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Stakeholders consultation meeting

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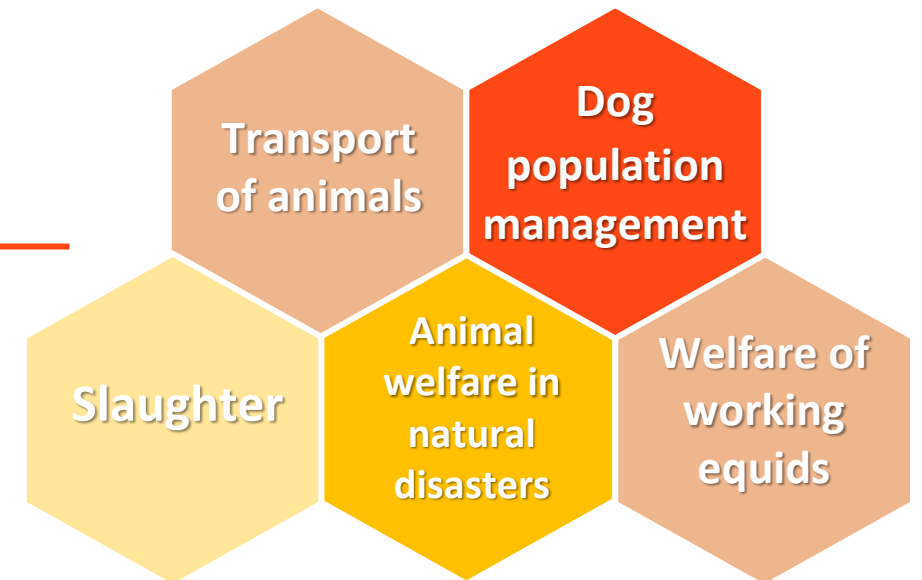
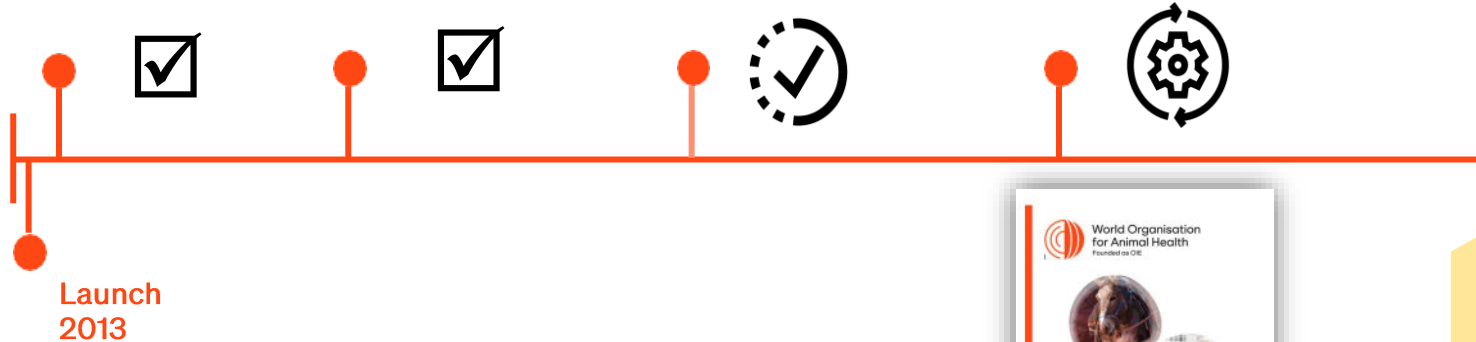
Platform on Animal Welfare for Europe

1st Action Plan
2014 - 2016

2nd Action Plan
2017 - 2019

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2021 - 2023

4th Action Plan
2024 - 2026



4th Action Plan for 2024-2026

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4th Action Plan for 2024-2026

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Objectives

- **Impact (Long-term objective):**

- improve animal welfare in Europe through the following priority topics for the region: transport of animals by land and by sea, slaughter of animals, dog population management, welfare of working equids and welfare of animals during disasters.

- **Outcome Objectives (short/mid-term objective)**

- progressively improve the compliance of WOAAH Member Countries from the region of Europe with relevant chapters of the WOAAH Terrestrial Animal Health Code and Guidelines on disaster management and risk reduction.

The 4th Action Plan, covering the period 2024-2026, ensures the **continuity** with the three previous Action Plans and it focuses on strengthening the **WOAH Members involvement** in the development of standards and the regional collaboration towards its implementation, including through the work of National Focal Points on Animal Welfare.

