on WOAHA Platform for the training of Veterinary Services using the procurement system and, if possible, depending on the date of publishing, integrating the new standards.

- Create e-module that can be use in different scenarios (standalone courses, as part of dedicated Training-of-Trainers (ToT) sessions or other training activities etc.)
- Based on existing WOAHA materials - review and update
- Revise didactic approach, design, structure, learners' assessment
- To be done in collaboration with Capacity Building Department

DOG POPULATION MANAGEMENT



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2 regional roadmaps on Dog Population Management (DPM)



11 countries involved
4 meetings
3 self-assessment rounds



8 (+ 4 new) countries involved
3 meetings
1 self-assessment rounds

Main achievement/impacts:

- Strong countries commitment and progressive wider interest
- Regular self-assessment & monitoring of DPM progresses
- 5 countries with DPM National Action Plans
- Building capacity and expertise (i.e., RAWC network of DPM experts)
- Data used for the WOAHO Observatory (2022 Annual Report)

SAM Tool 2.0 will be used in support to the progression of the roadmaps

Experience extended outside the Europe region: North Africa and Middle East



A **web-based self-assessment platform** to assist countries in making progress on the agreed vision of full implementation of the WOAHA Standards on dog population management in Europe

Benchmarking analysis is a specific type of research that allows the organizations to compare their existing performance against “the best” and to adopt measures that fit their overall approach to continuous improvement

This method of dynamic data analysis, will allow Countries **to compare progressive achievements to short, medium and long term objectives** and to implement strategies

It facilitates the **adoption of corrective actions**



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 (CPA)** 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
- **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 assessment round(s)



Technical specifications and functionalities

- Enter and update data and information and generate – **100% electronically – reports** (PDF file) made of **schemes and graphics** upon need as:
 - ✓ **Country Profile Administrator (CPA)**, showing the actual level of implementation of TACH Chapter 7.7 on dog population management and Chapter 8.14 on infection with rabies virus
 - ✓ **Platform Administrator (PA)**, to figure out the country, multi-country (or multi – regional) scenarios



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Self-Assessment and Monitoring System
for Dog Population Management

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Fifth WOAHA Regional Workshop on Dog Population Management for Balkan countries (SDB5) - from 4 to 6 July, 2023 (Zagreb, Croatia)

Consideration will be given to

(1) **assess the current level of progresses towards the full implementation of the new TAHC Chapter 7.7** in the light of the first SAM Tool 2.0 assessment round

(2) further support the **development and implementation of the Veterinary Services National Plan** (with a rabies component), in compliance with the WOAHA Terrestrial Animal Health Code

(3) improve the technical expertise of the personnel carrying out DP-CP' **activities at municipal/local level**

- ✓ Plenary lecture - ***“Human dimensions of dog population management”*** Prof. J. Serpell - University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine
- ✓ Plenary lecture - ***“Effective policy change to achieve One Health goals”*** Prof. M. Vucinic - University of Belgrade
- ✓ Results of the 4th self-assessment (regional trends) and remaining gaps to achieve “the Vision”

4th WOAHA Regional Workshop on Dog Population Management for West Eurasia countries (SDWE4) - September, 2023 (Tbilisi, Georgia)