The WOAAH Platform continues to **collaborate with all countries and stakeholders** involved in animal welfare in Europe who share a **common vision** and agreed in the implementation of activities under the Action Plan. In this regard, efforts are made to prevent duplication of existing activities/programmes on animal welfare in the region and to better organize **synergies** and resources pooling (EU and NGOs projects, etc).

A comprehensive Result Framework and the Theory of Change

Transport of animals



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Transport



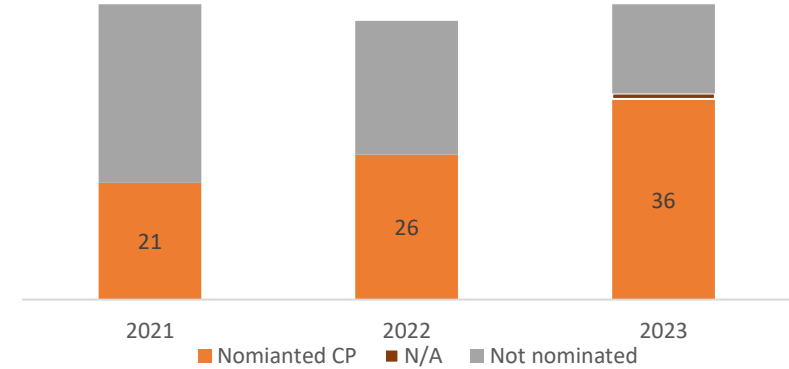
Whole Journey Scenario workshops

Objective to help countries **improve animal welfare during long distance and cross-border transport** in compliance with WOH standards for the whole duration of the journey along the specific route



Network of Contact Point on Long-Distance Transportation for Europe

3 meetings of the network



strengthening collaboration and sharing experience between Competent Authorities

2 Multiregional WJS workshops
2 Regional WJS workshops



32 Countries

WJS & NCPT conclusions

- need for strengthening **communication and collaboration** between **Competent Authorities** and **all actors** involved in the transport of live animals
- importance of defining **responsibilities**
- importance of appropriate planning and emergency **procedures**
- **Support** from WOAH (workshops, trainings, development of IT tools, guidance documents and checklist)

Item 1 recommendations

11 recommendations (5 for members | 6 for WOAH)

- **Members:**
 - Develop update legislation
 - Clearly identify **responsibilities** (through guidelines/**procedures**)
 - Procedures for **communication**
 - Inclusion of AW in veterinary school curricula
- **WOAH:**
 - Capacity building
 - Advocacy to increase stakeholders' awareness
 - Technical **support** through revised, develops update standards
 - Provide relevant tools (one of them NCP on LDT)
 - Work closely with **all actors** for the implementation of standards
- **Common: collaboration** to support regional strategies

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TRANSPORT OF ANIMALS

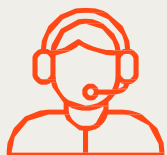
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Multi-regional WJS workshop
Europe/North Africa/Middle East



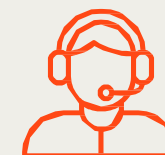
Meeting of the NCPT network



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Development of a self-assessment and monitoring tool on transport

Launch of the call early 2024

Slaughter of animals

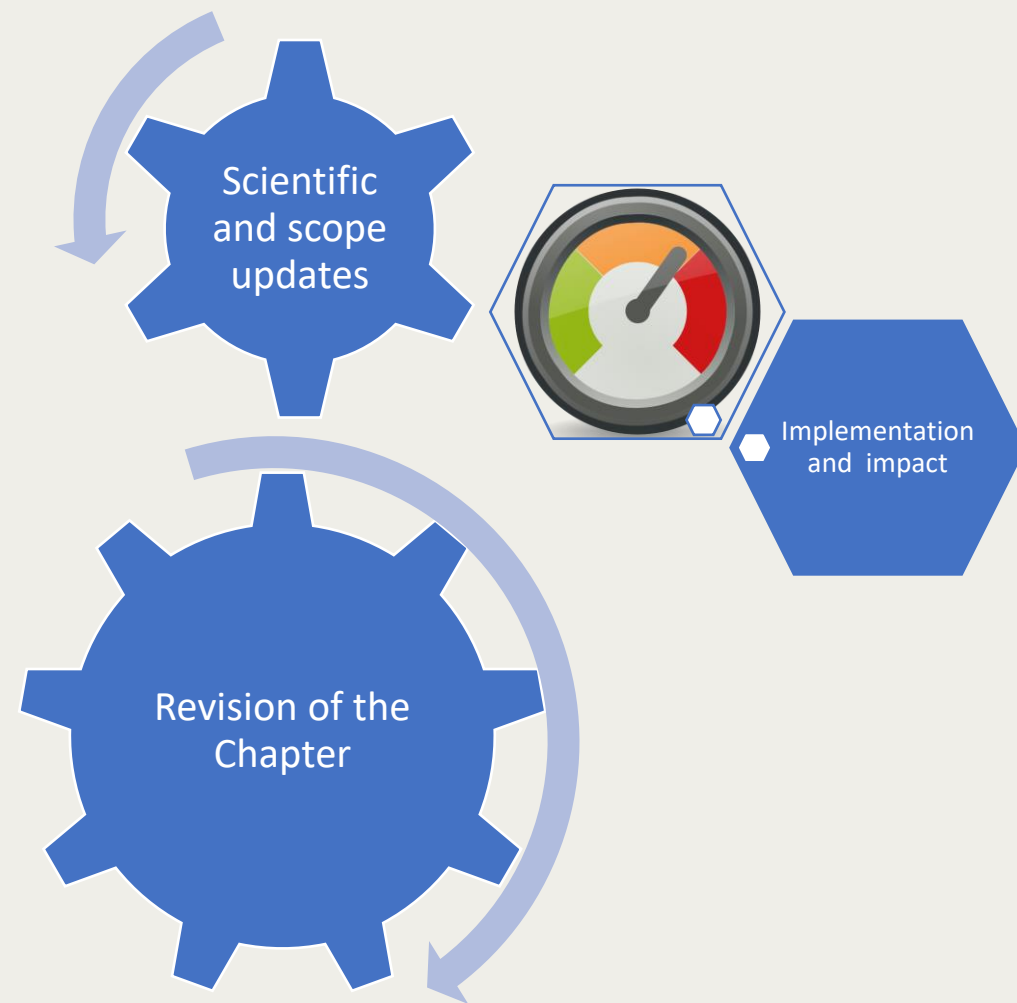
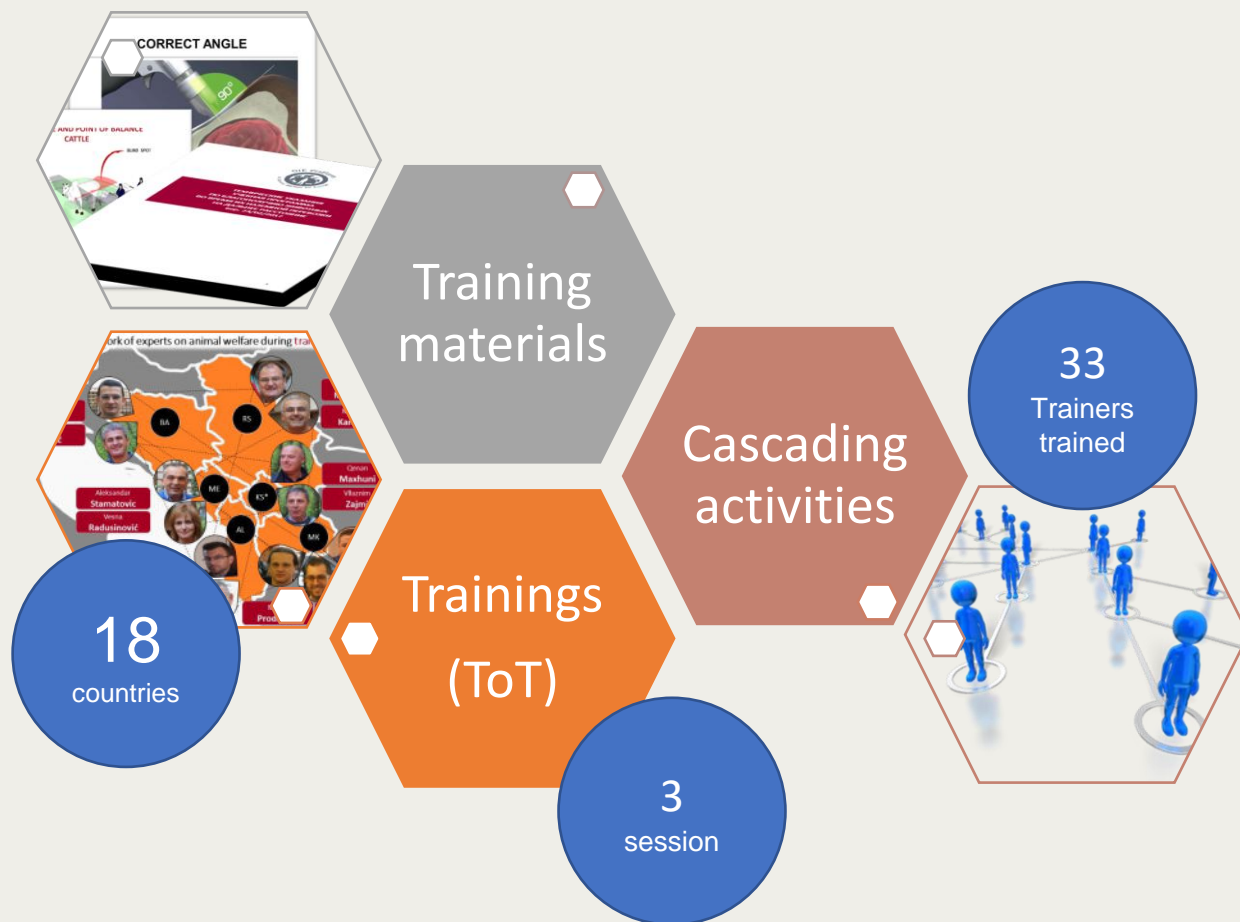