DISASTER MANAGEMENT



Paolo Dalla Villa

20th Steering Group meeting

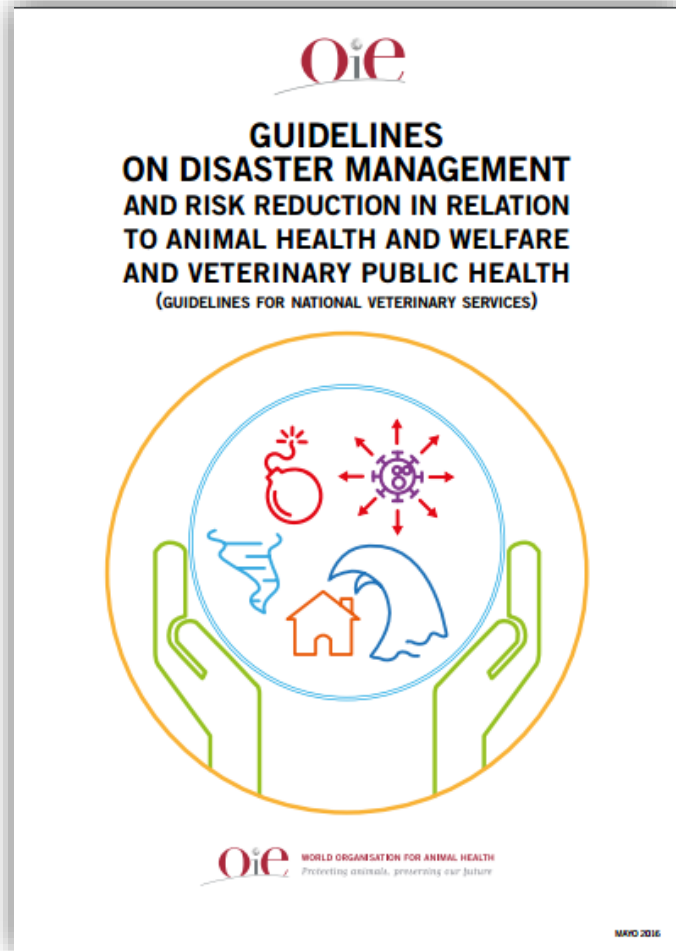
Online - May the 11th, 2023



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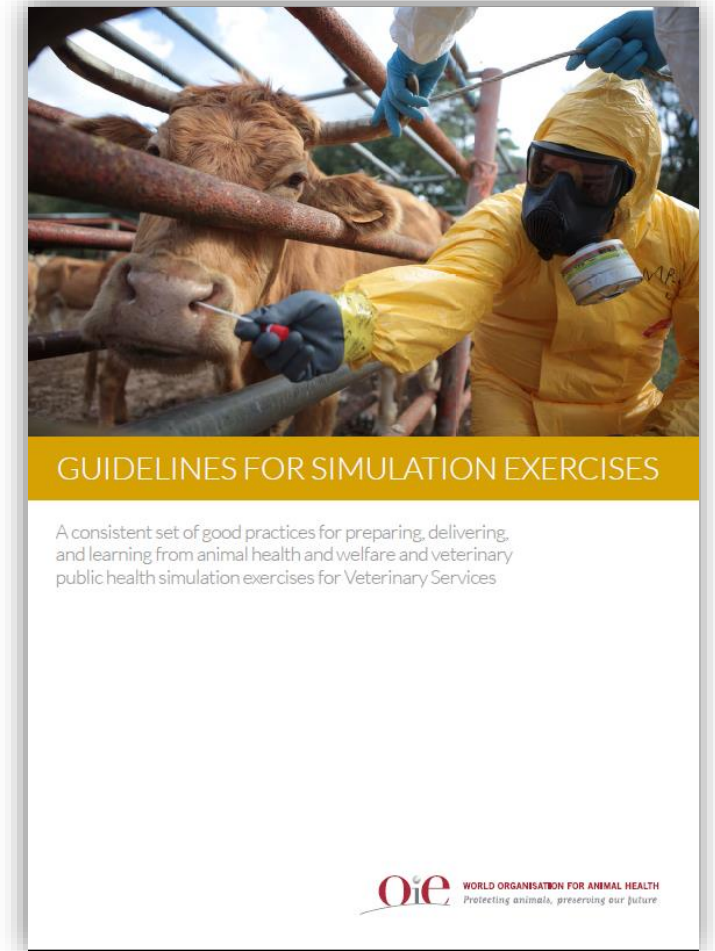
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The Platform's second action plan (2017-2019) included the welfare of animals in disasters among its priority topics

Platform Secretariat tasked to support the **enhancement of WOAHA Members' Disaster Management and Risk. Reduction capacity** in Europe, in line with the WOAHA Guidelines

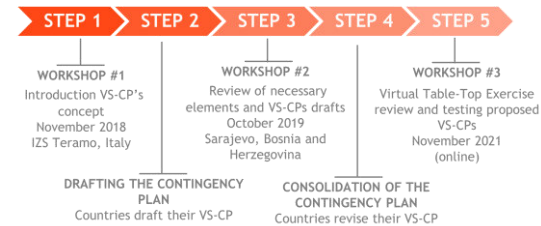


Identification of the regional needs

Stepwise **multiannual pilot project on natural disaster preparedness** for Balkan countries

LMU/WOAH survey on the levels of **“Veterinary Services’ preparedness for animal welfare emergencies during natural disasters”** submitted to Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness

Online Stakeholders’ Consultation on the role of Veterinary Services on animal welfare in natural disasters in Europe – March, 2023



Three out of ten participating countries (Bulgaria, Romania and North Macedonia) developed their VS-CPs

52% of WOAHEurope members incorporated AW in DM planning

31% of WOAHEurope members with no or limited legal authority to manage emergencies





A four steps process according to the **Appreciative Inquiry Summit method**:

- *Discovery* (appreciative talks, positive examples)
- *Dream* (discussion on tangible example and definition of what is expected)
- *Design* (commitment to future actions)
- *Destiny* (final brainstorming for key actions and cornerstones of the next activities within 4th Action Plan)

"to focus on those aspects that work best for the community while managing natural disasters, as opposed to the traditional approach of problem diagnosis and solution search"

Three different thematic sessions:

- (1) **capitalize the lessons learned** from the response and recovery phases of previous disasters for the development of new **contingency plans** and the revision of the existing ones.
- (2) define short and mid-term effective actions to **strengthen the Veterinary Services** proactive attitude toward **contingency planning**
- (3) further promote animal welfare in natural disaster in the region, from the **One Health perspective**.

Attended by 30 representatives of **selected WOAHA Members** (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Republic of North Macedonia, Greece, Montenegro, Romania and Serbia), **policy and decision makers** from the Europe Region (FAO/WHO/FVE), panel of **international Subject Matter Experts** (SMEs), **WOAH Regional Commission for Europe** and the **WOAH Platform Steering Group members**



Key findings

There is a need to:

- ✓ **Facilitate knowledge and experience transfer from Balkans region to other countries**, support coordination mechanisms and increase the competencies of Veterinary Services on DMRR
- ✓ **Develop guidance documents** for crafting contingency plans, operational procedures, instructions combined with the organization of dedicated workshops and simulation exercises
- ✓ **Increase communication and cooperation** between Competent Authorities and partners, at national and regional level
- ✓ **Map and prioritize WOAHA Members' competencies and resources at multi-disciplinary level** (Government, IGO, NGO, private, industry, public) to identify and harmonize soft and technical skills to be acquired by Veterinary Services
- ✓ **Mobilize resources for securing new and added financial, human, and material support** and define strategies that maximize the efficiency of existing assets

WELFARE OF WORKING EQUIDS

Tomasz Grudnik

Veterinary Officer
WOAH Sub-Regional Representation in Brussels

WOAH Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe
20th meeting of the Steering Group



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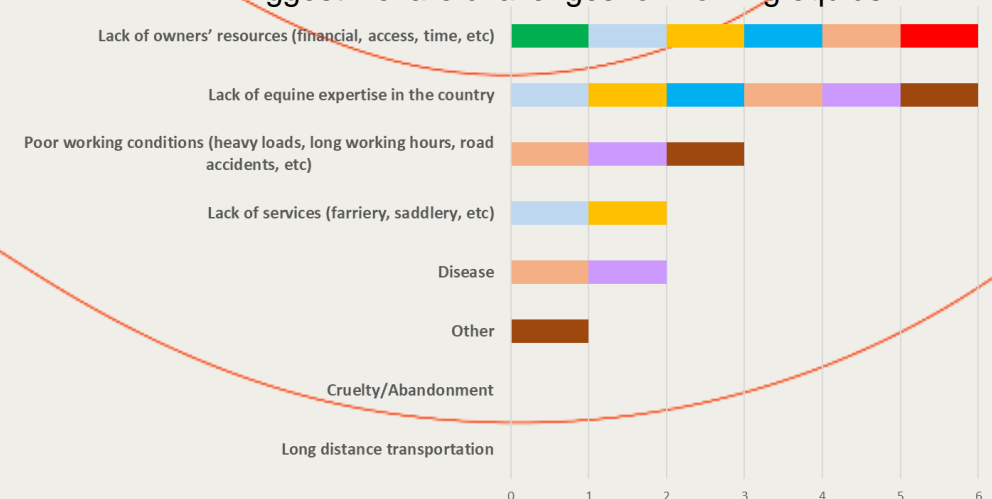