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Slaughter of animals





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



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SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS

2024

DEVELOPMENT
OF E-MODULES

2025

DESEMINATION
OF E-MODULES

Dedicated of seminars,
to be define according to
members needs
and available resources

2026

DEVELOPMENT OF
A SELF-ASSESSMENT
AND MONITORING TOOL

DOG POPULATION MANAGEMENT



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DOG POPULATION MANAGEMENT

2024

2025

2026

regional workshops on dog population management

6th workshop for the Balkan countries



5th workshop for the West-Eurasian
(Central Asia and Caucasus) (2025)

7th workshop for the Balkan countries (2026)



Regular support for the SAM Tool 2.0 self-assessment rounds

Periodic flash thematic meetings (2024 - 2026)

DISASTER MANAGEMENT



Paolo Dalla Villa

20th Steering Group meeting

Online - May the 11th, 2023



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REGIONAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT - KEY FINDINGS

- ✓ strengthening **Veterinary Services' awareness on their crucial roles**, they have proven to be responsive and effective
- ✓ **better integration in the Civil Protection mechanisms**, more **training** and **simulation exercises** + **operational procedures/protocols**
- ✓ **multi hazard intersectoral contingency planning** to strengthen the resilience of local communities and maintaining business continuity
- ✓ **all livestock production sectors** to be considered, including small scale farming systems and other animals (zoo)
- ✓ **coordination** of emergency management **efforts** from the **One Health perspective**
- ✓ **interregional cooperation** a key element for success, as well **NGOs** and **private sectors** support

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DISASTER MANAGEMENT

2024



**REGIONAL MULTI HAZARD WORKSHOP
ON CONTINGENCY PLANNING
FOR ANIMAL WELFARE IN NATURAL
DISASTERS FOR EUROPE**

2025 - 2026



THEMATIC MEETINGS

2026



**SIMULATION EXERCISE FOR THE
TESTING OF SELECTED COUNTRIES
CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR ANIMAL
WELFARE IN NATURAL DISASTERS IN
EUROPE**

WELFARE OF WORKING EQUIDS

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20th meeting of the Steering Group



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Welfare of working equids

Next steps

Online event - September 2023

- raise awareness on WOAAH standards on welfare of working equids and on the economic and societal importance of working equids
- share existing tools and knowledge resources
- further identify WOAAH members needs and discuss how to address WOAAH 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
- WOAAH 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.**



4th Action Plan Adoption steps

Frist review by the Steering group at the SG20 – May 2023

Side Event General Session

Validation of the plan by the Steering group at the SG21 – October 2023

Email consultation of the Regional Core Group – November 2023

Email consultation of all countries of the region – December 2023

**Starting the implementation of the activities based on the consultations -
January 2024**

**Formal adoption of the plan during the Regional Commission for Europe
- May 2024**

We need your feedback...

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