Welfare of working equids

- ✓ New Chapter 7.12 in TAHC - Welfare of working equids (2016)
- ✓ Awareness day on working equids
8 West Eurasian countries, September 2017, Tashkent (Uzbekistan)
- ✓ Baseline survey (2019)
 - Working equids population
 - Working equids in local country context
 - Veterinary services
 - Para-professional services
 - Health and welfare issues
 - Stakeholder engagement and awareness



Biggest welfare challenges for working equids



Welfare of working equids Initial proposal for the 3rd Action Plan (2021-2023)

Awareness campaign

(development, preparatory workshop, deployment, evaluation)

Under discussion for further development.

Development of an awareness campaign material 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.





Welfare of working equids

Next steps

Online event - September 2023

- raise awareness on WOAH standards on welfare of working equids and on the economic and societal importance of working equids
- share existing tools and knowledge resources
- further identify WOAH members needs and discuss how to address WOAH members' needs within planned activities of the next action plan of the Platform for 2024 -2026.

Focus on West Eurasia (8 initially targeted) and Balkan countries

Collaboration with:

- International Coalition for Working Equids
- WOAH Collaborating Centre on animal welfare, European Union reference center for animal welfare for ruminants and equines
- Regional Animal Welfare Centre

**4th Action Plan (2024-2026) activities
will be defined based on the outcomes of the event.**



Regional webinar for WOA National Focal Points on Animal Welfare

16-17 November 2022 - teleconference



WOAH Global activities on animal welfare

WOAH Platform activities

Transport

Results of the survey on long distance transportation

– L. Iannetti (IZSAM-Teramo)

EFSA scientific opinions on the welfare of transported animals

– M. Herskin (Aarhus University)

Dog population management

Highlights of the revised chapter 7.7

DPM programme development and monitoring D.Terziewski
SAM Tool 2.0 – S. D’Albenzio (IZSAM-Teramo)

Disaster Management

Benefits of adding a systems approach to Animal Response
J. Tickel (Texas A&M AgriLife Research)

WOAH Members’ capacity to deal with animal welfare emergencies during natural disasters in Europe – G. Vroegindewey (Lincoln Memorial University)

Regional AW collaboration

Regional Strategic Action on animal welfare for Europe
WOAH collaborating centres’ global network on animal welfare
The multi-national WOA Collaborating Centre on Animal Welfare – L. Berg (Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences)



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Steering Group



SG19 - Brussels, 7-8 December 2022

SG20 - Teleconference, 11 May 2023

SG21 - Bern, 10 – 11 October 2023

Composition

- Chair - member of the Bureau
- Ireland
- Israel
- Kazakhstan
- North Macedonia
- Portugal
- European Commission
- Animal Welfare Collaborating Centre
- WOAH Headquarter

Observers:

(resource partners from organizations and Member Countries , other interested parties, notably from the civil society, the industry, professional organizations and NGO)

- A tender was selected : Dr Karen Iles
- The planning

Kick-off meeting	7.06.2023
Background documentation review	26.06.2023
Interim meeting	23.06.2023
Inception report	27.06.2023
Stakeholder consultations	3.08.2023
Two case studies	3.08.2023
Draft report ready for circulation	29.08.2023
Final report and presentation format presented to WOAHA	25.09.2023
Presentation of results at the Steering Group meeting	10.2023

The evaluation to examine the Platform's relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, and contribution towards impact

To improve

- 4th Action Plan,
- theory of change and result framework,
- governance and management of the Platform

Your involvement will be a key!

We need your feedback...

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Update on Activities of the 3rd Action Plan

- Transport **Tomasz**
 - Multiregional WJS
 - Contact Points meeting
 - Transport – self assessment tool
- Slaughter **Tomasz**
 - e-modules
- Disaster management **Paolo**
 - stakeholders' consultation meeting (March)
- Dog population management **Paolo**
 - SAM 2.0 development process
 - Planned workshop in Balkans
- Working equids **Tomasz**
- NFP AW meeting **Tomasz**
- External evaluation **Tomasz**
- Steering Group meetings **Tomasz**



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